

Developing Outreach Strategies to minimize the length of homelessness for Families

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Hamilton Families
mission is to end family
homelessness in the
San Francisco Bay Area.



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Hamilton Families was established in 1985.

In 1995, Hamilton Families purchased land near the church shelter.

In 2001, Hamilton Families expanded our shelter services.

Housing & Aftercare Pilot Program 2006



Back Rent

Security Deposits

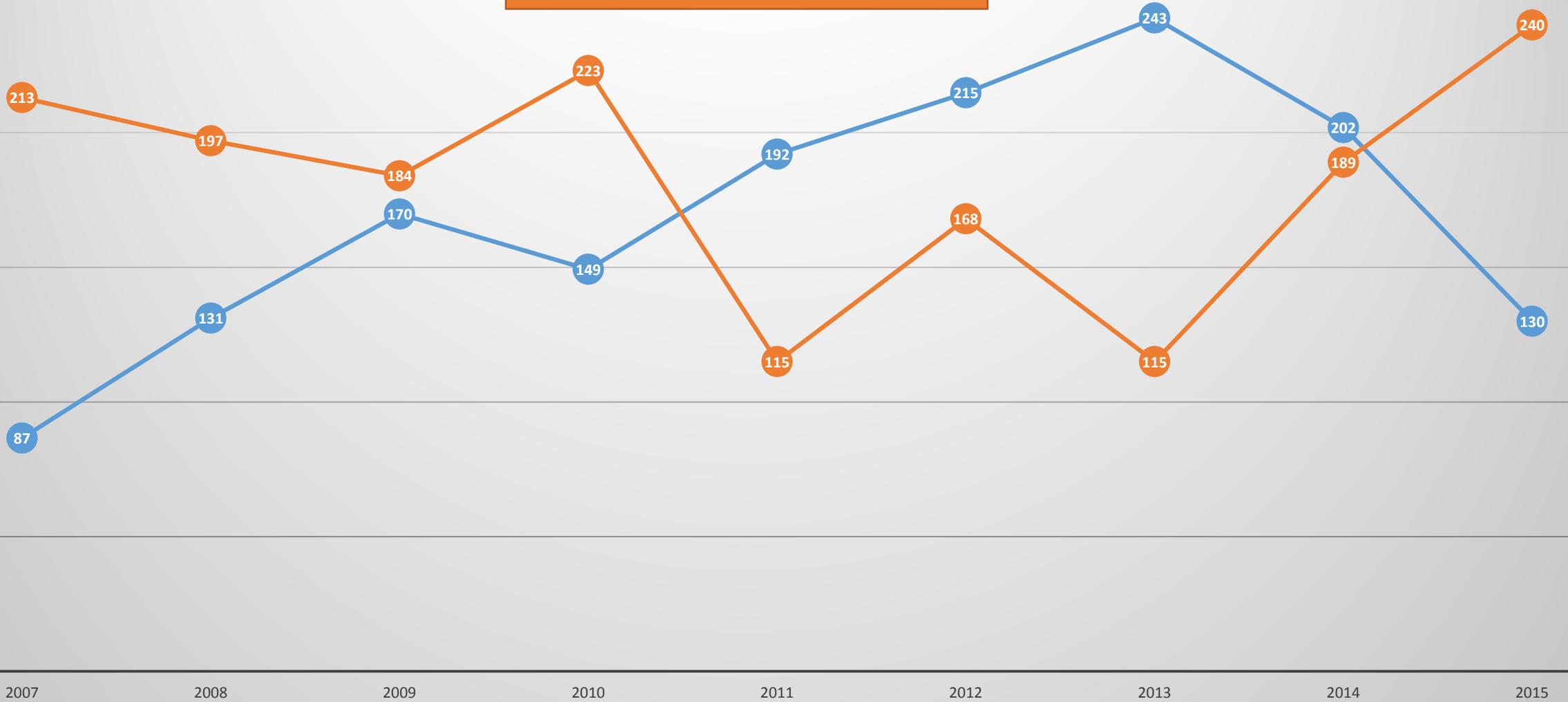
Rental Subsidies

Shelter Outreach

- Bi-weekly exit planning meetings with shelter & transitional housing staff.
- Regular presentations for families at shelter community meetings
- Regular in-service presentations for referring agencies about how to support families in housing search and how to market the rental assistance program

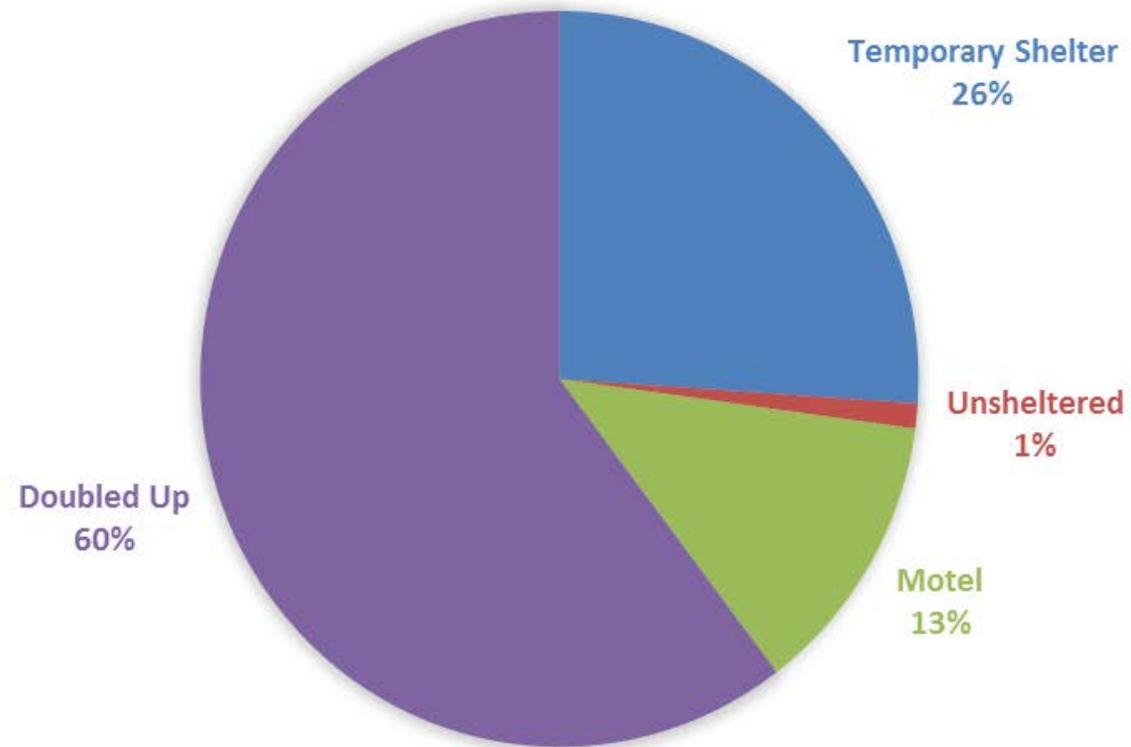
Impact of Housing on Family Homelessness

Housing First Works



Homeless Students in San Francisco

Where do Homeless Families Sleep?



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Awareness of services

Social Stigma

San Francisco Unified School District

Seventh largest school district in California.

Educates over 57,000 students every year.

Addresses the socio-economic and the socio-emotional needs of it's students.



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Hamilton – SFUSD Partnership

SFUSD's Role:

- Contact Hamilton as soon as a family is identified as homeless or at-risk
- Allow Hamilton staff access to school facilities for meetings with families as appropriate
- Arrange for Hamilton to train school social workers, nurses, and counselors
- Help Hamilton disseminate information to SFUSD staff

Hamilton Families' role:

- Train SFUSD staff on how to identify and assist families who are homeless or at-risk
- Operate a hotline for SFUSD faculty and staff
- Respond within 3 business days after called by SFUSD to meet with a family
- Enroll SFUSD families in the appropriate programs or refer to other services

Hamilton – SFUSD Partnership

Homelessness
Prevention

- Hamilton's **Homelessness Prevention Program** provides families facing homelessness with counseling, financial support and other assistance so they can keep their housing.

Rapid Re-
Housing

- Hamilton's **Rapid Re-housing Program** provides families who are homeless with a temporary rent subsidy, move-in assistance and case management support so they can stabilize their housing.

Outcomes:

November 2014 – October 2016

- Completed over 125 consultations with SFUSD staff
- Partnered with 70 schools
- Prevented homelessness for 98 families (40% referred through this partnership)
- Assisted 450 families to move into housing (15% referred through this partnership)
- Over 92% of families remained stably housed

Outcomes:

November 2014 – October 2016

Average length of time families were homeless prior to being served:

- Other referral sources: 14.5 months
- SFUSD referrals: 9.5 months

This is a 5 month reduction in the length of homelessness!



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