Family Shelter Overview

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Housing Access & Affordability

Family Shelter Providers

The Salvation Army

- Capacity: 43 families (often times less due to larger families) (No time limit)
- Waitlist: 47 families, 17 families Category 1 (8 confirmed)

YWCA Madison

- Capacity: 12 families (90 day time limit)
- Waitlist: TSA operates the waitlist.

Healing House

- Capacity: 3-4 families- 8 bed capacity (30 day time limit)
- Waitlist: Not confirmed.

DAIS

- Capacity: 30-40 people(typically 14 adults plus children, 60 day limit)
- Waitlist: 17 adults and 15 children (This number was 40 most of 2023)
- Coordinated Entry List: 107 families as of 01/01/2024

Intake Process

- ✓ Call intake line: name, family size, and contact information.
- Contacted by a diversion specialist within 24 hours to help families access alternative options to shelter.
- ✓ If no alternatives are identified, the family is added to the waitlist. Limited waitlist case management available.
- ✓ Families are asked to call-in once a week to remain active.
- ✓ At intake, family will be provided with shelter guidelines, supplies and assigned a housing case manager.
- ✓ Family shelter operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with no time limit on length of stay (TSA).

Services Provided in Family Shelter

- Private room for family
- Meals
- Showers
- Laundry
- Case management: housing, income, benefits, childcare connection, school coordination.

Additional Winter Capacity for Families

- Mhh³;
 - High shelter waiting list
 - Car camping report
 - Shelters identified they did not have additional space/staff capacity
- Solutions Explored:
 - Faith community: St. John's, other congregations
 - Hotels and outreach providers

Solution: Hoteling with Catalyst for Change

- Dane County Board allocated \$100,000 in ARP for family overflow for the winter.
- Meetings were held regarding capacity of non-profit agencies.
- Catalyst for Change agreed to operate 10 bedrooms at the same hotel they are using for winter overflow.
- Referrals come directly from The Salvation Army or TEP school social workers.
- Families are prioritized for beds in shelter as they become available

Additional Hoteling for Excessive Weather

- County Funds: \$68,000
- City Funds: \$45,000
- Purpose:
 - Short-term emergency hotel stays for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Eligible Costs:
 - Funds are to be used during extreme weather events to pay for hoteling, food, supplies, transportation and staffing.
- Prioritization:
 - Families staying in vehicles or other places not meant for habitation
 - Singles- unable to access the other singles shelters due to bans

Numbers in Served in Hotel

- Total Served?
 - 31 families
 - 15 singles/couples
- As of 1/31/2024
 - 8 rooms full
 - Working on filling 2 rooms
- During Coldest Snap
 - 21 rooms full.
 - 9 families, 12 couples/singles
 - Try to fill with families first, but oftentimes families choose to double-up

Government Investment in Family Shelter

- Total Budget:
 - TSA: \$2.7 million (women and families)
 - YWCA: \$440k (families)
- City Investment
 - The City purchased and rehabbed the TSA family shelter building. City pays some continued maintenance costs.
 - YWCA-\$50,000
 - The Salvation Army- \$160,515 (women and families)
 - Other funding: State EHH, ESG, FEMA
- County Investment
 - YWCA family shelter case management and operations-\$242,378
 - The Salvation Army family shelter case management and operations- \$749,000 (families)
 - Winter overflow hotel- \$100,000 (ARP)

Future Planning

- The Salvation Army is in the middle of a capital campaign to raise \$30 million in funds to build the new family shelter. Presenting update on project to CCHIC in June 2024.
 - 34 rooms for 24/7 shelter.
 - 18 emergency family shelter rooms (evening only)
 - 10 respite rooms
 - 151 singles beds
- Exploring what processes can be implemented at the County to respond to overflow needs earlier in the year.



Questions?

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