

# Homeless Assistance

Office of Economic Opportunity

# How It All Works

## State Programs & Resources

Housing Opportunity Grant Program

General Assistance Emergency  
Housing (Motel Vouchers)

Family Supportive Housing

Vermont Rental Subsidy

Other State-Funded/AHS Housing and  
Services (not homeless specific)

## Structure & Process

Funding (Federal & State)

Vermont Housing & Homelessness  
Council

Continuums of Care (CoC)

Coordinated Entry

HMIS/Point in Time Count

# Types of Housing Interventions

## Homelessness Prevention

Strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them to stabilize existing housing (or identify immediate alternative housing) and connecting them with services and financial assistance

## Emergency Shelter/Housing

By design, intended to be temporary and to help guests move into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Variety of forms: seasonal or year-round semi/non/congregate shelters, motel vouchers, DV shelters, emergency apartments, host homes for youth, etc.

## Rapid Re-housing

Intervention that rapidly connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a time-limited rental assistance and targeted supportive services

## Permanent Supportive Housing

Evidence-based housing intervention that combines long-term affordable housing assistance with wrap-around supportive services for people with complex service needs, as well as people with long-term disabilities

## Affordable Housing

Housing for which the occupant(s) is/are paying now more than 30 percent of their income for gross housing costs, including utilities

# “3 Legs of the Stool” to Solve Homelessness



1. ***A Unit***
2. ***Rental assistance*** to fill the affordability gap
3. ***Supportive services*** tailored to help people get and keep housing – connections to employment and health services

## VT's Homeless Continuums of Care (CoC)

Housing & Homelessness Alliance of Vermont, <http://helpingtohousevt.org/>

➤ “Balance of State” with 11 local homeless coalitions

Chittenden Homeless Alliance, <http://www.cchavt.org/>

### LOCAL PLANNING AND COLLABORATION



# What does “homeless” mean?

## Category 1: Literal Homelessness

Unsheltered (*place not meant for human habitation*)

Staying in an emergency shelter, including domestic violence (DV) shelters

Staying in an emergency apartment (for families)

Staying in a host home (for unaccompanied minors)

Staying in transitional housing for the homeless (e.g., Veterans Place in Northfield)

Staying in a motel paid for by a community partner (e.g., DV shelter)

In the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program – aka, receiving a “motel voucher”

# 2024 Point in Time Count

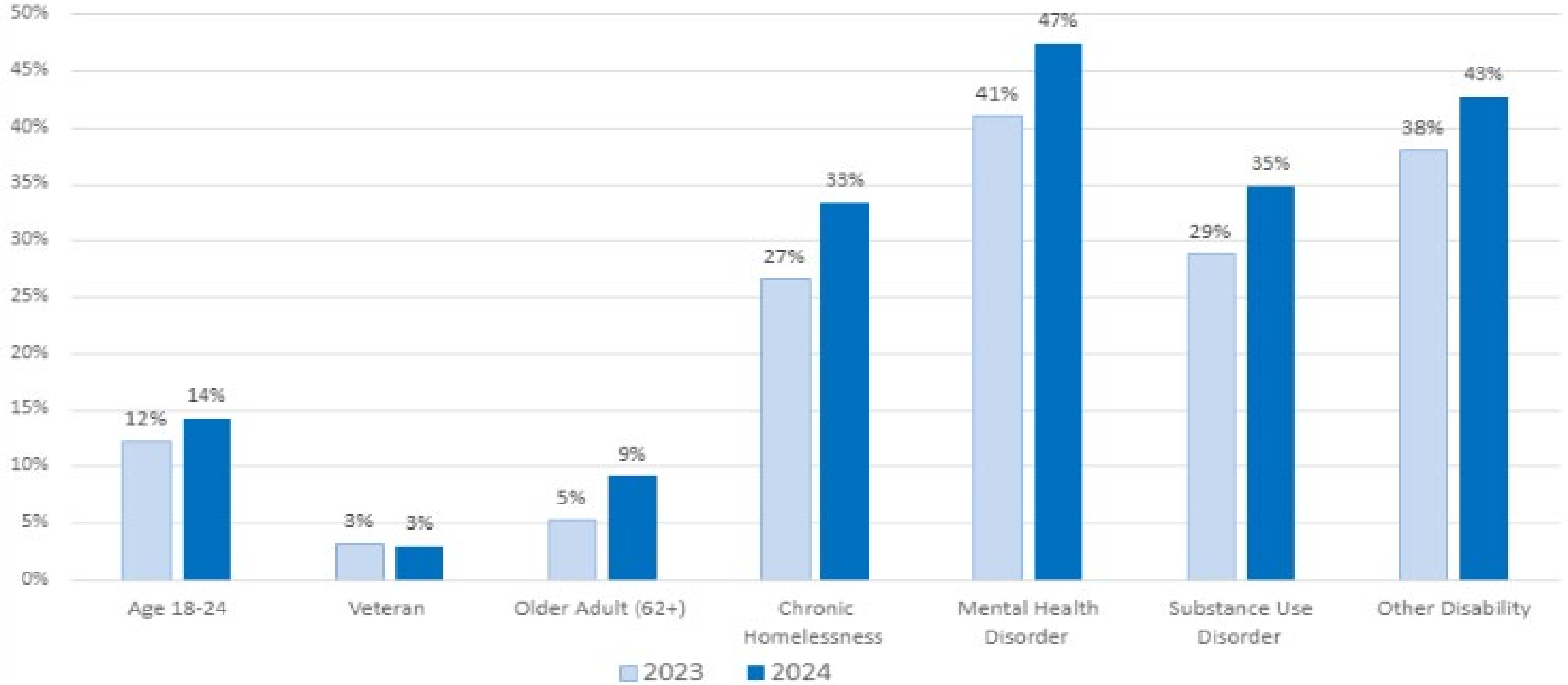
*A one-night, unduplicated count of people experiencing homelessness*

2,322 Households – 3,458 People

Vermont - <https://helpingtohousevt.org/2024-point-in-time-count/>

National - <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2024-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

## Characteristics of Adults Served by Emergency Shelters



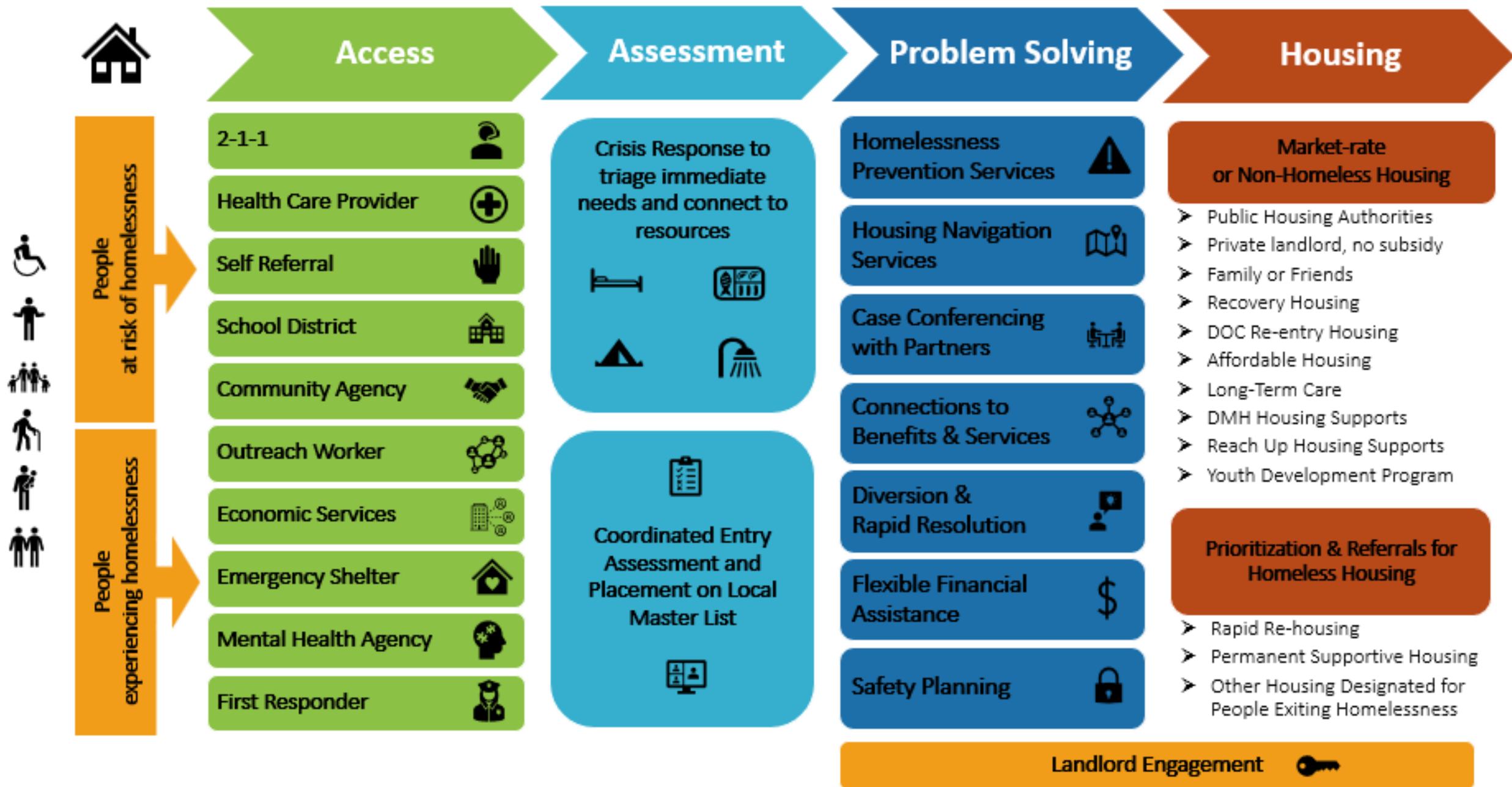


# Coordinated Entry: Connecting People in Housing Crisis to Help



- Reorients housing crisis response system to focus on those being served
- Minimize time and frustration accessing help
- Maximize use of system resources
- Identify service gaps for planning

# Coordinated Entry – Connecting People in Housing Crisis to Housing Supports & Resources



# Get Connected to Housing Help – Local Lead Agencies

Washington  
County: Capstone

Rutland County:  
Homeless  
Prevention Center

Addison County:  
Charter House

Franklin/GI:  
CVOEO

St. Johnsbury  
Area: NEKCA

Springfield Area:  
Springfield  
Supported  
Housing

Hartford Area:  
Upper Valley  
Haven

Southern  
Windham:  
Groundworks

Bennington  
County: BROCC

Lamoille County:  
Capstone

Newport Area:  
NEKCA

Chittenden:  
CVOEO

# OEO Housing Investments

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/resources/awards>

- Housing Opportunity Grant Program & Family Supportive Housing (Medicaid)

Additional Investments:

- New Permanent Supportive Housing Assistance Program (Medicaid)

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/programs/psh>

- One-time
  - Home Family Voucher Program
  - Landlord Relief Program
- ERAP Housing Stability Services – ends June 30, 2025

# Thank you!

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