

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Vermont Annual Report - State Fiscal Year 2013

Vermont's Emergency Solutions Grants program, administered by the State Office of Economic Opportunity, provides a blend of state and federal (HUD) funding to support operations, staffing and homelessness prevention and re-housing assistance at approximately 40 non-profit emergency shelter, transitional housing and prevention programs serving all regions of the state.

Overnights Sheltered

Between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, Vermont's ESG-funded emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, veteran's shelters and youth shelters, reported the following.

- **4,285** persons sheltered for a total of **131,535** shelter bednights¹.
- **3,469** were adults and **816** were children under the age of 18.
- The average length of stay was approximately **30.7** days.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing²

Other ESG-funded programs provided homelessness prevention and re-housing assistance such as rental arrearages, security deposits, and aid to prevent utility disconnections. This activity stabilized an additional **1,898** persons in **888** households.

Outcome Measures

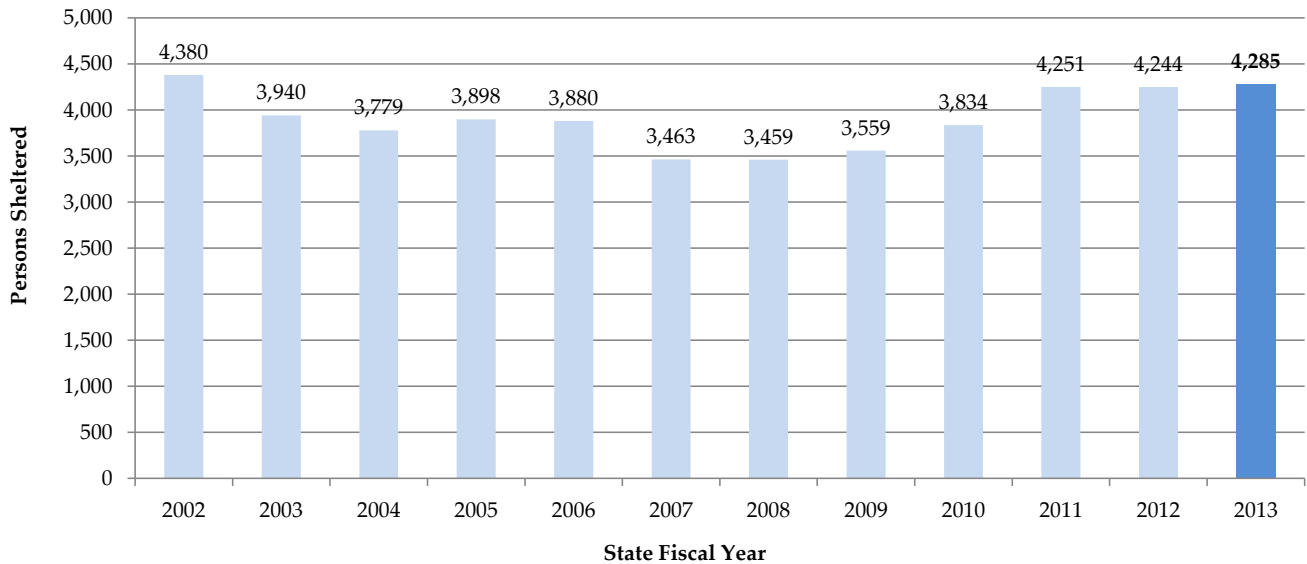
Recipients of Emergency Solutions Grant funding reported on the following Outcome Measures.

- **1,486** Participants were actively engaged in educational or literacy programs.
- Of **1,513** participants seeking employment, **551** obtained employment.

¹ Bednights at the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless did not include the newly established Good Shepherd emergency shelter for adults.

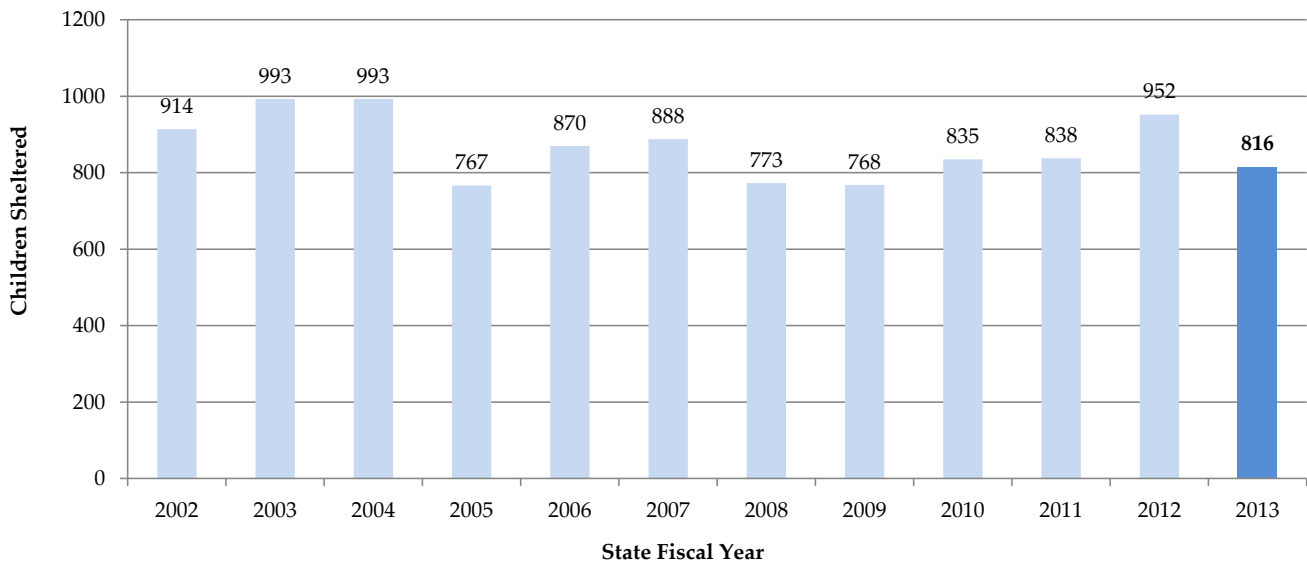
² Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing services in this report are only those paid for with Emergency Solutions Grant dollars. Numbers do not reflect other activities by these grantee providers paid for with funding such as Crisis Fuel, HRF, FEMA, or CSBG.

Persons in Vermont's ESG Homeless Shelters (2002-2013)



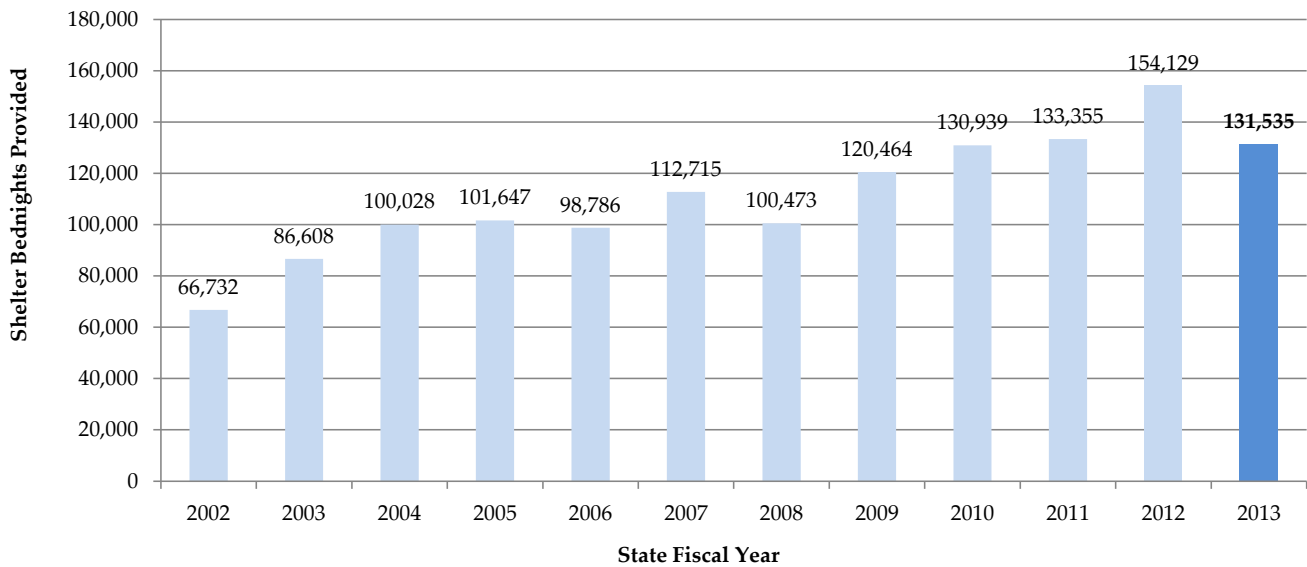
Although the total number of persons staying at an ESG-funded Homeless Shelter has remained relatively constant the past few years, this statewide information can mask some regional differences. In fact, 10 of 26 shelters— or more than one third – reported increases in the number of persons served during SFY 2013. During this same time period, capacity to serve homeless families and individuals saw regional changes; in Burlington two shelters closed while two warming shelters were added in Bennington and Bellows Falls. The total persons served clearly reflects changes in the homeless population, but is also impacted by changes in homeless shelter capacity across the State.

Children in Vermont's ESG Homeless Shelters (2002-2013)

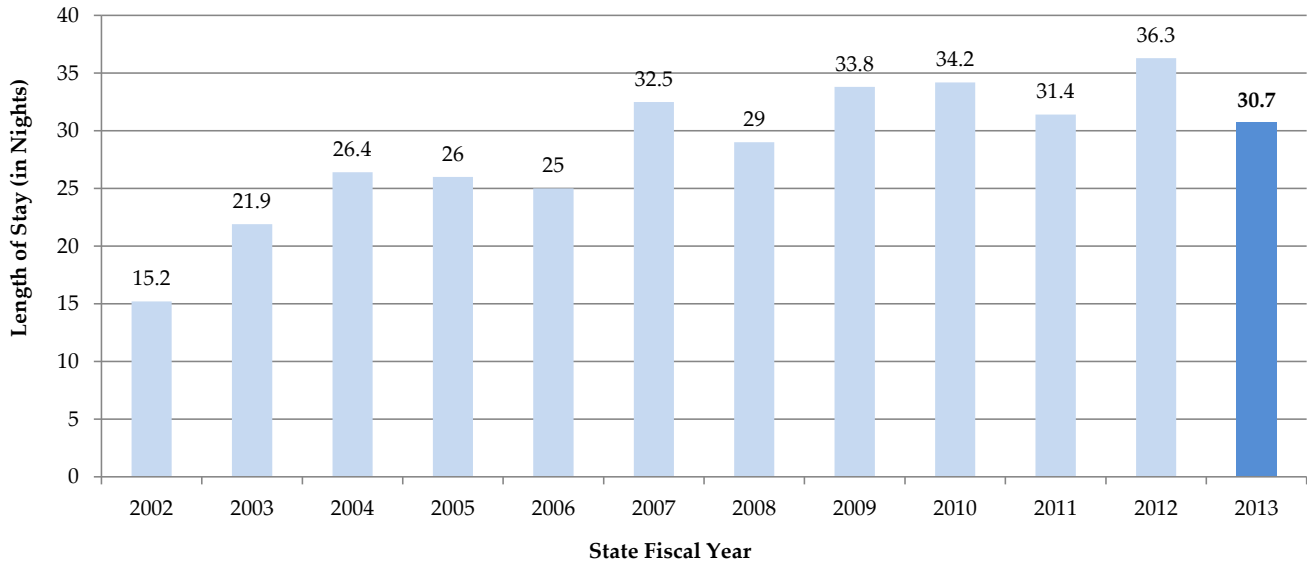


Although not charted historically, the number of families staying in ESG-funded Homeless Shelters actually increased from 517 (SFY 2012) to 558 (SFY 2013). In Burlington alone, there were 139 less children staying in Emergency Shelters, in part due to lost capacity through the closure of a family shelter.

Shelter Bednights: Vermont's ESG Shelters (2002-2013)



Average Length of Vermont's ESG Shelter Stay (2002-2013)



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS PERFORMANCE:³ Beginning July 1, 2011, the State Office of Economic launched new results based performance measurements reported on by all grantee providers and linked to payment. Grantees only reported on measures tied to the category of funding received: Shelter Operations, Case Management, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing. Performance targets and State Fiscal Year 2013 performance is included below. By reporting the “percentage of grantees meeting target”, the Office of Economic Opportunity is able to better understand which areas the network may require training and support to improve or where targets may need to be reconsidered.

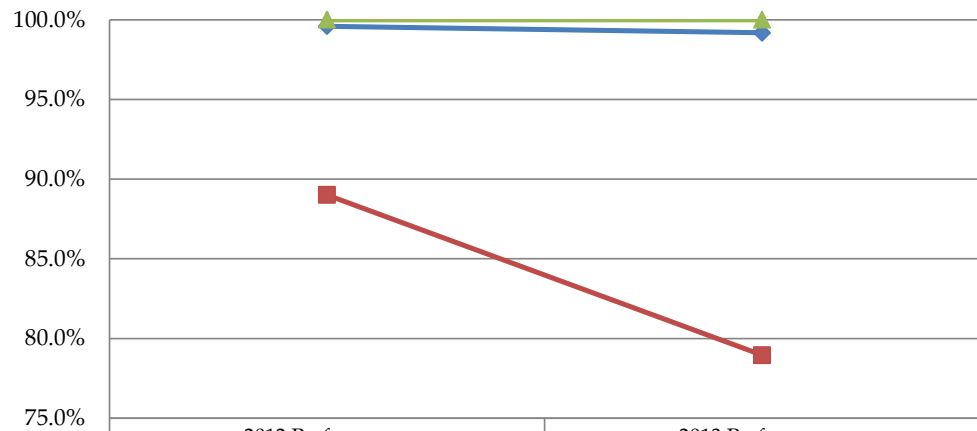
Performance Measures by Activity	Target	State FY 2013 Performance		% of Grantees Meeting Target
EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL SHELTER OPERATIONS				
Shelter facilities are open, staffed, insured, clear of safety violations, and available to shelter the homeless ⁴	365 days	Open 362 days on average or 99.2%		79%
Shelter households (individuals or families) will have an initial meeting with a case manager within 3 days of entering the program ⁵	90%	Emergency	88%	86%
		Day Shelter	75%	0%
		Transitional	100%	100%
YOUTH SHELTER & SERVICES				
Youth entering the program will meet with a case manager within 3 days of program entry	90%	98%		100%
Youth exiting the program will have “safe exits” as defined by one of the following: College, Friends, Home With Family, Independent Living, Job Corps, Military, Relative’s Home, or Residential Treatment/Rehab	70%	85%		100%
Youth with a safe exit will continue to be stably housed for at least 90 days	70%	unknown		unknown
CASE MANAGEMENT				
Homeless households referred for case management will meet with a case manager within 3 days of the referral.	90%	92%		71%
Within 90 days of referral, households receiving case management will have at least 1 adult who is employed, OR enrolled in an educational or training program, OR has qualified for income benefits such as TANF, SSI or GA	70%	63%		36%
Within 90 days of referral, households receiving case management will be stabilized in transitional or permanent housing	70%	29%		17%
Households stabilized or re-housed will continue to be in stable housing at least 90 days following assistance	70%	83%		80%
HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION				
Households at-risk of homelessness will have their housing stabilized or be safely re-housed within 28 days	70%	93%		92%
Households stabilized or re-housed will continue to be in stable housing at least 90 days following assistance	70%	63%		75%
RAPID RE-HOUSING				
Homeless households will be safely re-housed within 28 days	70%	81%		78%
Households re-housed will continue to be in stable housing at least 90 days following assistance	70%	70%		80%

³ Figures in this section represent combined numbers from both HUD and State funded programs.

⁴ Figures do not include day shelters or transitional shelters.

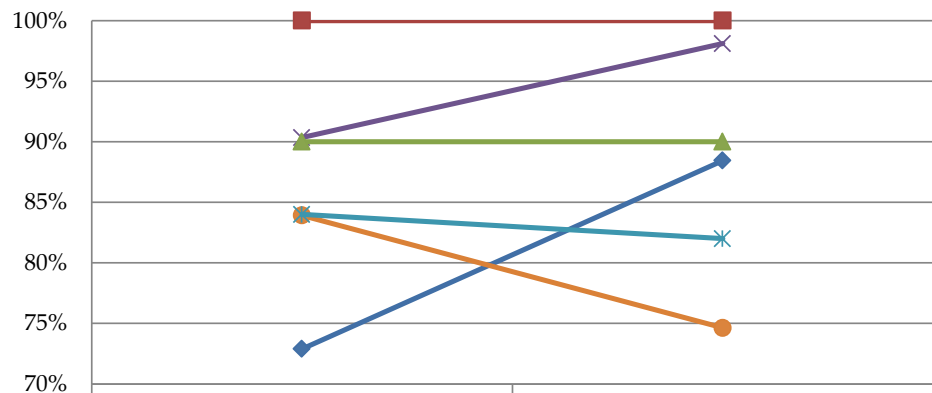
⁵ Figures include 21 year-long and seasonal emergency shelters; 2 day shelters; and 1 transitional shelter.

Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Emergency Shelter Operations



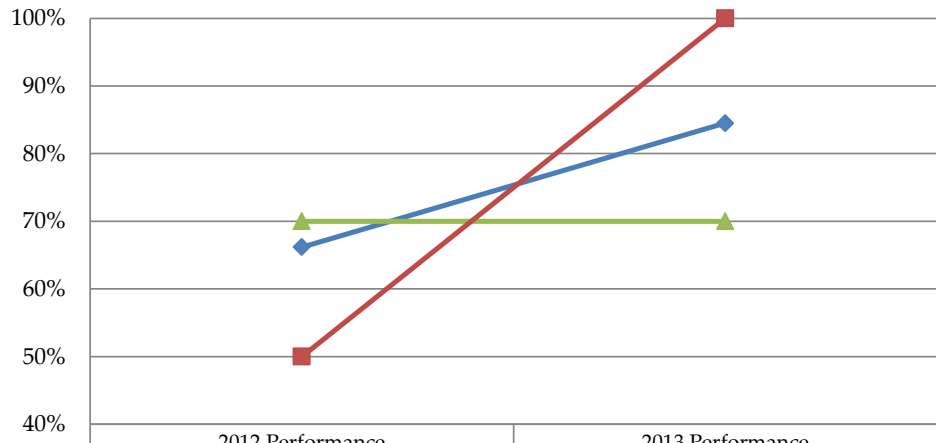
	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ % of calendar days that the shelter was open, staffed, insured, clear of safety violations and available to shelter residents	99.6%	99.2%
▲ Target	100%	100%
■ % of Grantees Meeting Target	89%	79%

Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Shelter Operations, Service Referral



	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ Emergency Shelter: % of new HH who met with a case manager or advocate within 3 days of entrance	73%	88%
● Day Shelter: % of new residents who met with a case manager within 3 days of entrance	84%	75%
■ Transitional Housing: % of new HH who met with a case manager within 3 days of entrance	100%	100%
× Youth Shelter: % of youth who met with a case manager within 3 days of entrance	90%	98%
▲ Target	90%	90%
* % of Grantees Meeting Target	84%	82%

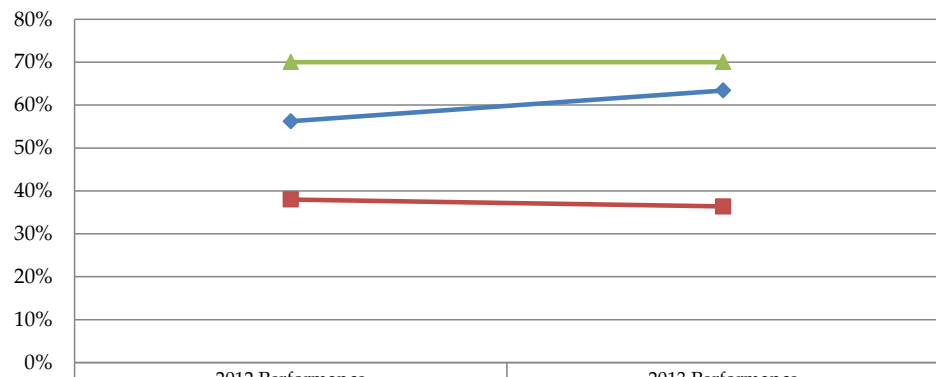
Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Youth Shelter & Services



	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ % of Youth exiting the program who had "safe" exits	66%	85%
▲ Target	70%	70%
■ % of Grantees Meeting Target	50%	100%

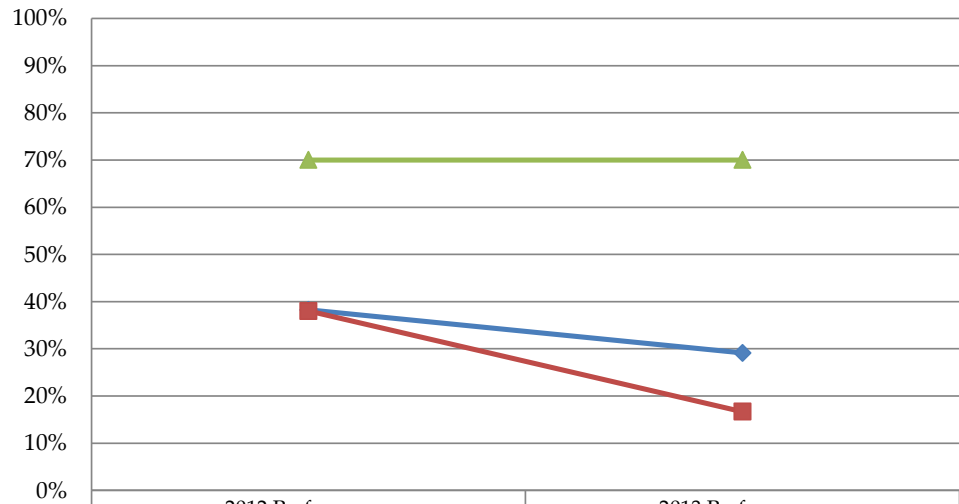
Because of a one-time expansion of funding from HUD in SFY 2013, there were more grantees receiving funding for Case Management, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing, reflected in the following charts.

Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Case Management for Homeless Households (HH), Income



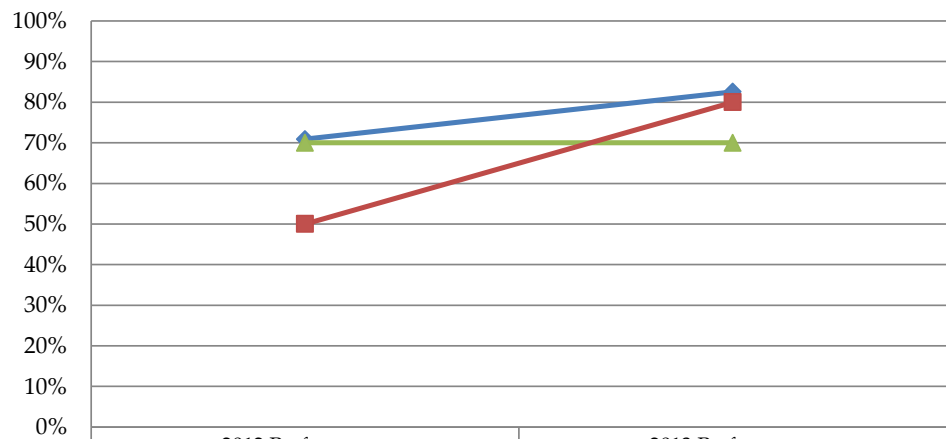
	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ % of HH who - within 90 days of case management - have at least 1 adult who has found employment OR enrolled in education or training OR qualified for income benefits (e.g, TANF, SSI, GA)	56%	63%
▲ Target	70%	70%
■ % of Grantees Meeting Target	38%	36%

Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Case Management for Homeless Households (HH), Housing



	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ % of HH who - within 90 days of case management referral - are stabilized in transitional or permanent housing	38%	29%
▲ Target	70%	70%
■ % of Grantees Meeting Target	38%	17%

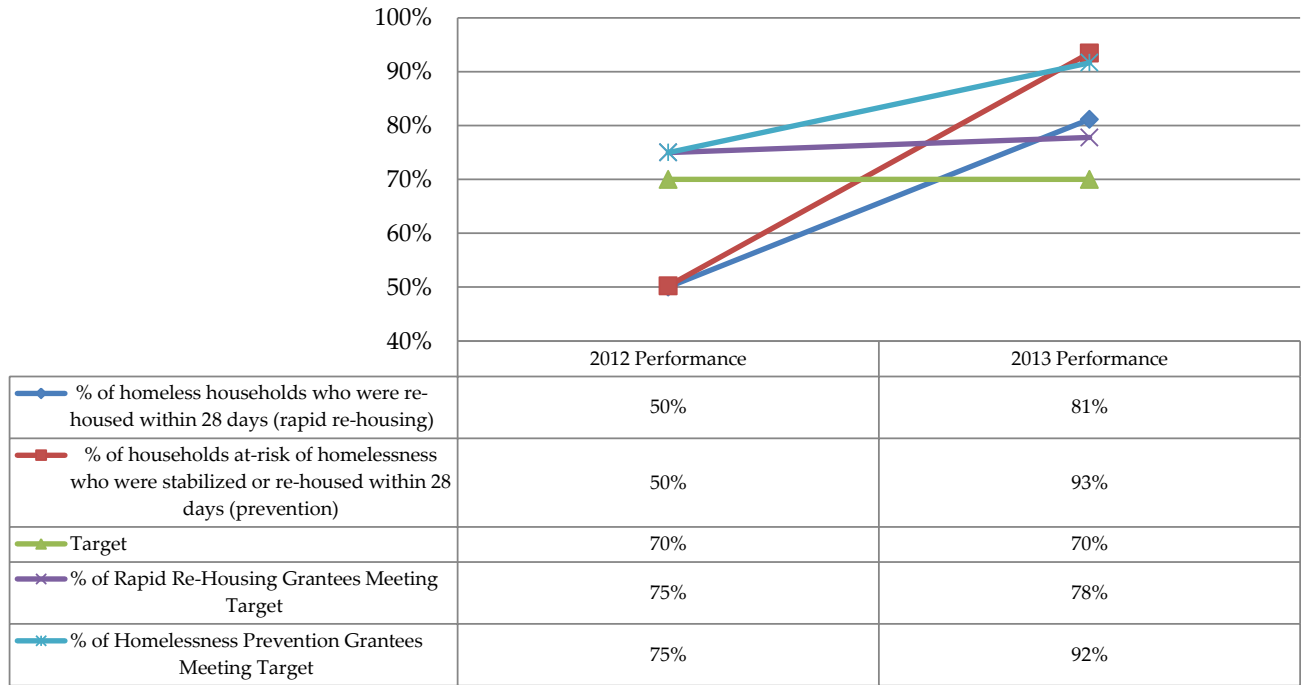
Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Case Management for Homeless Households (HH), Housing Stability



	2012 Performance	2013 Performance
◆ % of HH who were stabilized in transitional or permanent housing AND remained stably housed for at least 90 days	71%	83%
▲ Target	70%	70%
■ % of Grantees Meeting Target	50%	80%

In SFY 2012, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing performance was combined in reporting.

Emergency Solutions Grant Performance: Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing



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