Strategy A3 | PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

Housing Authority Family Reunification Program

POPULATION IMPACT

✓ ALL  FAMILIES  TAY  SINGLE ADULT  VETERAN  CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULT

RECOMMENDATION

Direct the Sheriff (LASD) and the Probation Department (Probation) to work with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) and the Office of Diversion and Reentry to develop a plan to increase utilization of HACLA’s Family Reunification Program.

Direct the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a similar program with its Section 8 vouchers, and report back with its findings.

DESCRIPTION

The goal of the Family Reunification Program is to house formerly incarcerated persons (FIP) released from the criminal justice system within the last 24 months with family members who are current participants of HACLA’s Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

This plan would serve to facilitate the connection of LASD and Probation clients to the program and allow them to make referrals directly from their systems to the three partner non-profit agencies currently working with HACLA. Non-profit organizations assist this population by providing supportive services to the FIP to ensure successful re-integration to the family and community.

LEAD AGENCIES

Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles
Sheriff Department
Probation Department

COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES

Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles and its non-profit partners
Office of Diversion and Reentry
POPULATION(S) TARGETED & OTHER CATEGORIZATIONS

Section 8 families who would like to reunite with a formally incarcerated family member released from the criminal justice system within the last 24 months.

POTENTIAL PERFORMANCE METRICS

◆ Increase in number of families participating in this program
◆ A decrease in individuals discharged into homelessness

FUNDING

No funding required.

CONNECTION TO CITIES

SAME

✓ COMPLEMENTARY

NO CITY ROLE

Cities which operate public housing authorities could also implement a Family Reunification Program.