Texas Homeless Network

Housing Summit
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Austin, TX

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PHA Role in Addressing Homelessness

FWHA has set aside 200 vouchers to house the homeless on the Housing Choice Voucher Program

150 Continuum of Care (formerly Shelter + Care) preference vouchers
   CoC participants who are able to live independently and require little or no supportive services

10 Tarrant County College VISIONS vouchers
   Homeless college students who meet academic requirements
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10 Workforce Solutions Project WISH vouchers
   Homeless persons who have completed job training and education programs referred by Workforce Solutions (no longer referring)

20 MHMR preference vouchers
   Project 19-Homeless MHMR clients (19)
   Mothers in Transition-Homeless MHMR clients who are pregnant or have an infant (1)
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Coming Soon – 10 vouchers for homeless families with children in the Fort Worth Independent School District
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Homeless Housing Programs at FWHA

Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing-290 vouchers

Continuum of Care-431 certificates

Directions Home-105 vouchers

Single Room Occupancy-70 certificates
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Landlord Engagement

Outreach at Landlord Orientation
Landlord Advisory Committee
Annual Landlord Workshop
Agency Newsletters
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Community Partners
  City of Fort Worth
  Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (CoC)
  MHMR
  Cornerstone Assistance Network
  North Texas Veterans Affairs
  Individual landlords with an interest in housing the homeless
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Creativity and communication are key

Keep an eye to all aspects of need – Children, Re-entry housing, homeless who are not generally eligible for services outside of living situation, aged out foster youth