EASTERN PA COC FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE & END HOMELESSNESS

2017-2022

OUR COC

ABOUT THE EASTERN PA CONTINUUM OF CARE

GEOGRAPHY

Includes:

- 33 counties covering nearly 21,000 square miles

- Primarily rural, but with significant urban and suburban communities

- Eleven cities including the City of Allentown, PA's third largest City

- 672 townships

- 337 boroughs, including Centralia Borough the state's least populated borough (10 residents) and St. Clairsville Borough which has the smallest land area of any borough in the state (0.03 miles)
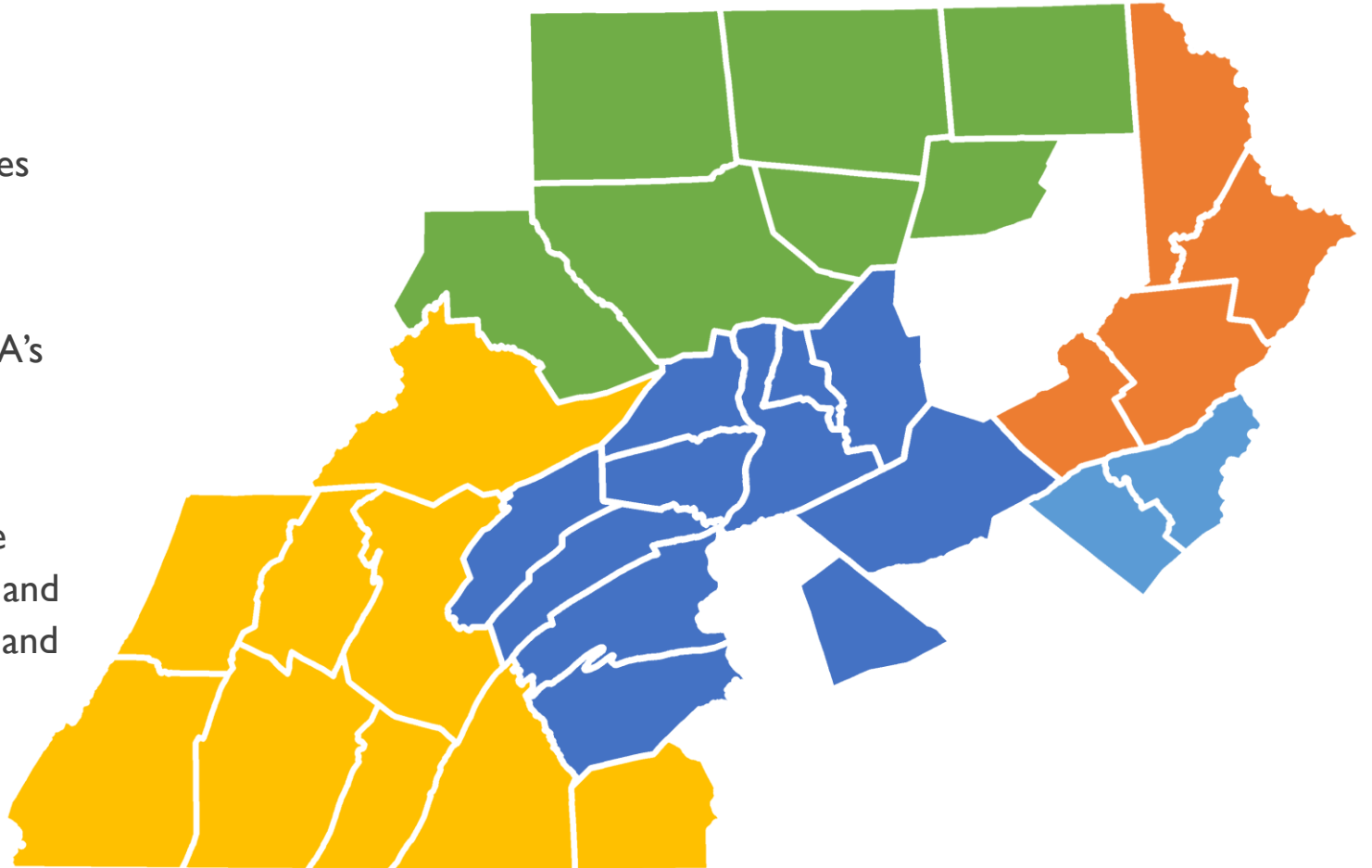
WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE COC?

- Homeless service providers
- Housing providers
- Mental and behavioral health agencies
- Hospitals
- Veterans services
- Education

- Child welfare
- Criminal justice
- State agencies
- County agencies
- Public Housing Authorities
- Many more!

WHAT DOES THE COC DO?

- Coordinates activities
- Advances systems change
- Expands resources
- Serves thousands of people annually

OUR VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE VISION & PRINCIPLES DRIVING THE COC'S STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

- Homelessness will be **RARE, BRIEF & NON-RECURRING**
- Our system will meet people where they are and offer **SUPPORT in OBTAINING & RETAINING HOUSING**
- Our system will be **SUSTAINABLE**
- Our system will **WORK WITH OTHER SYSTEMS**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Ending homelessness is **POSSIBLE**

- Homelessness **SHOULD NOT DEFINE** those who experience it

- **HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL** to ending homelessness

- We must **WORK TOGETHER**, engage the wider **COMMUNITY** & use resources **STRATEGICALLY**
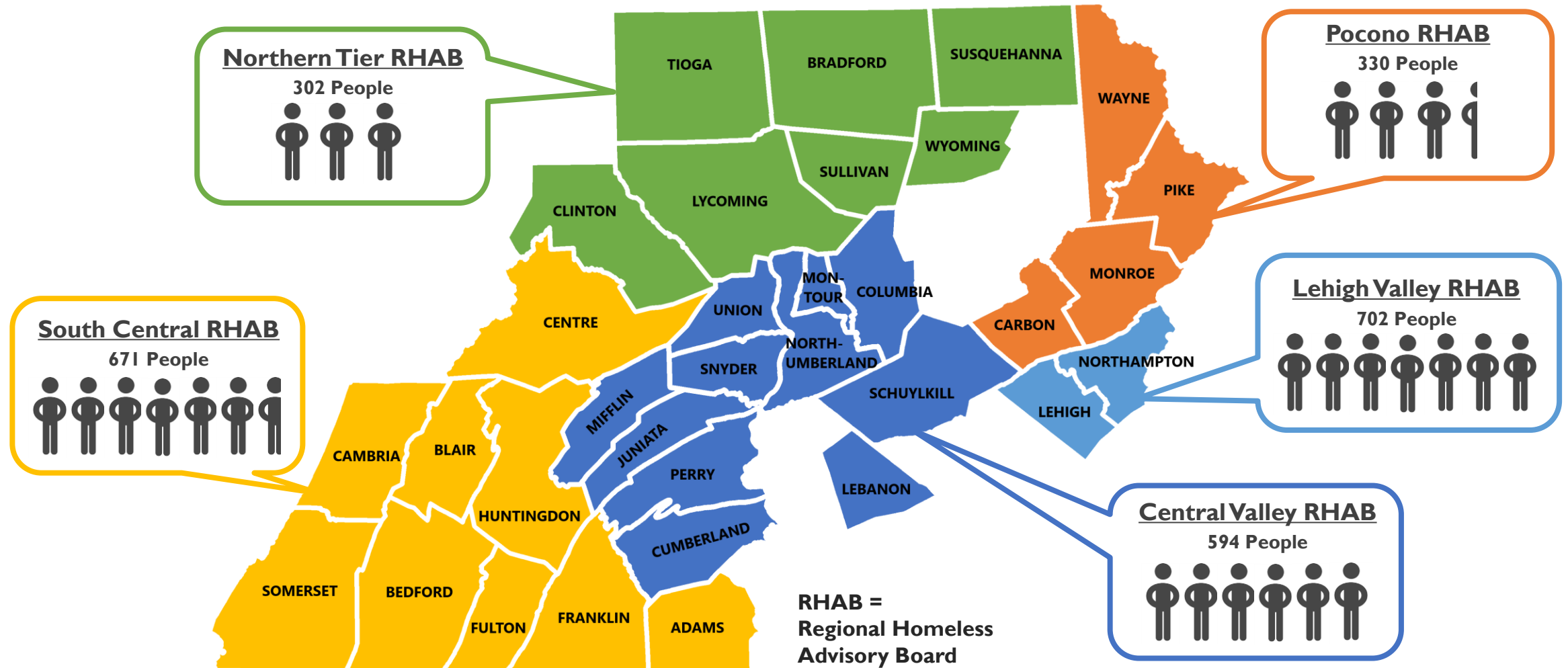
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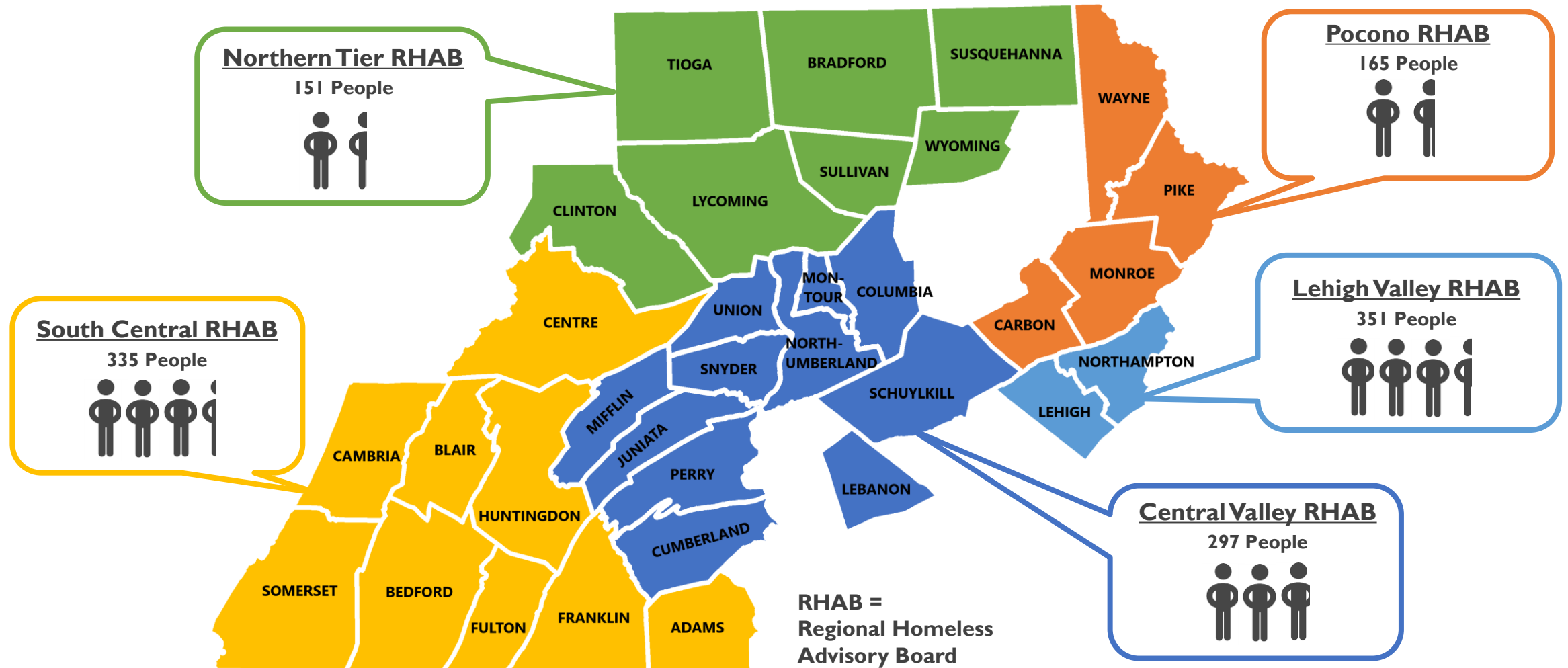
WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH

REDUCE ALL HOMELESSNESS

Outcome:
Reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness by 50%

HOMELESSNESS IN 2016

Northern Tier RHAB
302 People

Pocono RHAB
330 People

South Central RHAB
671 People

Lehigh Valley RHAB
702 People

Central Valley RHAB
594 People

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SUSQUEHANNA
WAYNE
WYOMING
SULLIVAN
PIKE
CLINTON
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SNYDER
SCHUYLKILL
LEHIGH
MIFFLIN
JUNIATA
CAMBRIA
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LEBANON
CUMBERLAND
SOMERSET
BEDFORD
FULTON
FRANKLIN
ADAMS

RHAB =
Regional Homeless
Advisory Board

HOMELESSNESS IN 2021

Northern Tier RHAB
151 People

Pocono RHAB
165 People

South Central RHAB
335 People

Lehigh Valley RHAB
351 People

Central Valley RHAB
297 People

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END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Outcome:
Achieve & maintain functional zero

- **Functional Zero:** Your system has enough resources & capacity to quickly help those entering homelessness obtain housing again.

- **Chronic homelessness:** Long-term homelessness - 12+ continuous or episodic months - among those with a disability.

END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Outcome:
Achieve & maintain functional zero

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AMONG FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Outcomes:

- Achieve & maintain functional zero for unsheltered families with children
- Achieve & maintain functional zero for all families with children fleeing domestic violence
- Reduce all homelessness among families with children by 50%

REDUCE HOMELESSNESS AMONG UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

Outcome:
Reduce the number of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness by 75%

- Youth: those under 25 years of age, including single individuals and parenting youth.

REDUCE THE DURATION OF HOMELESSNESS

5-Year Outcome: Reduce duration to an average of 47 days or less

- The CoC's long range goal is to reduce this average to 30 days or less

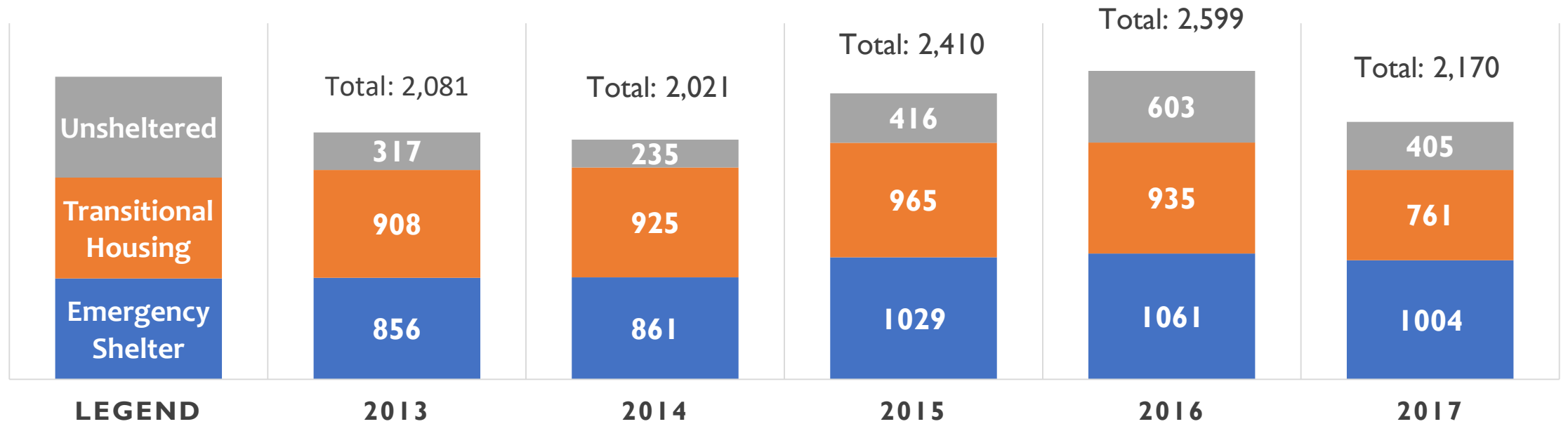# SET A PATH TO END ALL HOMELESSNESS

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DATA ON HOMELESSNESS IN EASTERN PA

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

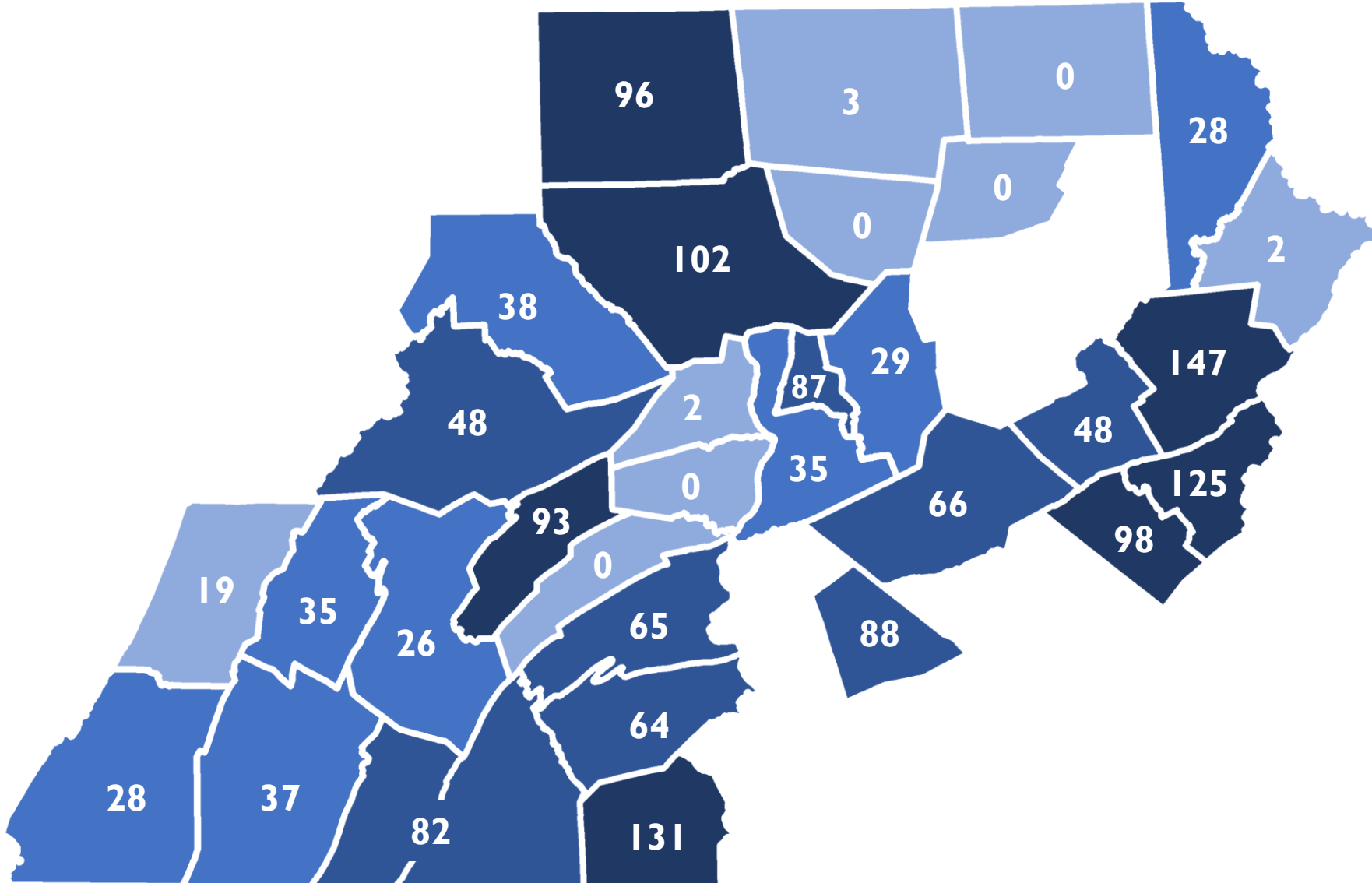Eastern PA CoC Point-In-Time Count Data: Total Homelessness

Legend:
- Unsheltered
- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter

Year	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
2013	856	908	317	2,081
2014	861	925	235	2,021
2015	1029	965	416	2,410
2016	1061	935	603	2,599
2017	1004	761	405	2,170

TOTAL HOMELESSNESS: 2013-2017

Annual Point-In-Time Count

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Geographic Area	2014	2015	2016	2017
Central Valley	546	672	594	516
Lehigh Valley	604	710	702	736
Northern Tier	194	218	302	174
Pocono	167	314	330	273
South Central	**515**	**495**	**671**	**471**
EASTERN PA CoC	**2,026**	**2,410**	**2,599**	**2,170**

TOTAL HOMELESSNESS BY RHAB: 2014-2017

Annual Point-In-Time Count

RATE OF HOMELESSNESS PER 100,000 PEOPLE

2017 Point-in-Time Count

U.S. Census Bureau 2016 Population Estimates

Eastern PA CoC Point-In-Time Count Data: Targeted Subpopulations

	Chronic	Veterans	Families	Youth
2013	202	136	363	
2014	139	103	346	
2015	164	150	404	258
2016	159	111	387	304
2017	156	82	306	206
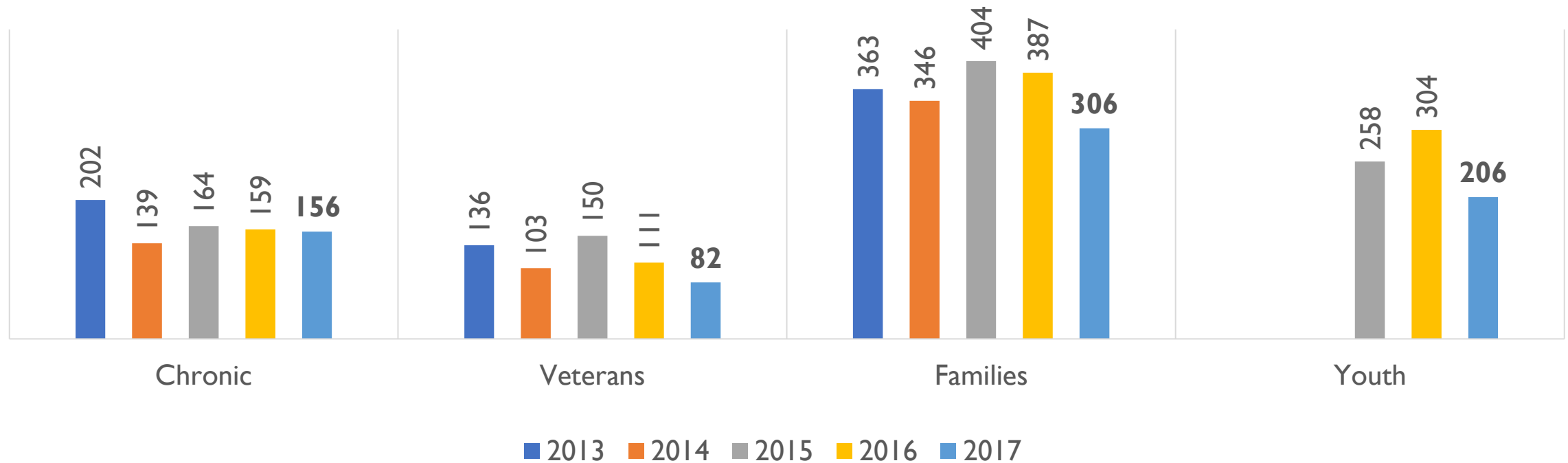
HOMELESSNESS BY SUBPOPULATIONS

Annual Point-In-Time Count

HOMELESSNESS AMONG CHILDREN & YOUTH, BIRTH TO 21
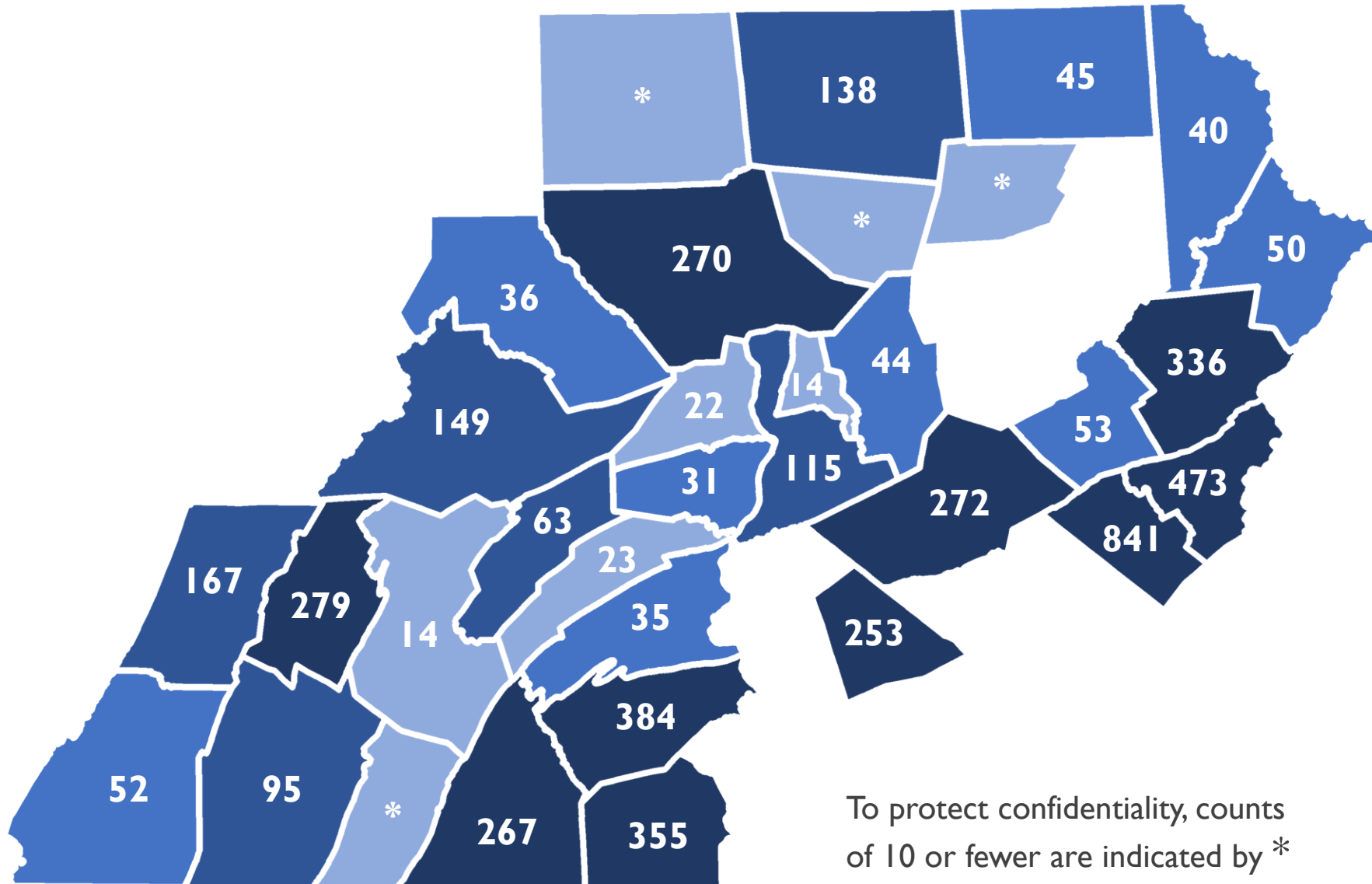
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Children & Youth Served through McKinney-Vento funds, 2015-16 Program Year: Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness program
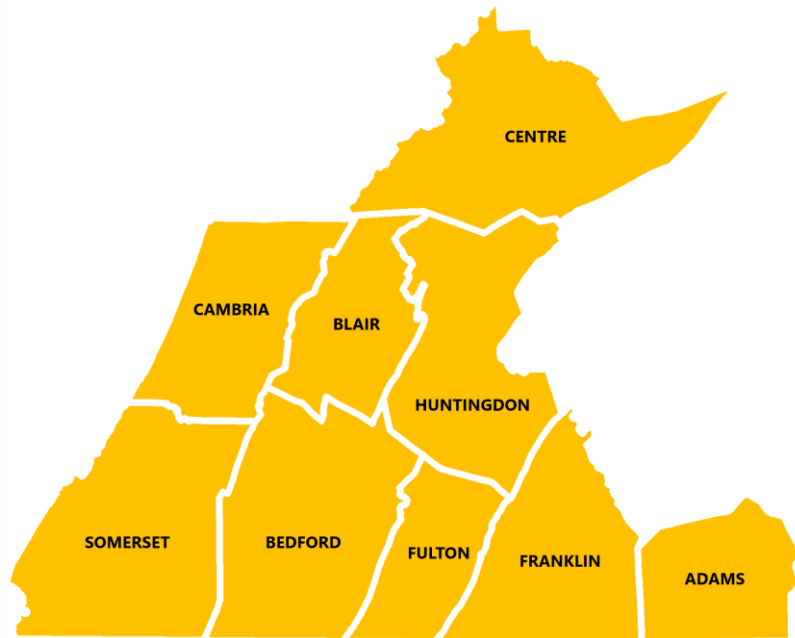
COUNTY	People	Chronic	Veterans	Families	Youth	DV
Adams	134	5	4	26	9	24
Bedford	18	0	0	1	1	0
Blair	44	5	1	4	5	11
Cambria	25	0	0	7	0	7
Centre	78	4	3	6	16	36
Franklin-Fulton	139	19	4	14	12	17
Huntingdon	12	1	1	1	0	7
Somerset	21	3	0	1	3	2

HOMELESSNESS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL RHAB BY COUNTY

Percent of CoC Program Participants Who Increased Income in FY16

Stayers: Earned 11%, Non-Employment 40%, Total 47%

Leavers: Earned 25%, Non-Employment 22%, Total 44%

Legend: ■ Earned ■ Non-Employment ■ Total
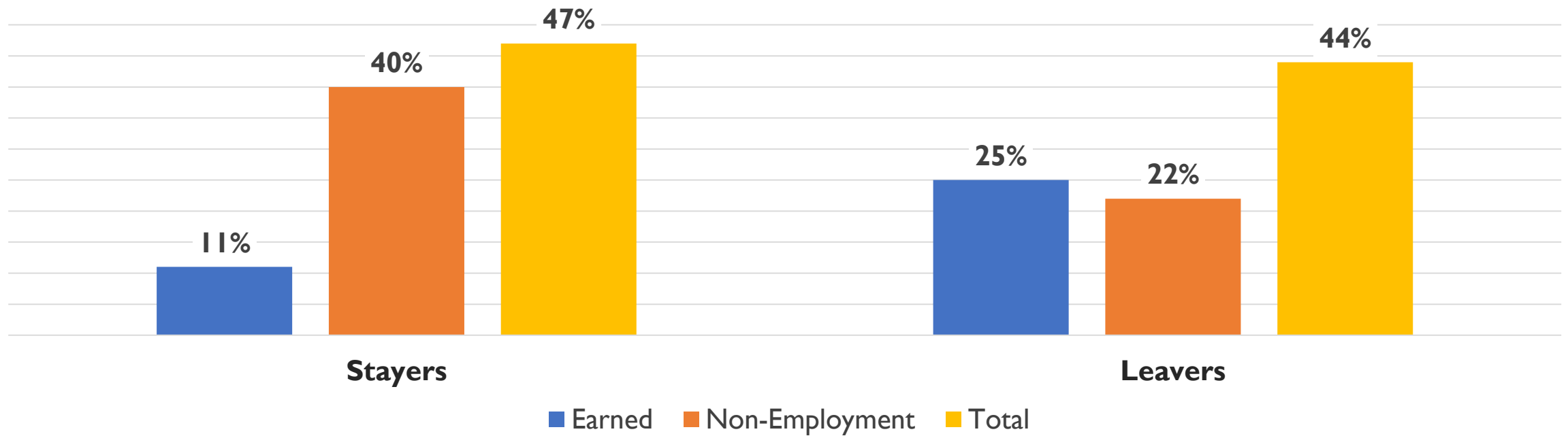
EARNED & NON-EMPLOYMENT INCOME

EXITS TO PERMANENT HOUSING IN FY16

53%
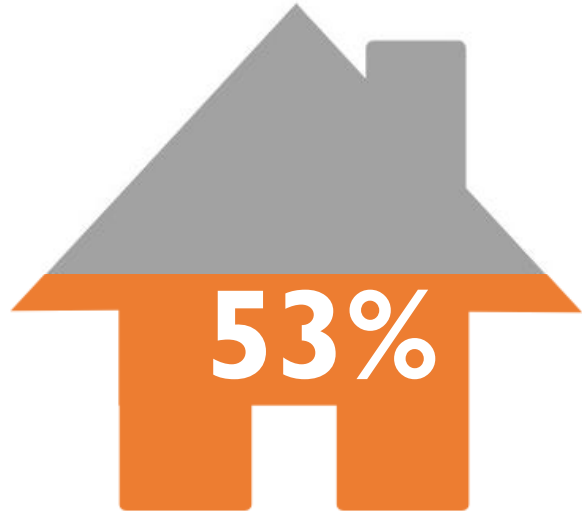
Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing

EXITS TO OR RETENTION OF PERMANENT HOUSING IN FY16

93%

Permanent Housing Programs, including Permanent Supportive Housing

SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS

HUD SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR SYSTEM

THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

PREVENTION & DIVERSION

Work with **MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS** & **HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK** of becoming homeless to **RETAIN OR IDENTIFY** viable housing options

Shelter

CLIENT-CENTERED

Provide a **CONTINUUM OF HOUSING & SERVICE** options that are appropriately **PRIORITIZED & MATCHED** to those who need them most.

HOUSING FIRST

IMMEDIATELY HOUSE those who experience homelessness because **PERMANENT HOUSING** is the foundation for regaining **STABILITY** and achieving **SUCCESS**

SUSTAINABILITY

Create a **SUSTAINABLE, DURABLE SYSTEM** of **HOUSING & SERVICE** options that engages a wide range of stakeholders from across **THE COMMUNITY.**

# STRATEGIES

HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS

PREVENT & DIVERT HOMELESSNESS

- Evaluate & improve discharge planning where needed
- Increase coordination of homeless prevention resources
- Implement diversion programs

STREAMLINE & COORDINATE ACCESS TO HOUSING & SERVICES

- Continue implementation of the CoC's Coordinated Entry system
- Ensure coordination of street outreach within the CoC
- Expand Housing First and low barrier access to homeless assistance
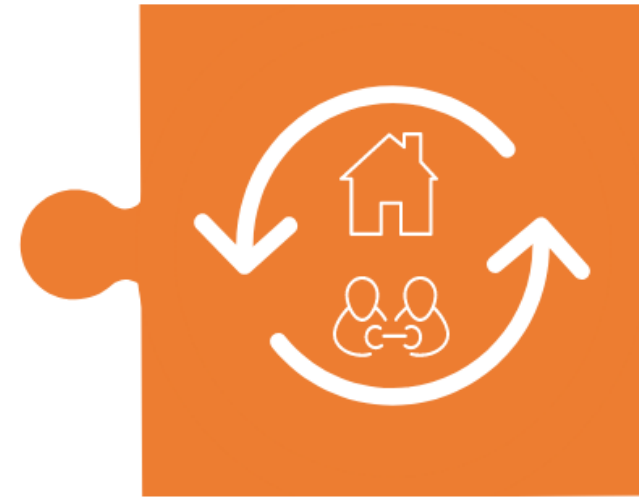
EXPAND THE CONTINUUM OF HOUSING OPTIONS

- Assess housing supply/needs
- Advocate for homeless preferences
- Identify/develop housing champions
- Engage with landlords
- Preserve affordable housing options
- Support inclusionary housing and zoning policies

EXPAND & ALIGN RESOURCES

- Assess funding opportunities
- Engage with other systems to align resources

INCREASE THE ECONOMIC SECURITY OF HOUSEHOLDS

- Effectively collaborate with the workforce development system
- Connect clients to mainstream income supports
- Address barriers to obtaining & maintaining employment
- Work with local employers to expand employment opportunities

INCREASE CAPACITY FOR DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS

- Increase provider participation in HMIS
- Leverage data collection efforts related to Coordinated Entry
- Identify data sharing opportunities

ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY TO INCREASE SUPPORT & SUSTAINABILITY

- Enhance internal communications
- Expand external communications efforts

YEAR 1 PRIORITIES

2017-2018 ACTIVITIES

YEAR 1 PRIORITIES:

- Increase community-wide engagement & strengthen outreach
- Expand committees & subcommittees
- Continue implementation of Coordinated Entry
- Provide homelessness prevention & diversion education and training
- Expand affordable housing options
- Expand street outreach
- Improve coordination with other systems

JOIN US!

WAYS TO ENGAGE & PARTICIPATE IN THE COC

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- Join one of the CoC's committees
- Invite the CoC to present to your organization or a group with whom you work
- Participate in Regional Housing Advisory Board meetings
- Participate in the annual Point-in-Time Count
- Join your county's Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) or local housing coalition
- Got an idea for collaborating with the CoC? Share it!

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO?

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