PATH'S STORY On July 1, 2015, Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter merged with PATH to become PATH Santa Barbara. In Santa Barbara, PATH provides variety of life-saving services for our neighbors experiencing homelessness that include employment assistance, outreach, housing navigation, interim housing, rapid-rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Our facility also serves as an access point for the county’s coordinated entry system. We employ two Rapid Resolutions Specialists to help individuals navigate the Coordinated Entry System, become document ready for housing and apply for benefits.

One unique approach Santa Barbara has adopted to end homelessness in its region is through its scattered site permanent supportive housing program. This program helps connect individuals experiencing homelessness to private market apartments and integrate them into new communities where they can live and thrive.

KEY PROGRAMS

**Employment** The services provided include job searches and the skill training required to obtain employment which includes resume building, application assistance and interviewing skills and computer skills.

**Coordinated Street Outreach** Outreach staff engages and builds trusting relationships with unsheltered individuals and helps them enroll into programs that seek to stabilize their wellness and housing. Our staff conducts assessments, identifies needs and challenges, and makes referrals to services that will help people move off the streets and into their own homes.

**Making It Home By The Numbers**

- **318* PEOPLE SERVED**
- **36* HOUSING PLACEMENTS**
- **2,168 PEOPLE HOUSED SINCE 2015**

* IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021
KEY PROGRAMS

Housing Search & Navigation
PATH’s housing specialists work closely with clients to identify needs and address barriers to quickly connect clients with sustainable housing opportunities.

Interim Housing
Connections Housing has 100 interim beds where individuals can find respite from the streets while working towards securing permanent homes and achieving self-sufficiency. We also partner with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure unsheltered Veterans have a safe space to stay while developing housing plans.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
Our RRH staff helps individuals quickly exit homelessness and move into their own homes through housing placement assistance, security deposit and short-term rental assistance, and stabilizing case management. The program offers landlord management, rental and financial assistance for up to two years, and intensive case management and retention.

Scattered Site Program
Our Permanent Supportive Housing Program serves the county’s most vulnerable individuals. In order to qualify for this program individuals must be chronically homeless and have at least one disabling condition. Services include subsidized rental assistance and case management and housing navigation. Supportive services include help with utilities, food, life skills training, and assistance with applying for benefits.

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