

*The Way Home  
Continuum of Care  
Encampment Response Strategy*



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# Coalition for the Homeless

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## 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

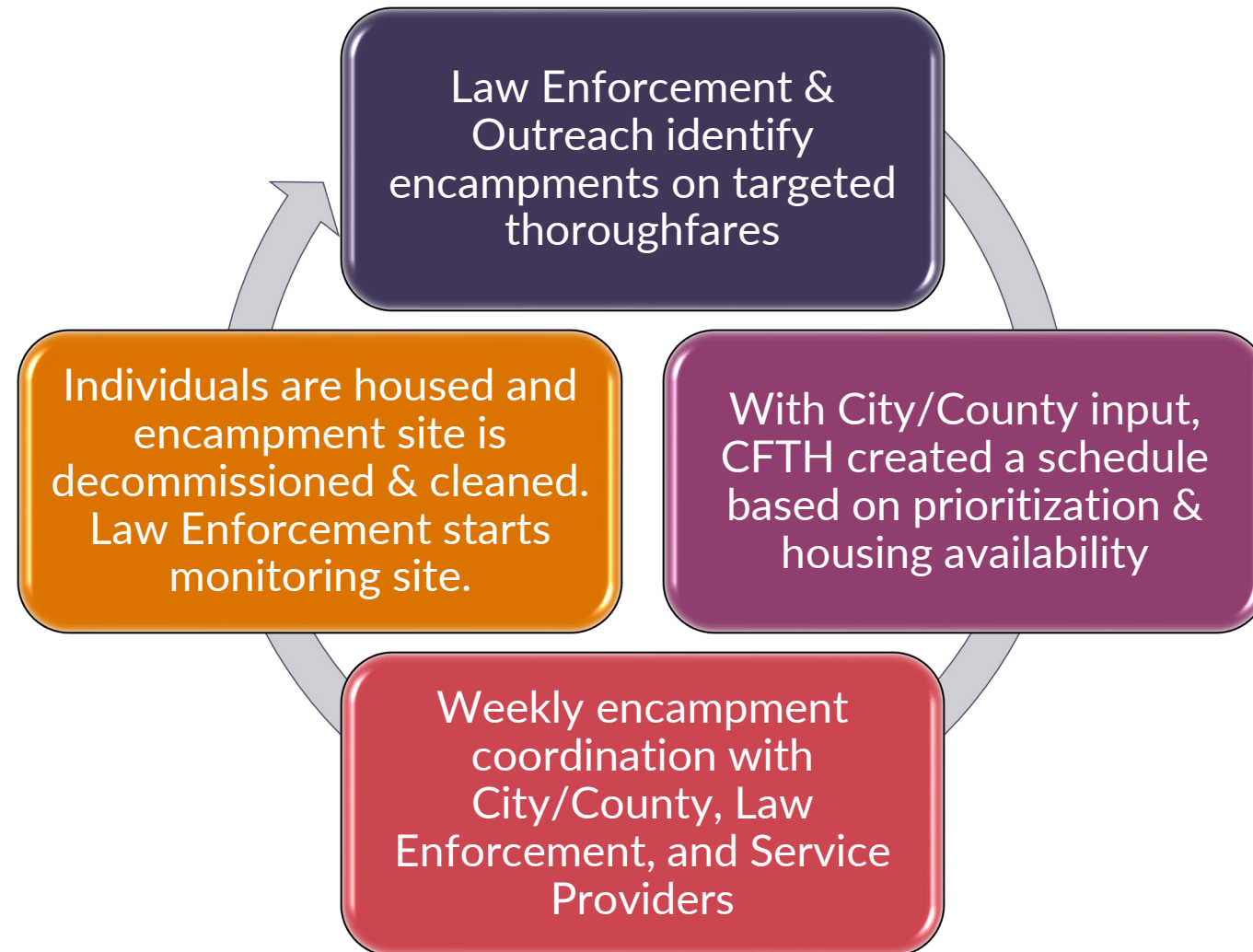
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# Coordinated Encampment Response



# 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

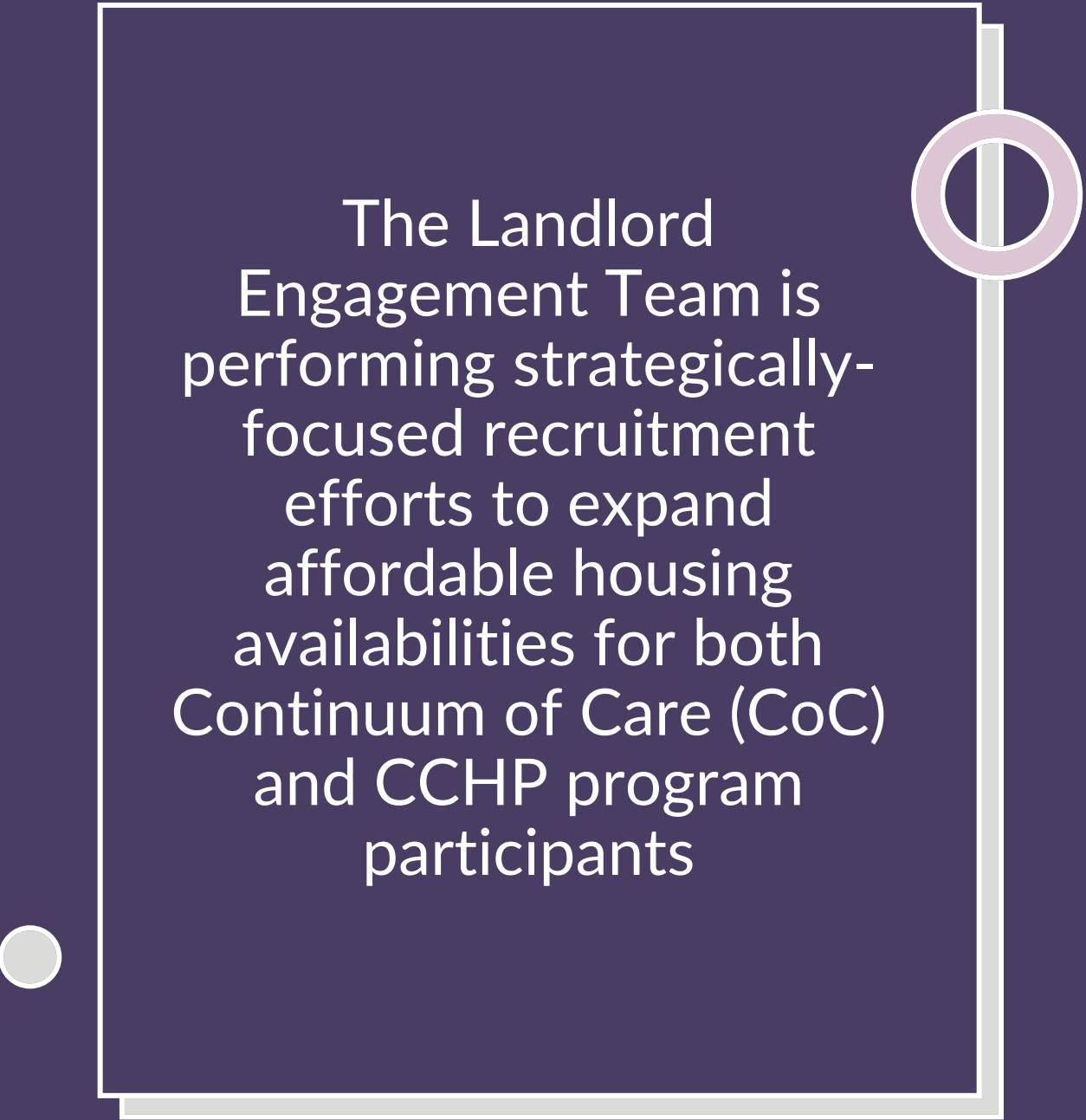
- Document location
- Vulnerability of population

## 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

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No Two Encampments are the Same

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Start small

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Integrated Care Teams

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Housing Referral Timing

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Restoring Community Support in Housing First

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Create a Client List

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Overlap Supportive Services

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