

HOMELESSNESS IN PINAL COUNTY

Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness,
a member of the Balance of State Continuum of Care

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INTRODUCTION

Who is the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness?

US HUD mandates the creation of a continuum

- AZ has 3 – Maricopa, Pima/Tucson, and Balance of State

ADOH is the Unified Funding Agency for the Balance of State Continuum of Care

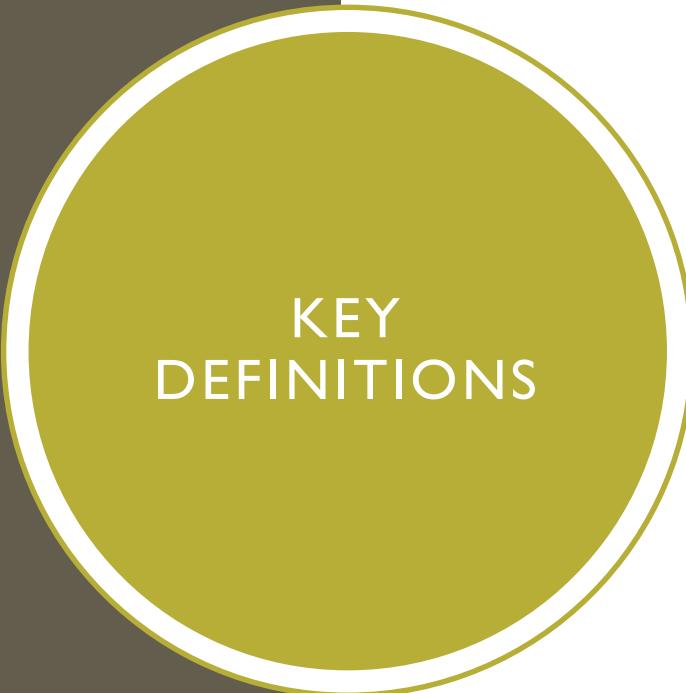
- Governance Advisory Board
- Each county (13) designates a lead agency (LCEH)

Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness

- Apache Junction Coalition
- Casa Grande Coalition

Committees

- HMIS/Coordinated Entry/Case Conferencing
- Membership
- Point-In-Time
- Outreach
- Strategic Planning
- Equity



KEY DEFINITIONS

Continuum of Care (CoC) or Local Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH): County specific collaborative that include housing providers and other community agencies with the focus on creating a network of housing availability and case consultations.

Coordinated Entry: Coordinated entry is a system that provides quick and efficient access to housing and other resources for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. It uses a standard and objective tool to assess the needs and vulnerability of households and prioritize them for available programs and referrals. The access point is physical location where individuals entering homelessness are triaged and assessed for appropriate housing interventions.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): HMIS is a client information database that provides a standardized assessment of client needs and records the use of housing and services used to meet those needs. The fundamental goal of HMIS is to use the data to determine the utilization of services of participating agencies, identify gaps in the local service continuum, and develop outcome measurements according to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HMIS standards.

Point-In-Time Count (PIT): The PIT Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. HUD requires that CoCs conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered and sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally.

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

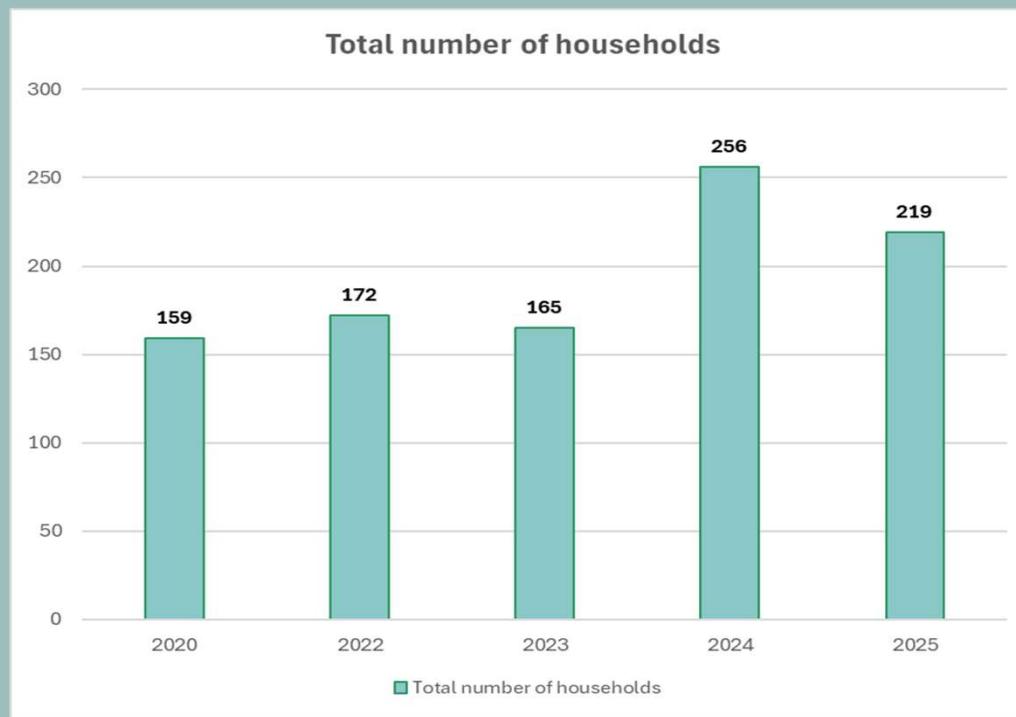
All activities done through the coalition must achieve US Department of Housing and Urban Development and Arizona Department of Housing benchmarks related to the system performance measurements.

System Performance Measures

- Reduce the length of time homeless
- Reduce returns to homelessness
- Reduce the number of unhoused persons
- Increase income
- Reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time
- Increase the number of successful exits
- Increase the permanent supportive housing retention or exits to permanent housing

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT HOUSEHOLDS

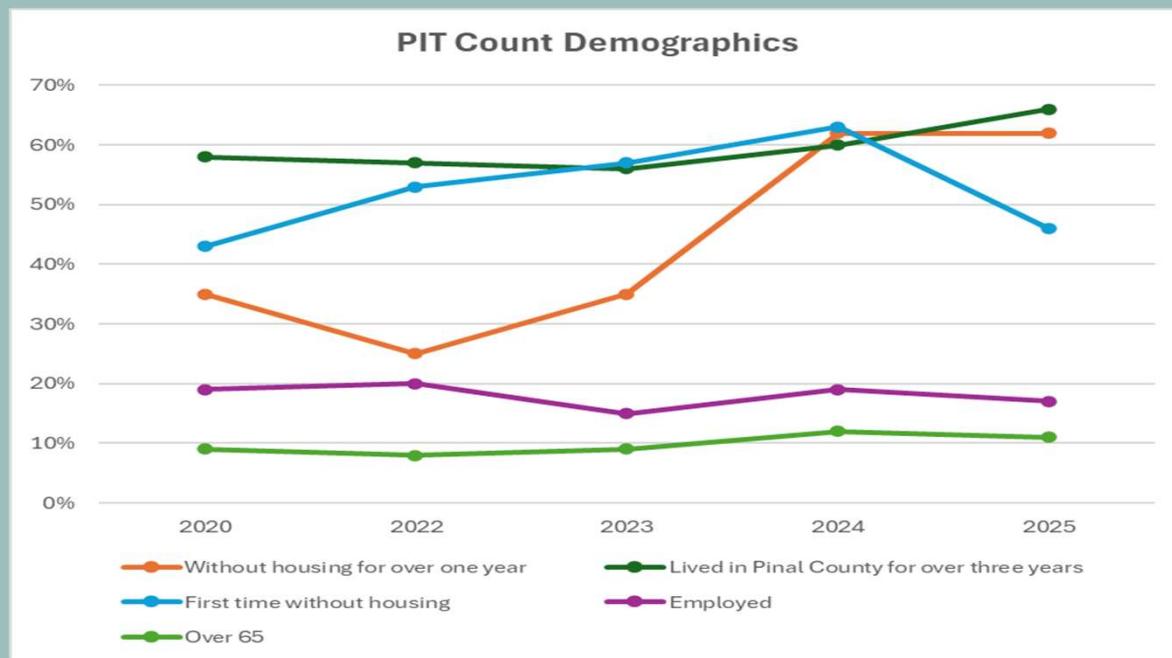
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Since 2020, Pinal County has seen a 38% increase in households experiencing homelessness, from 159 to 219.

POINT IN TIME (PIT) COUNT DEMOGRAPHICS

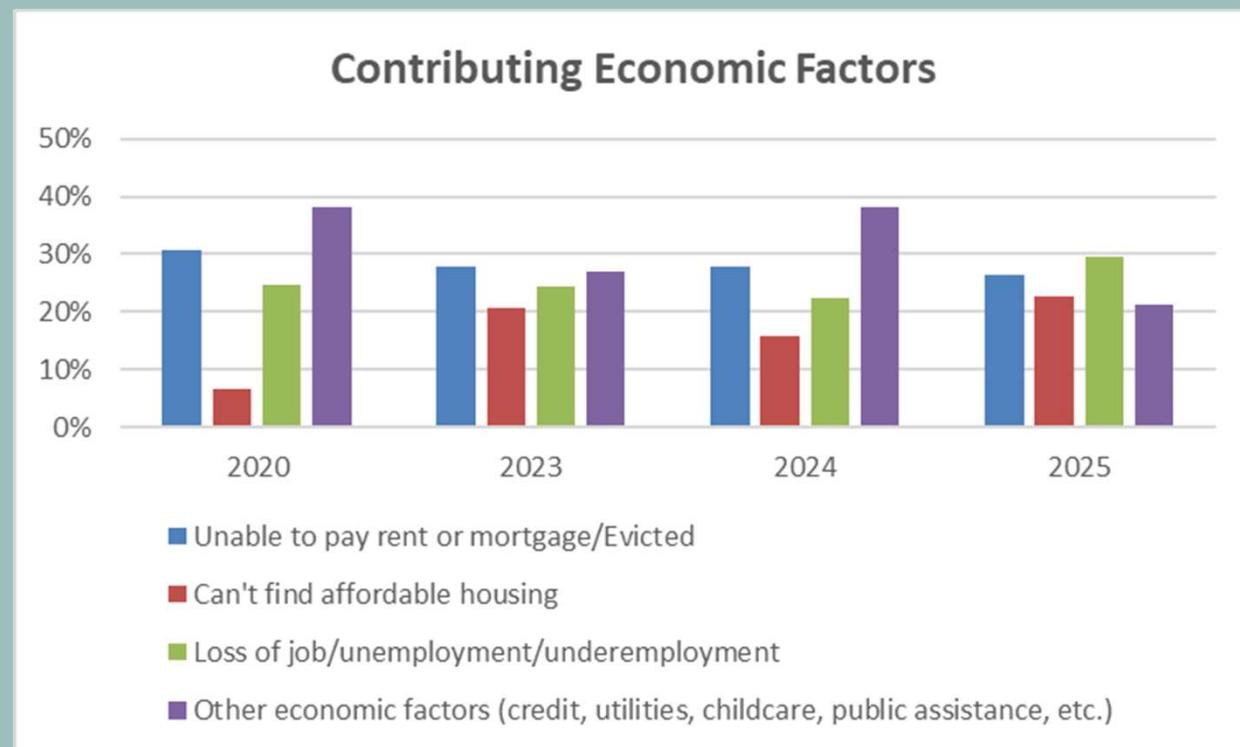
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In 2025, the most common demographics were households who have lived in Pinal County for over 3 years (66%), are without housing for over one year (62%), and are experiencing homelessness for the first time (46%)

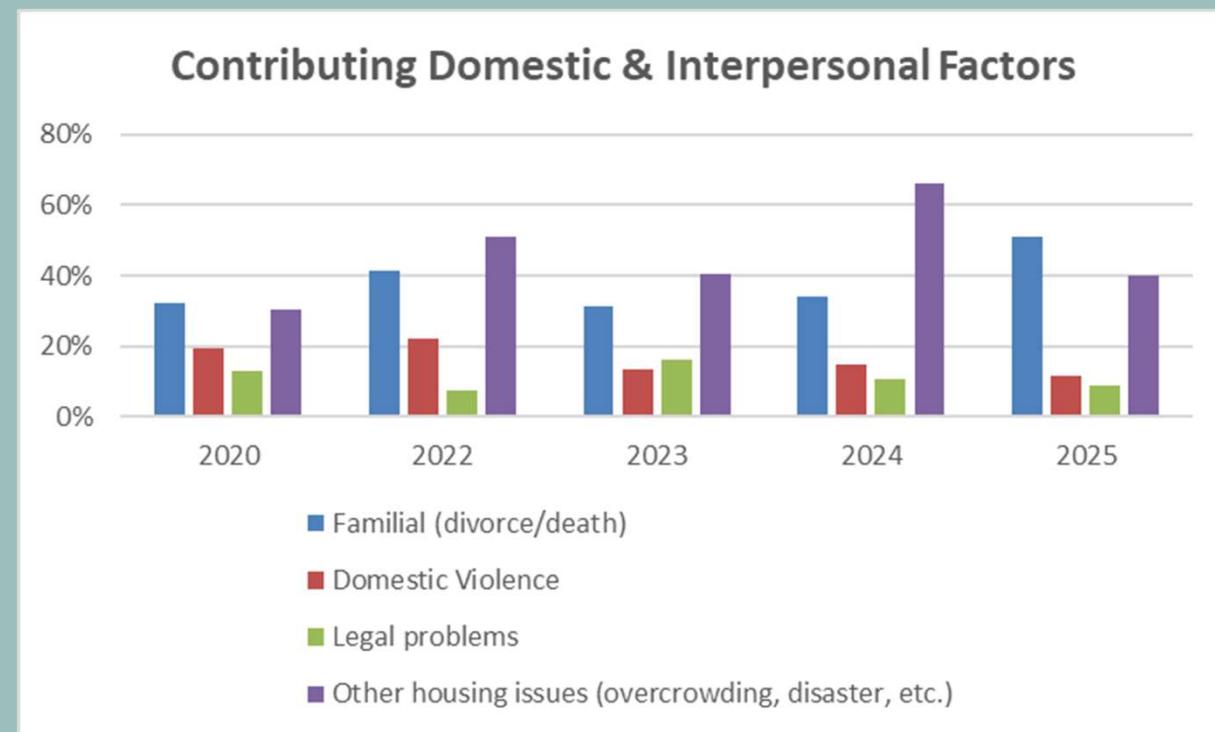
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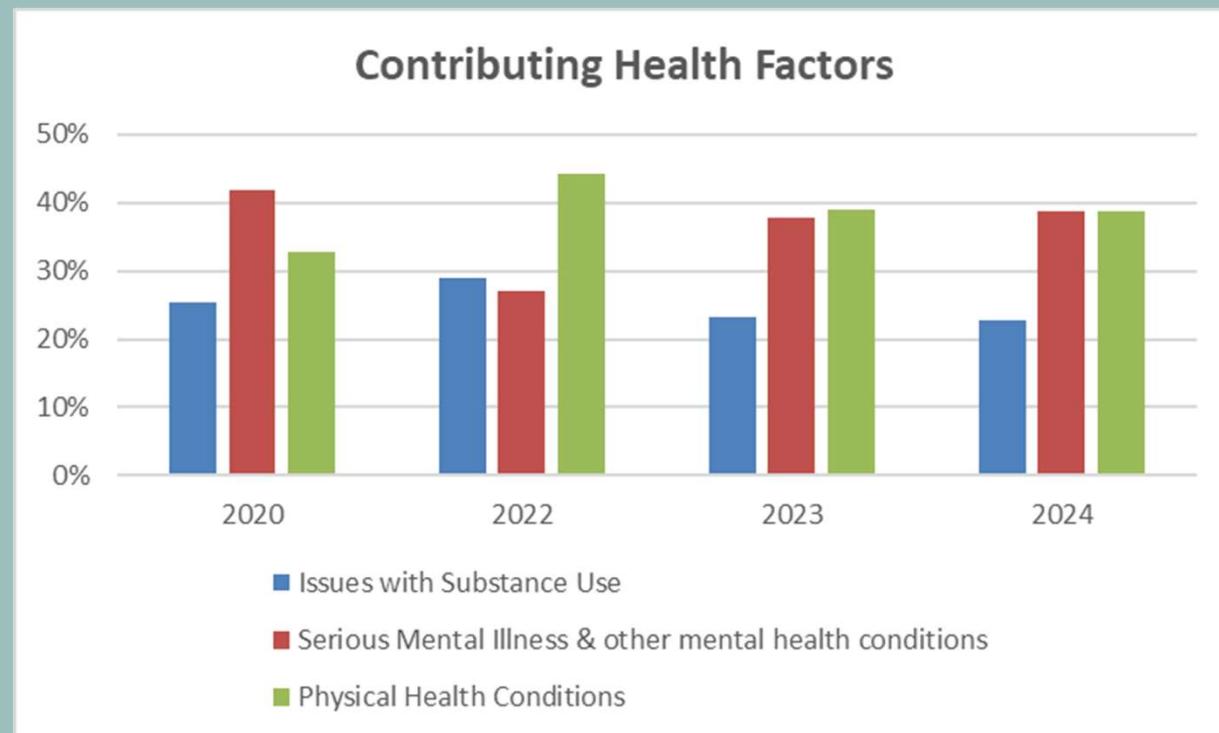
DOMESTIC & INTERPERSONAL

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HEALTH CONDITIONS

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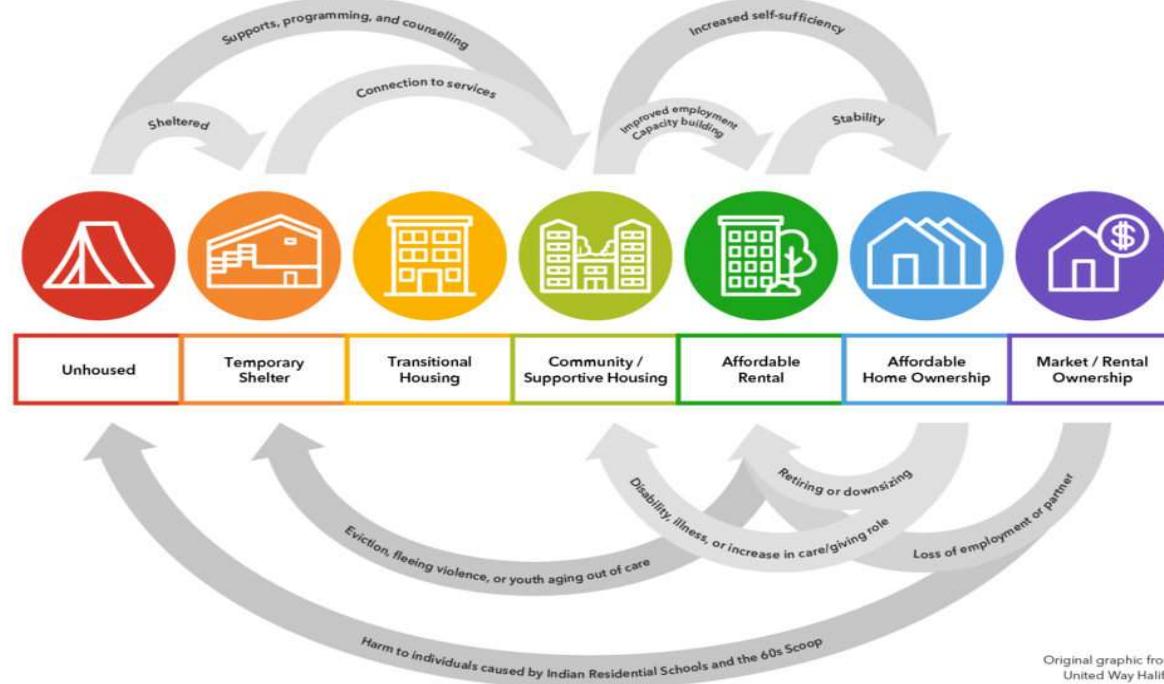


LIVED
EXPERIENCE
VOICE

Julio V.

“Without the help with Casa Grande Alliance, I couldn’t have been able to have a place of my own. I am now able to have my daughter visit. CG Alliance has been a blessing in different ways, and I am grateful for the help I received.”

Julio continues to maintain his residence and has held the same job, which allows him to support his three children. While on probation, he has stayed in compliance with all requirements and now celebrates 10 months in recovery. The stability he’s gained has played a big role in supporting his long-term success.



UNHOUSED

McKinney-Vento - lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including shared housing, motels, shelters, or sleeping in cars, parks, or abandoned buildings.

HUD – staying in a place not meant for human habitation, shelter, or exiting an institution.

Medicaid - an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.



TEMPORARY SHELTER

Any facility that provides temporary shelter, or emergency housing, for individuals or families experiencing homelessness and does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

Shelters are not intended for long-term housing, but due to housing shortages, are often used longer than is desirable.



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

A type of temporary housing, typically not to exceed 24 months, offering supportive services for individuals or families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.

Individuals and families are often placed in transitional housing after time spent in temporary shelters.



SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) refers to ongoing housing assistance in which supportive services are provided to households with a history of homelessness or with disabilities. Assistance may include a long-term financial assistance or housing voucher.

PSH may be in a designated setting or scattered sites. Often shared-housing, or community housing, may fall into this category.



AFFORDABLE RENTAL

Affordable rentals are rentals considered to be within 30% of the household's income. They can be obtained through many ways and may be part of permanent supportive housing. It can also include shared-housing which is a housing solution focused on living with housemates or family, often including multigenerational living.



AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

Affordable homeownership is considered to be within 30% of the household's income. Other considerations for homeownership include the cost of transportation, access to employment, and other essential needs such as food, childcare, and healthcare.



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EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

RESOURCES

- Apache Junction Resource Center
- CG Helps Resource Center

HOUSING

- Tenant based rental assistance
- Rapid re-housing
- Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers
- Low income housing tax credit rental projects
- HUD-VA supportive housing program
- Transitional Housing
- AHCCCS Housing
- Emergency shelter through motels
- Down payment assistance

PARTNERS

- Veteran organizations
- Peer led organizations
- Reentry programs
- Family programs
- Domestic violence programs
- Behavioral health
- Medicaid health plans
- Senior organizations
- Crisis response teams
- Law enforcement
- Public health
- Public housing
- Tribal

IDENTIFIED GAPS

RESOURCES

- Programs
- Services
- Funding

HOUSING

- Housing variety
- Affordable housing
- Housing support services
- Shelter services

PARTNERS

- Affordable Housing Developers
- Shelter provider
- Early childhood programs
- McKinney Vento liaisons
- Hospitals and primary care
- Local government officials
- Colleges/Universities
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Employment services
- Faith community

SOLUTIONS

RESOURCES

- AHCCCS Housing and H2O full services and program expansion
- Finding alternative funding and build capacity in housing and support services

HOUSING

- Shelter
- Shared housing opportunities and support programs
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Recovery Housing
- Affordable rental units and willing landlords

PARTNERS

- Improve collaborations with existing resources
- Local governments
- Identify and invite missing partners.

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

- Conducted September - October 2025
- 35 agencies responded
- An agency may provide more than one program
- 23 of the responding agencies provide Case Management services.
- An additional 4 are interested in providing this service.
- Key high need services identified include: transportation, interviewing skills, past due mortgage payments, rental and utility assistance, and transitional housing

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

Housing Services	Existing Programs	Agencies that want to expand or provide this service
Past due Mortgage Payments	4	13
Recovery Housing	3	5
Rent Arrears	5	15
Rent Deposits	5	15
Rental Payments	9	18
Short and Long Term Subsidies	3	9
Transitional Housing	8	14
Utility Arrears	13	14
Utility Deposits	8	13
Utility Payments	13	15

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

Employment Services	Existing Programs	Agencies that want to expand or provide this service
Daycare Services	1	1
Employment Assistance	11	10
Interviewing Skills	7	10
Job Readiness (clothes, uniforms, tools)	10	13
Job Search	8	8
Job Training	5	4
Resume Writing/Building	12	12
Transportation		
Support/Services	7	11

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

Income Related Services	Existing Programs	Agencies that want to expand or provide this service
Assistance with Applying for Medicaid	7	7
Assistance with Applying for Medicare	4	5
Assistance with Applying for SNAP	8	9
Assistance with Applying for SSI/SSDI	6	6
Assistance with Applying for TANF	6	6
Assistance with Applying for Unemployment (UI)	5	5
Tax Services	1	2

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

Health Related Services	Existing Programs	Agencies that want to expand or provide this service
Behavioral Health Referrals	17	11
Counseling and Therapy	5	5
Crisis Intervention	8	10
Detox - Outpatient/In-Patient Treatment	2	2
Discharge Planning	3	6
Domestic Violence Services	5	7
Long Term Care Insurance	2	1
Physical Rehabilitation	0	1
Psychiatric Care	4	4
Rehabilitation - ADA	1	1
Rehabilitation Services	3	3
SUD	0	0

PREVENTION SERVICES SURVEY

Personal Development Services	Existing Programs	Agencies that want to expand or provide this service
Conflict Resolution	5	5
Education Services	7	9
Financial Education	3	9
Life Skills Development	8	11



LIVED EXPERIENCE VOICE

Brandi W.

“I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the support you have given me. Through your guidance, resources, and assistance in securing funds, I was able to find stable housing, a crucial step in building the foundation for my future. Having a safe and stable place to call home gave me the opportunity to focus on other important areas of my life. Because of the stability you helped me achieve, I was able to find employment and begin working toward independence with confidence. Your support came at a time when I truly needed it most, and it has made all the difference in my journey toward stability and self-sufficiency. Thank you for believing in me and providing the resources that have allowed me to move forward with hope and determination.”

AHCCCS HOUSING PROGRAM

- AHCCCS Housing Program (AHP) administered by ABC/HOM Inc: <https://azabc.org/ahp>
 - AHP offers vouchers for rental assistance, move-in assistance, utility assistance and eviction prevention (as funds are available).
 - Applications can be submitted for qualifying members who are:
 - SMI or general mental health with high-cost/high-needs
 - Over 18 and a United States citizen
 - Have an identified housing need.
 - Majority of funds are for SMI members, but they do accept applications for general mental health/substance use members
- Process:
 - Provider submits electronic application
 - ABC verifies with member's health plan that they are eligible, including HCHN for general mental health/substance use members
 - If eligible, member is placed on the waitlist
 - To be housed, member must have a case manager able to attend housing appointments with the member and provide support in their transition to housing

COMMUNITY VOICE

Real stories from individuals impacted by PCCEH programs and local coalitions.

In our community, we have services, programs, and resources from various organizations to help provide quality life for our folks in need. The Apache Junction Coalition, Local Resources, and Statewide Resources are trying to join together to help... I can share with you that for myself this experience was the best experience I have ever had in 20 years of real estate! I hope to be able to share this story with our AJ community and the city council to show the folks who don't know about these programs and to allow more folks to get the help they need. Apache Junction has a lot to offer if we can all come together with solutions and ways to better ourselves.

-Cami Garcia
Owner/Broker of Western Lifestyle Realty
Apache Junction Resident

STRATEGIC PLAN

An annual strategic plan is mandated by ADOH and approved each year.

Actions taken must achieve HUD and ADOH benchmarks related to the system performance measures.

PCCEH Strategic Plan 2025-2026

- Identify all permanent housing resources
- Identify all prevention services available
- Increase case conferencing of clients 60 days or more in HMIS
- Identify funding and submit a collaborative application
- Provide training
- Improve partnerships (AZ@Work)
- Identify housing opportunities
- Increase the number of coordinated entry access points
- Host the 3rd Annual Reentry Roundtable

CALL TO ACTION FOR STAKEHOLDERS



SUPPORT FUNDING
INITIATIVES AND HOUSING
PROGRAMS.



PARTNER WITH PCCEH FOR
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
AND ADVOCACY.



VOLUNTEER OR PROVIDE
RESOURCES TO LOCAL
COALITIONS.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



Regular follow-up meetings and working groups.



Feedback mechanisms for community input.



Transparent communication and shared accountability.

FUTURE VISION – 2026 AND BEYOND



Expansion of housing access points and services.



Innovative housing models and pilot programs.



Long-term goals for ending homelessness in Pinal County.

STATEWIDE HOUSING RESOURCES

- 211 Arizona, <https://211arizona.org/>
 - Call 211 or visit website to be connected to housing resources in your area.
- AHCCCS Housing Program (AHP): <https://azabc.org/ahp>
 - AHP offers vouchers for rental assistance and eviction prevention. Applications can be submitted through your behavioral health home for qualifying members who are SMI or general mental health with high-cost/high-needs, are over 18 and a United States citizen, and have an identified housing need.
- AHCCCS Housing and Health Opportunities (H2O), <https://community.solari-inc.org/h2o/>
 - Housing program for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) experiencing homelessness, to be administered by Solari Crisis and Human Services.
- Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH): 602-771-1000, <https://housing.az.gov/>
 - ADOH offers rental assistance and eviction programs, and homebuyer assistance programs.
- Department of Economic Security: <https://des.az.gov/shelter>
 - Find assistance through DES for utility assistance, homeless shelter services, as well as Community Action Partners who provide various housing funding assistance by county.

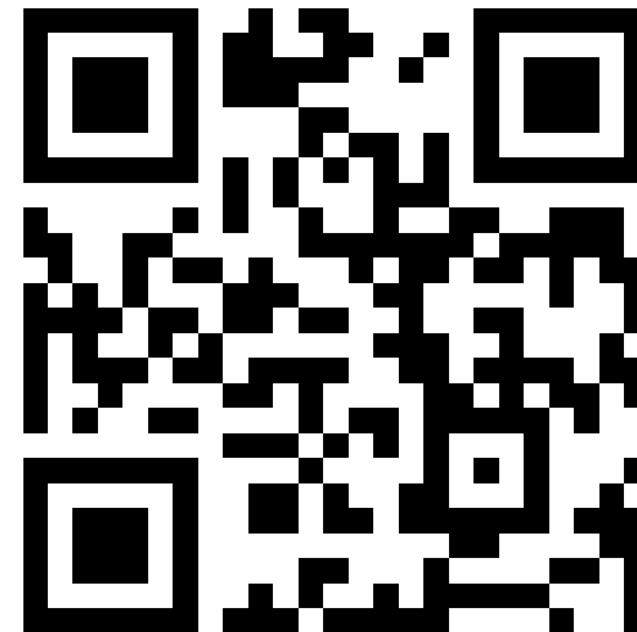
STATEWIDE HOUSING RESOURCES

- Housing Search Arizona: 877-428-8844, <https://housingsearch.az.gov/>
 - Search engine for finding affordable housing rentals, accessible units, and more for seniors, veterans, and more.
- Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV or Section 8):
 - HCV allows low-income families to apply to be on the waitlist for voucher-assisted rentals. Applications and waitlists not always available, check back by county for open application dates.
 - Pinal - <https://www.pinal.gov/616/Section-8-Housing>
- Roommates.com: <https://www.roommates.com/>
 - Search engine for finding rooms for rent in your area, can filter to adjust cost.
- Oxford House, Inc.: <https://www.oxfordvacancies.com/>
 - Offers housing options for individuals with substance use disorders in recovery through peer-run homes, including homes for women with children.
- U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD): 800-955-2232, <https://www.hud.gov/states/arizona>,
 - HUD offers programs to support homeowners with hardships, low-income homebuyers, eviction prevention assistance, and low-income rentals, as well Native American Programs.



THANK YOU

Your feedback is appreciated



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