PATH’s mission is to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. We do this by building affordable housing and providing supportive services throughout California.

PATH’S STORY PATH started operations in Orange County in March 2020, with the opening of the 100-bed Placentia Navigation Center serving the North Service Planning Area. In January 2021, PATH opened the 425-bed Yale Navigation Center, in partnership with the County of Orange, serving the Central Service Planning Area. Expansion continued with Emergency Housing Voucher and Rapid Re-Housing programming serving adults experiencing homelessness across the county, housing over 350 people. During the first round of state Encampment Resolution Funding, PATH collaborated with the County, City of Costa Mesa, and OC Parks to serve unsheltered individuals in Talbert Regional Park. PATH’s Outreach and Care Coordination ramped up in 2022 spanning both South and Central Service Planning Areas. In 2023, PATH contracted with CalOptima Health, ramping up CalAIM Community Supports and Enhanced Care Management programs, serving more people through housing navigation, housing deposits, and tenancy sustaining services.

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PATH opened Yale Navigation Center in partnership with Orange County in January 2021 in the City of Santa Ana. This site is a referral-only 425-bed interim shelter serving individuals and couples experiencing homelessness in the Central Service Planning Area. Wraparound services, including case management, housing navigation, healthcare, and employment services, are available to all residents, along with meals, laundry facilities and transportation to and from the site.

Outreach and Engagement Outreach staff engage and build trusting relationships with unsheltered individuals and help enroll them into programs that seek to stabilize their wellness and housing. Our staff conduct assessments, identify needs and challenges, and make referrals to services that will help people move off the streets and into homes of their own. Field-based and intensive care coordination services are designed to bring our unhoused neighbors home quickly.

Encampment Resolution PATH is dedicated to implementing effective strategies for encampment resolution. Our approach involves proactive and compassionate measures to address the unique needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
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in encampments. We focus on outreach, engagement, and connection to services, aiming to achieve resolution through housing solutions, supportive services, and community collaboration.

Health Services PATH OC is proud to be a CalOptima Health provider, introducing Community Supports (CS) and Enhanced Care Management (ECM) initiatives. CS aids CalAIM-eligible participants experiencing homelessness with housing navigation services, deposits, and tenancy support. ECM ensures enhanced coordination and care planning for Medi-Cal Populations of Focus with complex needs. Initially rolling out with PATH OC participants, this program supports their transition from interim programs to sustained housing placements.

Care Coordination The Care Coordination Program provides linkage to supportive services & continuity of care for unsheltered adults, from street to stabilized placement. Care Coordination & case management is person-centered and aligned with evidence-based best practices. Above all, PATH Care Coordination is housing-focused, adhering to a Housing First approach in participant interactions that acknowledges that all people deserve access to a safe home.

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

Rapid Re-Housing PATH’s Rapid Re-Housing program is tailored for individuals experiencing homelessness, offering a pathway to permanent affordable housing. Following the Housing First model, we expedite the transition to stable homes, providing support for move-in costs, furniture, and short-medium term rental subsidies. Our holistic approach includes comprehensive case management services, fostering stability, skill development, and resource access to thrive in housing and prevent future homelessness. This encompasses income enhancement, financial skill building, and improved health and education through strategic resource connections.

Housing Support and Retention PATH OC guides individuals through the housing journey, assisting with unit search, applications, and move-in processes. We provide one-time financial aid for move-in expenses, support financial management skills, address landlord concerns, and ensure housing stability and tenancy sustainment. Additionally, we connect individuals to various supportive services, including medical care, mental health care, benefits, employment, legal aid, and more. Our goal is to create not just housing but a stable and thriving home.

Service Animal-Friendly PATH recognizes that animals are not only members of the family but also can play an important supportive role for many of our residents. We welcome our residents’ service and emotional support animals at PATH OC, even featuring a dog park. PATH partners with other nonprofits, like the Humane Society, to secure food and veterinary services, including mobile pet clinics at PATH sites.