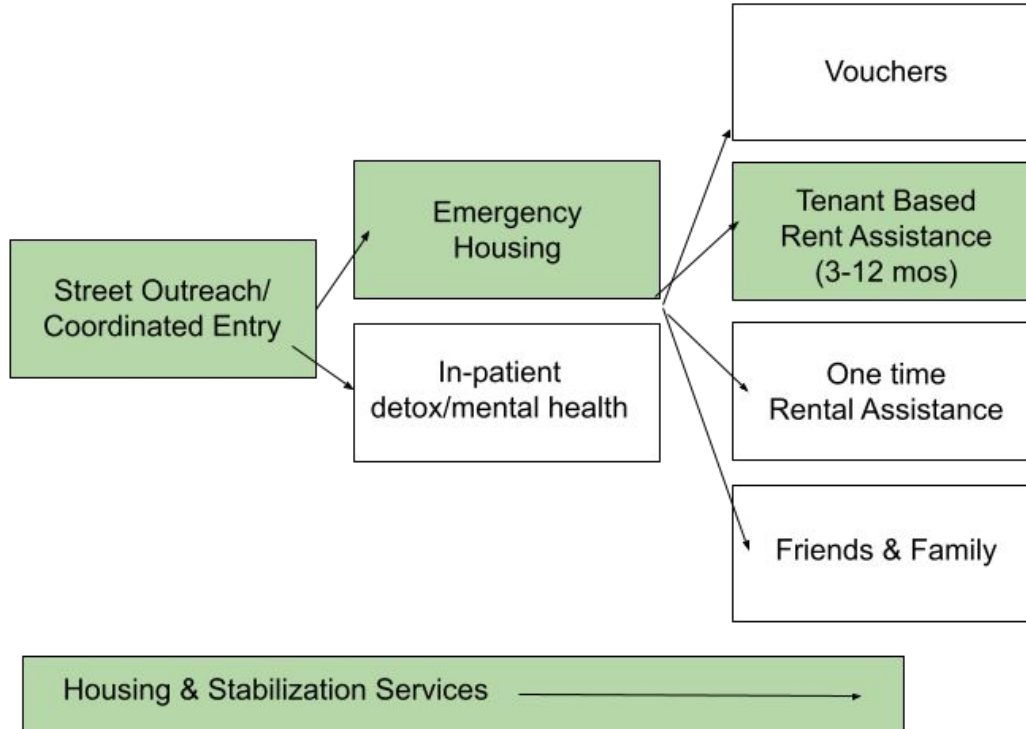


Cunningham Township Supervisor's Office: State of Homeless Services



CTSO Continuum of Homeless Services



NOTE: Green is ESG funded and **county wide**.

CTSO School Outreach Services



CTSO Housing Case Manager in every Urbana school every week.

Paid for by ISBE grant to USD116.

USD staff refer housing insecure families to CM. CTSO provides:

- **Emergency Housing** (for literally homeless households)
- **Rental Assistance** (for doubled up households with sufficient income)
- **Help Applying for Housing Subsidies**
- **Immediate needs:** food, phones, clothing, toiletries
- **Referrals:** General Assistance, domestic violence shelter, rape crisis, health care consumers, food delivery and pantries



Kyle Patterson

School Outreach
Case Manager

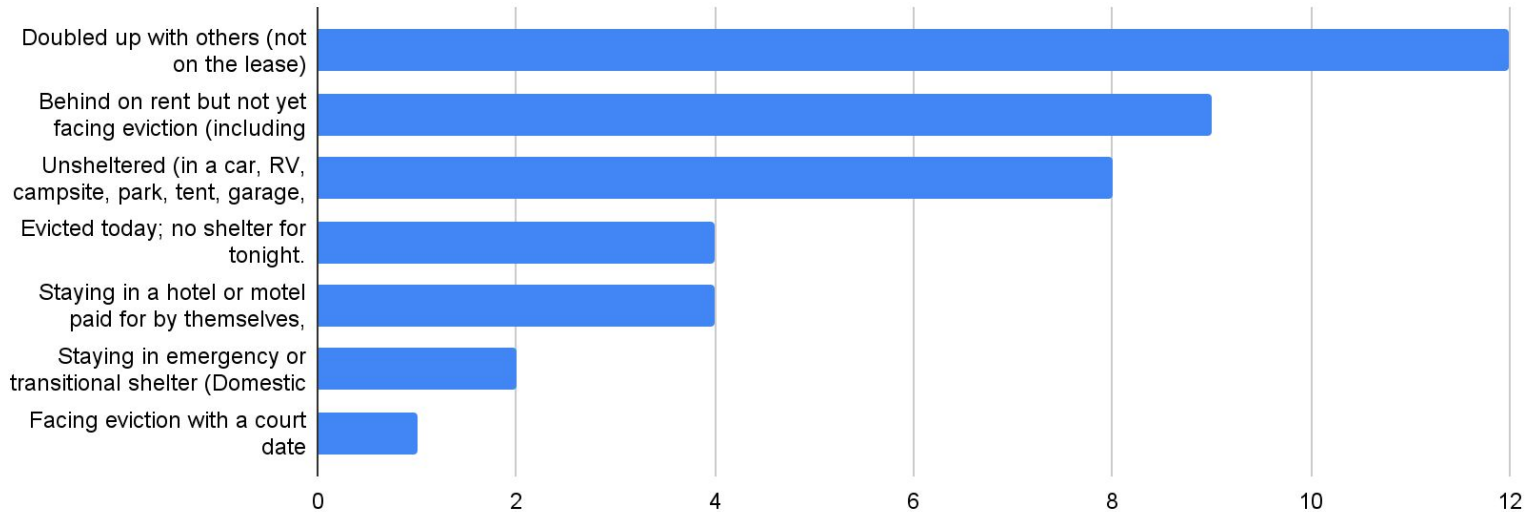
CSTO School Outreach Data



41 families incl. 85 children referred since 4/25/2022 (Program Start)

- 15 report HUD homeless
- 26 report unstable housing

7 literally homeless USD families on Emergency Housing waitlist (longest ever)



Count of What is the family's current housing situation?

CTSO Emergency Housing for Families



- Township owns & operates
- **8 apartments** - 1 or 2 Bedroom
- 3 blocks from school in downtown
- For literally homeless Urbana families
- Referrals through USD & Crisis Nursery
- No time limit - average 51 days
- Intensive case management
- Funded through tax levy, USD grant, and angel donor fund



55 households with 96 children supported since 6/25/2020 with 90% success rate

CTSO Emergency Housing for Families



29-year-old Destoni, mother of six, lost her job due to the pandemic and became homeless in December 2020. A staff member at the Housing Authority saw Destoni's family sleeping in their car and referred her to Township. After two months in Bridge to Home Emergency Housing, Destoni had a job at a local hospital and moved into her own home in West Champaign with a housing voucher.



"We were at the state of homelessness. I had six little ones behind me, and I used to think that if I give up, who will take care of them? So I prayed. Township made everything easier. Honestly, without their help, I don't know if I would be in my home today."
- Destoni, Bridge to Home Graduate

Filling Gaps for Families



- **Address Emergency Housing capacity issues**
 - 7 homeless families on our waitlist, larger than ever in our 2 year history
 - Add units that can flex as emergency or transitional
- **Invest in Transitional, Supportive Housing**
 - Most families exist within 3 months - a smaller number need more time to successfully exit namely:
 - Heads of household with temp or permanent disabilities
 - No income households (new mothers, undiagnosed issues)
 - Refugee and immigrant households waiting on determination
 - Participants need wrap around services to address mental health, DV and sexual trauma, etc
- **Increase Housing Subsidies and/or TBRA**
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers have run out. New vouchers coming Jan 1. Need a plan after that.
 - Urbana EH residents lack the access to vouchers Champaign EFS residents have.

Filling Gaps: For Families

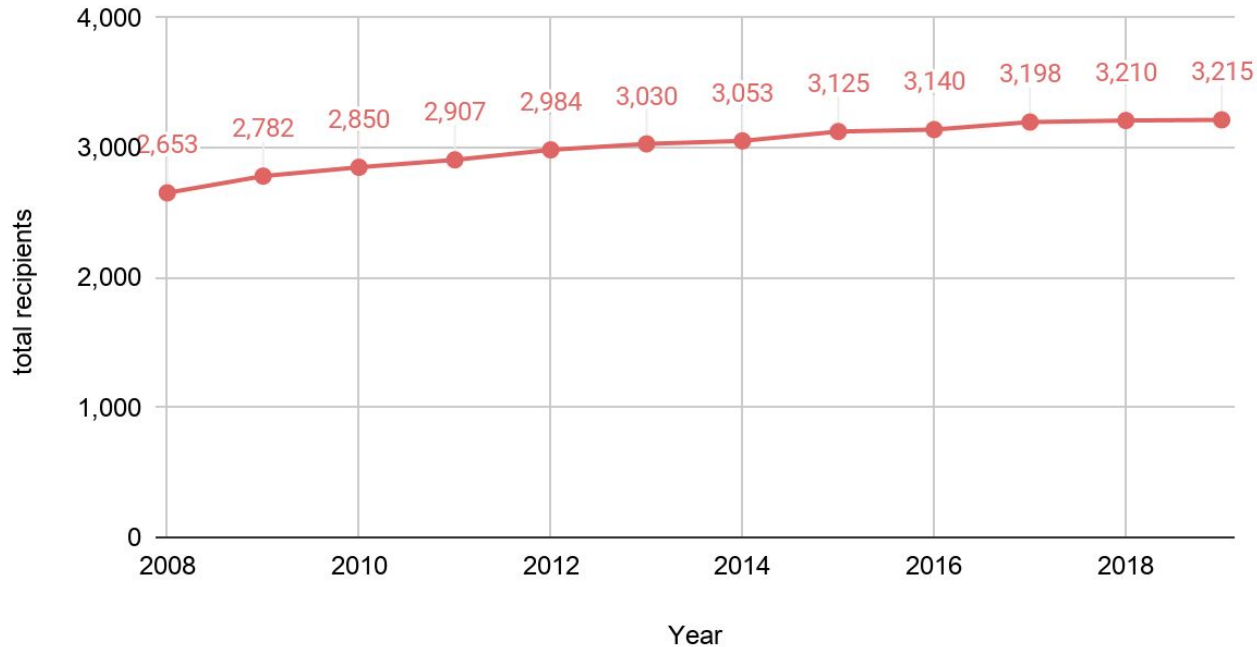


- **Affordable & accessible housing for disabled heads of household**
 - 21% increase in SSI recipients in the county in past 10 years.
- **Remove Barriers to Permanent Market Rate Housing**
 - Enforce Fair Housing Laws county wide
 - Work on income and credit repair
- **Invest in Housing as sexual assault & abuse prevention**
 - Raise awareness within the CSPH and funders about the links between homelessness & assault
 - Connect housing supports with DV, sexual assault, health, mental health services
 - Need LGBTQ+ specific housing services/competency
- **Invest in Homeless Prevention through Rental Assistance**
 - CTSO continue school program to intervene with rental assistance before evictions.
 - Increase RA support short term - CTSO, RPC, and CoCT have spent 50% of RA budget in first quarter

Champaign County SSI Recipients - 21% increase



SSI Total Recipients



CTSO Street Outreach Services



SERVICES

- **Immediate needs:** food, blankets, clothing, phones, toiletries.
- **Emergency shelter:** linkages, accompaniment if requested
- **Transportation help:** MTD, bus to family, transport to detox/mental health/medical facility
- **Housing Services:** Link willing residents to go through coordinated entry
- **Links** to Township Emergency Housing, General Assistance, or Move in Rental Assistance, and/or referrals to other agencies



INTAKE

- **Call CTSO** and street outreach worker dispatched during office hours.
- Case Manager makes regular rounds to where homeless residents stay.

Martel Miller

Street Outreach
Case Manager

CTSO Street Outreach Data



55 individuals served in past year

21 currently engaged: 7 women, 13 men, 1 transgender

21 actively unsheltered for these reasons:

- 5 - Substance abuse
- 4 - Couple wanting to stay together
- 4 - Unwilling (safety concerns, don't like shelter)-
- 3 - Barred from shelter
- 2 - Mental health
- 3 - Unknown

CTSO Emergency Housing for Adults



- **4 hotel rooms - \$50/day \$1500/mo**
- For literally homeless individuals who are unable to stay in congregate shelter. For example those with:
 - Disability
 - COVID/medical fragility
 - high risks (transgender, survivors)
- Referrals from shelter, hospitals, and street outreach team
- Intensive case management
- **31 individuals served in past 12 months**
- No time limit but average stay 45 days



Observations: Homeless Adults



- **High number of people with disabilities, medical fragility**
 - Hospitals discharging medically fragile individuals to streets
 - Low engagement with doctoring, reproductive health
 - Congregate shelters not accessible or safe for some
- **Frequent Victims of Violence/Crime**
 - All transgender residents served report recent and sometimes repeated physical and sexual assault
 - High number of female residents served report sexual harrassment and assault
 - High theft rate - money, phone, documents of all unsheltered residents
- **Housing Barriers for homeless residents with income**
 - Many with SSI who can not afford housing
 - Third shift workers who can't stay in night-time only shelter
- **Detox & mental health support gaps**
 - Ex: Short term facilities discharge after 28 days, but no beds available in longer term facility and no longer qualified for long term after 24 hours so back to short term

Filling Gaps: Homeless Adults



- **Ensure year-round 24/7 low barrier shelter.**
- **Support non-congregate emergency housing options.**
 - Hotels are a good short term option but not viable long term - expensive and frequently displaced for special events.
- **Support permanent supportive housing - both vouchers and case management**
 - We need greatly expanded subsidized housing for residents receiving SSI.
- **Support culturally competent solutions for underserved populations**
 - LGBTQ+, medically fragile, residents with disabilities, survivors of violence.

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