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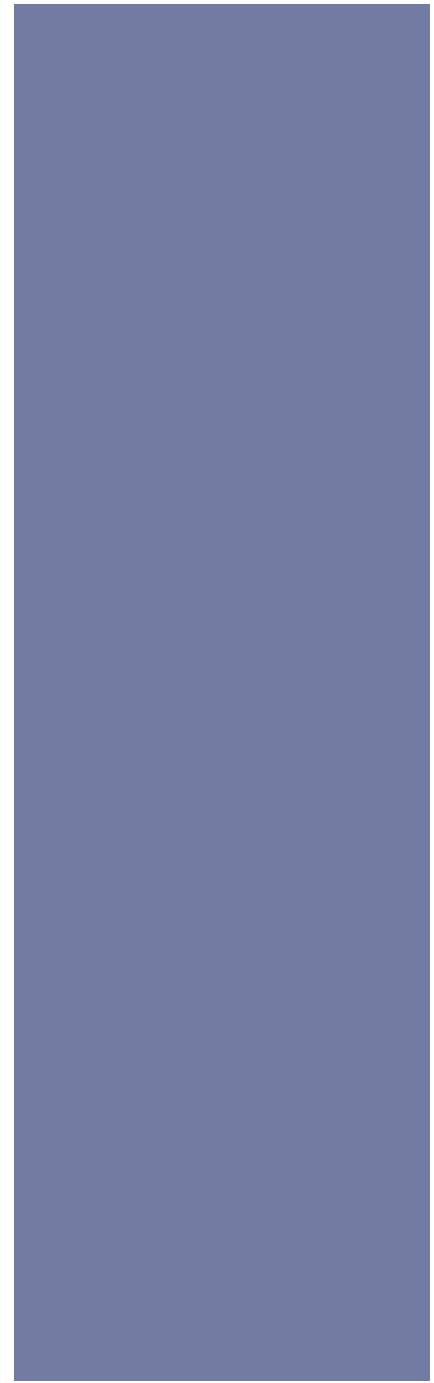
AGENDA

- **Describe how your community has organized around the issues of homelessness and housing and who has been involved.**
- **What are the primary successes your community has enjoyed the last year or two in dealing with the issue of homelessness?**
- **What are the primary challenges facing your community in reducing/ending homelessness?**
- **What do you feel are the key factors to show that homelessness is being mindfully addressed in Arapahoe County?**

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Our Community has organized around homelessness by revamping the ArapaHOME program.



ARAPAHOME COMMITTEE

- **Cameron Shropshire**

- *Homeless Services Manager
Metro Community Provider
Network*

- **Alexa Wood**

- *AmeriCorps VISTA at MCPN*

- **Pamela Olesen**

- *Human Services*

- **Liana Escott**

- *Arapahoe County*

- **Ben Nichols**

- *Housing Navigator for
Arapahoe County*

- **Keith Singer**

- *Family Tree House of Hope*

- **Bonnie DeHart**

- *H.A.A.T. Force*

MISSION STATEMENT

“ArapaHOME is committed to find sustainable solutions to prevent and end homelessness in Arapahoe County. ArapaHOME will be successful through the commitment and collaboration between community agents toward sustainable outcomes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness”

ARAPAHOME PLAN

- **Goal 1: Raise awareness about homelessness**
 - Increase public awareness
- **Goal 2: Prevent homelessness**
 - Coordinated assessment process and assess individual needs to resources
 - Improve access to public benefits
- **Goal 3: Respond to homelessness in the short term**
 - Support outreach programs
 - Make referrals
 - Increase number of emergency shelter beds
- **Goal 4: Affordable housing units**
 - Create a database
 - Support development of new affordable housing
- **Goal 5: Build programs to increase stability**
 - Enhance life skills
 - Increase permanent income

ARAPAHOME:WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED

- *Community Resources at Arapahoe County*
- *Human Services at Arapahoe County*
- *Metro Community Provider Network (MCPN)*
- *Family Tree*
- *HATS*
- *Giving Heart*
- *Family Promise of Greater Denver*
- *Gracefull Café*
- *Café 180*
- *South Metro Housing Options*
- *The Aurora Housing Authority*
- *Interfaith*
- *The City of Aurora*
- *Community Housing Partners*

CONCLUSION

“ArapaHOME aims to unite organizations in Arapahoe County to maximize the positive impact for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.”

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY SUCCESSES YOUR COMMUNITY HAS ENJOYED THE LAST YEAR OR TWO IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS?

- **A new Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program was started by Family Promise of Greater Denver.**
 - **4 Households have been housed**
 - **2 are expected to successfully graduate from the program**
- **We changed the multi-family lending model to include TBRA units in new developments:**
 - **Medici, Broadway Lofts (Englewood)**
 - **SW Development, The Foundry (Englewood)**
 - **Brothers Redevelopment, Paris Street Project (Aurora)**
 - **Pending: Littleton Crossing (Littleton)**

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY SUCCESSES YOUR COMMUNITY HAS ENJOYED THE LAST YEAR OR TWO IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS?

- A new position was required in Arapahoe County: Housing Specialist



Arapahoe County Housing Assistance Program

The Arapahoe County Housing Assistance Program is offered to all Arapahoe County residents. There is no age requirement to receive assistance. All assistance provided is free of charge.

The Arapahoe County Housing Assistance Program can assist with:

- Housing searches
- Referrals to rental assistance programs
- Eviction resources
- Homeless prevention services
- And other housing resource questions

For more information contact us today:
Housing & Community Development Services
Benjamin Nichols, Housing Specialist
303-738-8061 / bnichols@arapahoegov.com

Visit our website to view resources such as:

- Foreclosure Assistance
- Shelters
- Heat-Energy Assistance
- Landlord Tenant Relations

<http://arapahoegov.com/housing>

No one will be denied assistance solely because of race, creed, sex, color, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, mental or physical disability, or political affiliation or belief.



WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY SUCCESSES YOUR COMMUNITY HAS ENJOYED THE LAST YEAR OR TWO IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS?

- **Our Rental Prevention programs have been expanded and an effort is underway to have more representation on the Eastern Plains.**
- **Staff attends local food banks to offer potential assistance to households early on, before any potential problem can escalate.**

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITY IN REDUCING/ENDING HOMELESSNESS?

- Lack of Funding and Potential Funding Cuts (HOME, CDBG)
- High Rents, Low Vacancy Rates
- Lack of daily resources for Homeless people
- Insufficient Community Support/Understanding
- A continued increase of people moving to Colorado without any housing, plan or employment
- New affordable Housing Developments need Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to be feasible – making the LIHTC process very competitive.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE THE KEY FACTORS TO SHOW THAT HOMELESSNESS IS BEING MINDFULLY ADDRESSED IN ARAPAHOE COUNTY.



HANDS:

Helping Arapahoe Neighbors Discover Support

Mission: Helping neighbors discover support by building partnerships between the government, faith, nonprofit and business communities



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Individual and Family Needs

Aurora Family is in Need of a Toddler Bed. A kinship family that just had a toddler placed with them is in need of a toddler bed. If you have a gently used toddler bed that you are willing/able to donate to this family please contact Nicki Watson at nwatson@arapahoegov.com or 303-738-8051

Resources

Low Cost Summer Camp for Kids

Families Forward Resource Center is preparing for our 22nd Annual Summer for 2017. There are 2 locations, in which includes Kenton Elementary School in Aurora aside from the Evie Dennis Campus in Green Valley Ranch. We target lower-income families in which we accept CCAP. [Click here](#) for more information and to learn how to sign up.

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GOALS

Generational Opportunities to Achieve Long-Term Success

Our Vision:

We will move families from poverty and homelessness, to economic security and stable, permanent housing using an integrated multi-generational (2-Gen) approach.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO'S FIRST

A New Program for Arapahoe County – the Committee is currently looking for a viable residential property for with new development or rehabilitation.

Next Meeting Date: 5/4/2017