

Bianca's Place

Funding

HSD: \$200,000 from Green Sheet 83 1 B 1

Program requires an additional \$200,000 in donations/in-kind contributions and leveraged funding from non-HSD sources, plus an estimated \$30,000 in administrative costs to operate program.

Agency

Mary's Place

Model

Bianca's Place is a congregate overnight shelter for homeless families with hours of operation from 5pm to 8am, Monday-Friday, and open 24 hours a day on Saturday and Sunday. Bianca's Place has the capacity to serve 30 families at a time depending on family size. The shelter has two floors both with the capacity to shelter 40 individuals. Family shelter requires space for older male children and male parents; due to the congregate shelter style the floors are defined as bottom floor for families with teenage males or male head of household and the upper floor allows for families with a single female head of household and all young and school age children. There are a few private rooms that can be used as private space for families with infants, children who are nursing or other family situations that would require added privacy or quiet time.

Bianca's Place was originally set up to receive referrals from Family Housing Connection (FHC) to add crisis response capacity to our coordinated entry system. In the beginning of August, FHC contacted all of the literally homeless families on their list to offer placement at Bianca's Place. Normally, FHC fills units and not multiple beds in a congregate setting. Once the referral list has been exhausted for a unit the agency is able to fill outside of FHC using an external fill policy and then returns to FHC referrals with the next unit opening. Currently Bianca's Place is using this external fill policy with bed openings they posted at the time the list was exhausted and the external fill policy was enacted; once those beds are filled the next round of openings will return to the FHC referral list.

Data as of 9/1/14 (The shelter opened May 27th, 2014)

- 59 families have been served in shelter
- 22 families are currently in shelter (as of 9/1/14)
- 37 families have exited shelter
- 142 FHC referrals
 - 26 families did not show up for their intake appointment
 - 26 families did not respond to attempts to set up an intake appointment
 - 17 families did not show up after completing an intake
 - 17 families were referred to the Late Night program
 - 11 families refused the shelter resource
 - 3 referrals were not eligible
 - 1 family is in process for intake
- 18 internal referrals