



November 2016

A Team Approach to Addressing Homelessness: *Focus on Prevention*

A better quality of life for each and every resident and family in Stanislaus County.

That's the goal of Focus on Prevention, the ambitious county-wide initiative that has brought together individuals and agencies from across multiple sectors to develop coordinated, cooperative strategies to address critical issues facing communities and the county.

And some impressive things are beginning to happen.

Coordinating the overall initiative is the Stewardship Council, a group comprised of representatives of government, business, education, health, non-profits, philanthropy, faith, neighborhoods, media and arts, entertainment and sports.

To begin the journey – which is what this multi-year effort is – the Stewardship Council identified homelessness as the initial area of focus. That was a logical choice, since people who are homeless, or struggling to avoid becoming such, often are separated from strong families and communities – usually with tragic consequences.

And after first focusing on the homeless, work has now started on building the foundation for the next logical phase of Focus on Prevention – Strengthening Families, which you will hear more about in the next newsletter.

To launch the first focus, a Homelessness Action Council (HAC) was formed to develop a plan to reduce and prevent homelessness. The group met in May 2015 and began a process of mapping the current realities for the homeless and developing effective immediate and long-term strategies. Among the more than 150 individuals involved in the planning sessions were

people who had been or were currently homeless, neighbors of parks impacted by homelessness and vagrancy, and homelessness services providers.

In December 2015, the HAC reached consensus and endorsed a set of priority results, indicators and strategies, which in turn was approved by the Stewardship Council as the “Common Agenda: Acting Together to Reduce and Prevent Homelessness.”



Common Agenda

Acting together to reduce and prevent homelessness

Results	Our families and neighbors who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, permanently escape homelessness.			
Indicators	1. For individuals who are homeless: a. Reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness b. Reduce the average length of time someone is homeless c. Increase % access to resources to improve wellbeing d. Increase % experiencing improved wellbeing 2. Improve the safety of parks and neighborhoods 3. Decrease the occurrences of public anti-social behavior			
Strategies	Outreach & Engagement	Coordinated Access	Services & Supports	Housing
	Data Development & Capacity-building			
	Mutually reinforcing activities and strategies across multiple sectors and communities: Multi-sector activities / Countywide activities / Community and City level activities			

Developing a Community System of Care

Instead of isolated interventions of the past, multiple homelessness services agencies and community partners in Stanislaus County have come together, aligning their efforts and forming partnerships that have resulted in the Homelessness Community System of Care.

This system of care, in which all sectors have a role and are contributing to the desired results, acknowledges that service providers and partners can accomplish much more working together rather than separately. The importance – and potential – of this alignment, shared results and learning has become crystal clear.

The system of care incorporates four core strategies:

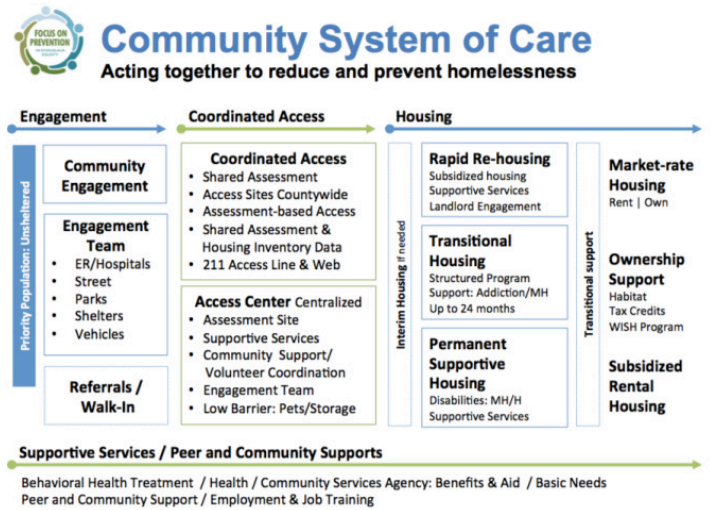
- 1. Outreach and Engagement:** Improving community-based outreach and engagement strategies with a focus on identifying individuals who are not currently connected to services, and as trust is established, those individuals are introduced and connected to a variety of health, housing and community services and supports.
- 2. Coordinated Access:** Developing a countywide coordinated access system that integrates all public- and community-based services and community supports.
- 3. Housing:** Improving access to temporary, transitional, and permanent supportive housing.
- 4. Supportive Services:** Increasing the availability, effectiveness and alignments of homelessness services and community supports that help people escape from and stay out of homelessness.

Guided by the Common Agenda, work groups are now focused on implementing the four strategies, along with developing a map of the Homelessness Community System of Care, a visual that represents the pathway out of homelessness.

Among the accomplishments so far:

- A Multi-disciplinary Outreach and Engagement Team has been organized and has started to meet weekly to coordinate and align efforts, targeting high priority areas, and to improve working relationships with neighborhood leaders and multi-sector partners.
- Homelessness outreach training for community and neighborhood association leaders is underway, and a community-based volunteer homelessness outreach and engagement program is organizing.
- Work has begun on developing a countywide Coordinated Access System (CAS) that will improve access to housing, supportive services and community supports. A standardized assessment has been selected for use at existing homelessness services program sites throughout Stanislaus County, as well as at a new centralized access center in Modesto.

- Work groups comprised of multi-sector partners are meeting with the aim of developing plans to increase access to permanent supportive housing, and developing long-term strategies to address affordable housing issues.



The Focus on Prevention’s Homelessness Initiative is emerging as a shared community vision and foundation for ongoing transformation and culture change that will lead to tangible improvements in the lives of Stanislaus County residents and families.

In a relatively short period of time since Focus on Prevention started, it’s becoming increasingly evident that forging multi-sector partnerships, breaking down silos and focusing on results can produce dramatic improvements in how we address the major challenges facing our communities and county.

Focus on Prevention is a multisector effort to improve lives through collaboration. Find out more at www.preventionfocus.net.

In an attempt to work more efficiently and be more diligent with resource management, the City of Modesto is exploring the idea of phasing out this utility insert newsletter. The information would still be posted electronically on our website and copies would be made available in strategic locations throughout Modesto.

If you read this monthly newsletter and have an opinion to share, we would love to hear it! Please email avickery@modestogov.com or call 209.577.5223 and let us know your thoughts.



Water Conservation Tips for Fall and Winter:

- Be aware that water needs of plants (including grass) drop dramatically in the fall. Over-watering in the fall can lead to plant disease.
- Outdoor watering should be cut back significantly. Cooler weather and seasonal rains make it possible to stop all supplemental irrigation.
- Avoid watering in the evening if possible. Fungal problems are more likely if plants are wet all night during fall months.
- Avoid watering during any form of precipitation.
- Use organic mulch around winter plants, especially around trees.
- This is a good time of year to stop using soaker hoses and put them away for the winter.
- Lawns need very little irrigation in the winter.
- Your landscape irrigation should drop to nearly zero in the winter because only potted plants and other winter annuals need occasional watering.
- Replace old toilets with more efficient low flow toilets to save as much as five gallons per flush and flush only when necessary.
- Don't let water run continuously while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Re-use water when you can. A bucket in the shower can catch water for plants and clean-up jobs.
- Install water efficient faucets throughout the house.
- Fix leaks right away.

Please continue to conserve water by following these tips and the City of Modesto watering schedule.

The City of Modesto continues to offer water saving rebate programs, see ad on right for more information. →

Thank you for doing your part to conserve water and remember, every drop is precious!



ONE DAY WATERING

Effective Nov 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

WATERING DAYS

Odd-numbered addresses
watering day is **Sunday**

Even-numbered addresses
watering day is **Saturday**

No outdoor water use Monday - Friday,
Outdoor water use prohibited Sat & Sun 9am-7pm

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Save Water. Save Money
City of Modesto water customers may be eligible for new water conservation rebate programs.
 Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

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Waste Tire Recycling Events

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with and without rims - OK
- Car, Truck & Motorcycle Tires - OK
- Up to 9 tires accepted at no charge
- No Commercial or Tractor Tires

WHAT TO DO:

- Call City of Modesto and request a Coupon: **(209) 577-5494**
- Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781
- Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Take Tires to Garbage Company
- Do not mix tires with other waste

FREE DISPOSAL ON DATES LISTED BELOW

February 1-29 • April 1-30 • June 1-30
August 1-31 • October 1-31 • December 1-31
 (Closed Dec. 25)

Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

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 Call (209) 577-5494

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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Bulky Item Collection Program
Cut Off Dates

The last day to schedule an appointment to have your large bulky items picked up in 2016 is nearing.

You must call to schedule your appointment no later than December 9th in order to have your items picked up this year.

All calls received for appointments after December 9 will be scheduled for January 2017 and will count toward one of your appointments for that year.

Call your garbage company to schedule your appointment and to learn about program restrictions and requirements.

- Gilton Solid Waste 527-3781
- Bertolotti Disposal 537-8000

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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be **no** changes in service for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Garbage Service will run as normal for both weeks.



 Is your garbage or green waste container in need of a new lid, wheel, or some other type of repair? Contact your garbage company to schedule the repair. The garbage companies are:

- Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781

For more information or to find out which garbage company services your area call the City of Modesto Solid Waste Management Office at 209/577-5493.

Leaf Season is Upon Us...

During the month of December the City of Modesto Green Waste Crews will only collect and remove leaves. No green waste will be collected during this time. Leaves will be collected from the street only. Please do not place green waste in the street or alleys again until your scheduled collection time in January 2017. Piles of leaves with green waste mixed in will not be collected. For more information regarding the leaf removal program call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463 or visit our website at www.modestogov.com/360/Green-Waste-Collection