

## **Sacramento Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (RCHAP) Glossary of Terms**

**All In Sacramento** is a region-wide approach to update the local action plan and adopt a community-wide commitment and path to a transformational approach to addressing and ending homelessness.

**Cal-AIM** is the California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal initiative sponsored by the state Department of Health Care Services is a long-term commitment to transforming and sustaining Medi-Cal, offering Californians, including persons experiencing homelessness, a more equitable, coordinated, person-centered approach to maximizing their health and life trajectory.

**Chronically Homeless Individual** refers to an individual with a disability who has been continuously homeless for one year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless on those occasions is at least 12 months.

**Chronically Homeless People in Families** refers to people in families in which the head of household has a disability and has either been continuously homeless for one year or more or has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years where the combined length of time homeless on those occasions is at least 12 months.

**Congregate Shelter** is an emergency shelter where the residents share a common sleeping area. Continuum of Care (CoC) is the local planning body responsible for coordinating the full range of homelessness services in the Sacramento region and may cover the cities, county, and unincorporated geographic areas.

**Coordinated Access System (CAS)** is a regionally based system that connects new and existing programs into a “no wrong door network” by assessing the needs of individuals/ families/youth experiencing homelessness and linking them with the most appropriate housing and services to end their homelessness.

**Diversion Services** is a client-driven approach designed to immediately help a person or household who just lost housing find safe alternative housing, rather than entering shelter or experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

**Emergency Shelter** is a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless people. Homeless describes a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

**Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** is a computerized data collection system designed to capture client information over time on the characteristics, service needs and accomplishments of homeless persons. Implementation of an HMIS is required by the federal department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs receiving federal funding through the Continuum of Care (CoC).

**Homelessness Prevention** refers to policies, practices, and interventions that reduce the likelihood that someone will experience homelessness.

**Housing First** is an approach that offers permanent housing as quickly as possible for people experiencing homelessness, particularly for people with long histories of homelessness and co-occurring health challenges, while providing the supportive services people need to keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness. Individual refers to a person who is not part of a family with children during an episode of homelessness. Individuals may be homeless as single adults, unaccompanied youth, or in multiple-adult or multiple-child households.

**Non-congregate Shelter** is an emergency shelter that provides private sleeping space, such as a hotel or motel room. Other Permanent Housing is housing with or without services that is specifically for people who formerly experienced homelessness but that does not require people to have a disability.

**Partners** refers to people and organizations with an interest in and/or perspective important to the experience of and response to homelessness. The use of the term “partners” is an intentional effort to steer away from the term “stakeholders” due to its [colonial connotations](#).

**People in Families with Children** are people who are experiencing homelessness as part of a household that has at least one adult (age 18 and older) and one child (under age 18).

**Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** is a housing model designed to provide housing assistance (project and tenant-based) and supportive services on a long-term basis to people who formerly experienced homelessness. Participants are required to have a disability for eligibility.

**Rapid Rehousing** is a housing model designed to provide temporary housing assistance to people experiencing homelessness, moving them quickly out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

**Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan (RCHAP)** The RCHAP is a required component of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5

Application due on March 27th. This planning effort is known as All In Sacramento, sponsored by the CoC, City and County of Sacramento.

**Street Outreach** is defined as the activity of engaging unsheltered homeless individuals through the process of rapport building with the goal of linking that individual to a permanent housing resource.

**Sheltered Homelessness** refers to people who are staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, or safe havens.

**Transitional Housing Programs** provide people experiencing homelessness a place to stay combined with supportive services for up to 24 months.

**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (under 18)** are people in households with only children who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness, and who are under the age of 18.

**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (18–24)** are people in households without children who are not part of a family with children or accompanied by their parent or guardian during their episode of homelessness and who are between the ages of 18 and 24.

**Unsheltered Homelessness** refers to people whose primary nighttime location is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for people (for example, the streets, vehicles, or parks). Veteran refers to any person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. This includes Reserves and National Guard members who were called up to active duty.