

*The Way Home
Continuum of Care
Encampment Response Strategy*





Coalition for the Homeless

Mission:

- To provide leadership in the development, advocacy, and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

Role:

- Coordinate the community response to homelessness
- Lead agency for the TX-700 Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead
- Coordinated Entry Lead

Encampment Response Strategy

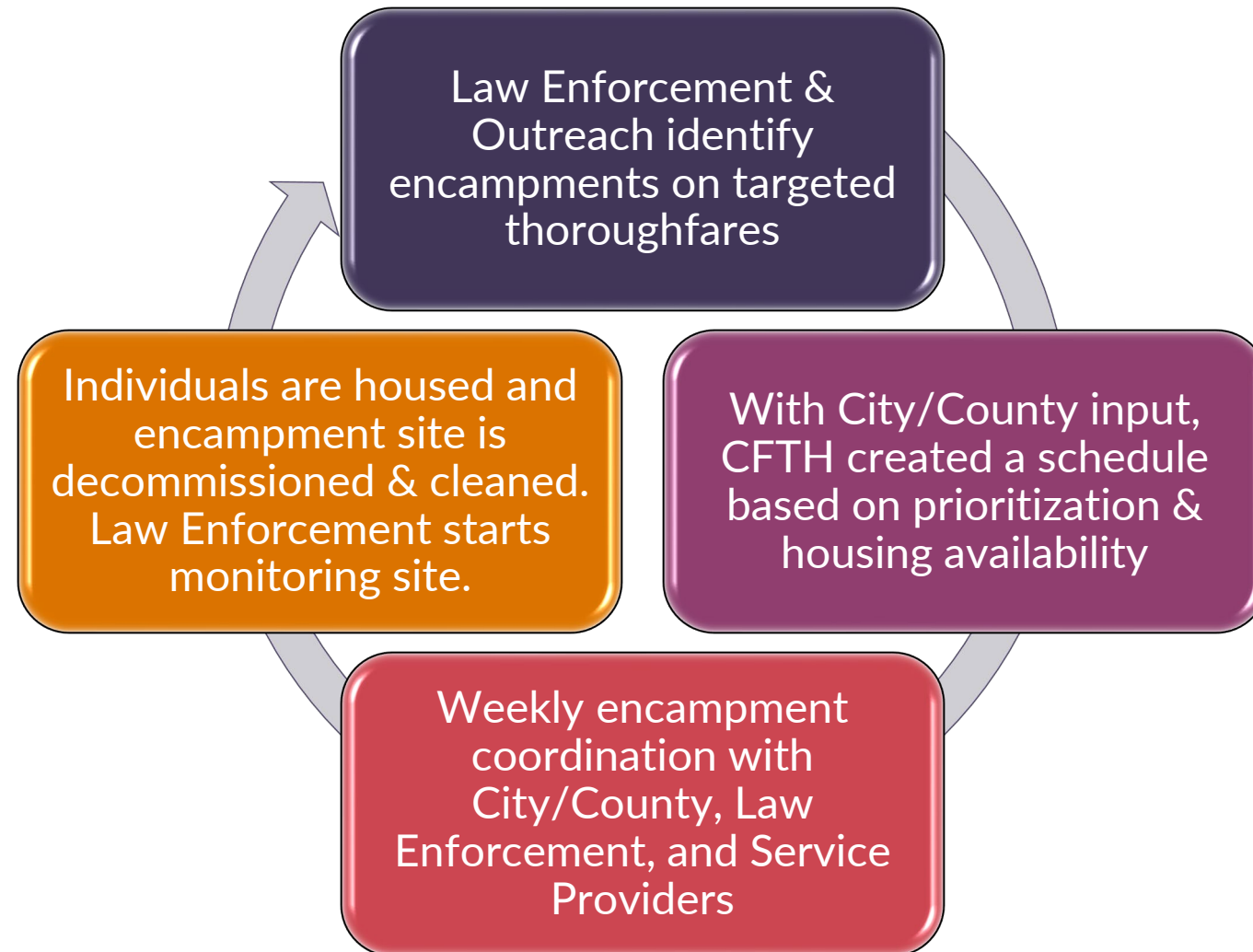
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Coordinated Encampment Response



Decommissioning Timeline

Site Identification & Reconnaissance

- Visual Inventory of site
- Identify community groups

4-6 wks

Comprehensive Engagement

- By-name list created
- First briefing w/partners

3 wks

Encampment Response 2

- Office "closure" notice posted
- Confirm structures to be removed
- Confirm transportation & storage needs
- Units available, location, inspection, pre-approvals

2 wks

1 wk

Aftercare

- Daily home visits w/housed clients
- Monitor site to maintain clearance
- Site monitored by law enforcement

Site Assessment



- Document location
- Vulnerability of population

Encampment Response 1

- CE Assessments
- Confirm housing & needs
- Landlord engagement

Housing Surge Week

- Housing partners on-site HMIS enrollments
- Transport clients to units
- Law enforcement & solid waste



The Landlord Engagement Team is performing strategically-focused recruitment efforts to expand affordable housing availabilities for both Continuum of Care (CoC) and CCHP program participants

About Landlord Engagement





Encampment Results

- 113 Encampments Decommissioned
- 683 Individuals
- 69% Accepted a Housing Option
- 21% Self-Resolved
- 10% Refused



\$4 Million Encampment Approach




Outreach
Staff

Landlord
Engagement
Staff

2 Vehicles

Client and
Staff
Supplies



Additional Expenses to Consider

- 
- Housing Programs
 - Housing Case Management
 - Additional Partners
 - Mental Health
 - Domestic Violence
 - Landlord Incentives
 - Furniture
 - Welcome Kits

Lessons Learned

No Two Encampments are the Same

Start small

Integrated Care Teams

Housing Referral Timing

Restoring Community Support in Housing First

Create a Client List

Overlap Supportive Services

