

Homelessness in Sacramento

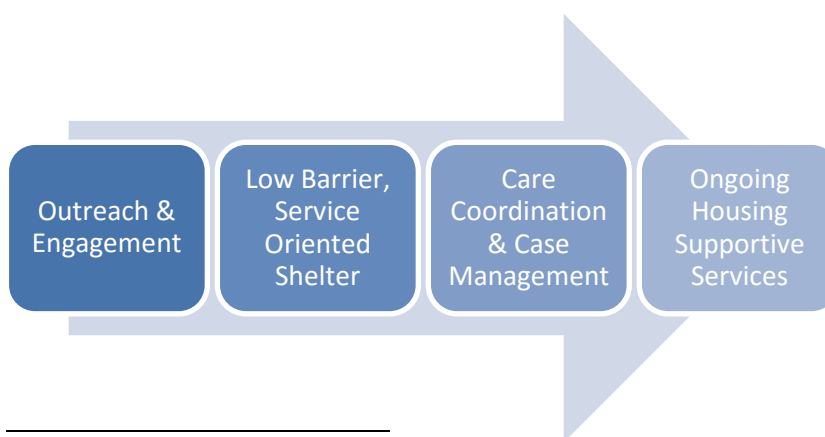
On any given night in Sacramento County, it is estimated that **approximately 3,665 persons experience homelessness**. Over one half of these people are unsheltered.¹

	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total
Single Adults (25+)	1,917	957	2,874
Persons in Families	17	572	589
Unaccompanied Youth (18-24)	118	84	202
Total	2,052	1,613	3,665

Region-wide efforts to prevent and end homelessness are coordinated through **Sacramento Steps Forward**, the lead agency in Sacramento County responsible for overseeing our homeless Continuum of Care.² Sacramento Steps Forward’s responsibilities include:

- Overseeing approximately **\$19 million in federal funding** for a variety of housing and service programs for persons and families experiencing homelessness administered by over 20 different non-profit organizations; and
- Administering the federally required **database** that collects and reports out data on the performance of homeless serving programs; and
- Reporting out on a bi-ennial basis the **count of sheltered and unsheltered people** in the community experiencing homelessness; and
- Coordinating the variety of programs available for persons experiencing homelessness in Sacramento under a **Coordinated Entry and Assessment Process** where people in need have a coordinated access point into the system of care and are commonly assessed and linked with services that align with their needs and vulnerability.

In addition to the efforts of Sacramento Steps Forward, the City of Sacramento takes a leadership role in augmenting these services, funding over \$3 million annually in outreach, shelter, services and housing. In June, 2017, the City was awarded \$64 million through the



Whole Person Care program to expand these services and support and enhance existing services to ensure the most vulnerable among the homeless population are provided deep, on-going and client centered services.

¹ 2015 Sacramento Countywide Homeless Count Report: <http://sacramentostepsforward.org/news-events/publications/>

² For detailed information on the roles and responsibilities of homeless Continuums of Care, see: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/library/entry/fact-sheet-what-is-a-continuum-of-care>.

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How Can I Help?

- 1) If you witness criminal activity, either perpetrated by a person experiencing homelessness or where a person experiencing homelessness is the victim, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- 2) If there are signs of homeless encampments in or around your neighborhood (within the City of Sacramento limits), you should report them via the **City's 311 Call Center**, <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Information-Technology/311/About-311>. You can call, email, or use the 311 app to report encampments.
 - ✓ *311 staff will dispatch appropriate response from Police, Parks, and/or Code.*
 - ✓ *311 strives to make an initial inspection on these complaints within 72-hours of receipt.*
- 3) If you are experiencing homelessness or are in need of assistance, please call or visit 211 Sacramento: www.211sacramento.org.
- 4) If you know someone experiencing homelessness and want to link them with services or if you want more information on homelessness in Sacramento and how you can help with efforts to reduce and end homelessness, contact either:

Sacramento Steps Forward
info@sacstepsforward.org
916.577.9770

City of Sacramento Homeless Services Coordinator
Emily Halcon
ehalcon@cityofsacramento.org
916.808.7896

- 5) If you know of a family (with minor children) who is literally homeless or in a housing crisis, please refer them to:

Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance
www.mybenefitscalwin.org
916.874.3100

- 6) If you know someone in need of mental health support or resources, whether they are homeless or not, contact either:

Sacramento County Community Support Team (CST)
916.874.6015

TLCS Crisis Respite Center
916.737.7483 **this is a 24 hour a day/7 days a week resource*

- 7) If you want information on how to better prevent crime in your neighborhood and on your property, including how to deter homeless encampments from forming, contact the Sacramento Police Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 916.808.0813.