

HOMELESSNESS IN THE BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE

2017 Point-in-Time Results



WHO IS HOMELESS?

PHYSICAL health

- 19% of adults reported having a substance use disorder
- 6 adults reported having an HIV infection
- 66% reported receiving health care at an emergency room at least once in the last six months
- 28% reported receiving health care at an emergency room 3 or more times in the last six months
- 48% reported having no health insurance

EIGHTEEN PERCENT

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Chronically homeless is defined as an individual with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness totaling twelve months or more in the past three years.



MENTAL health

35% of adults reported having a serious mental illness

RACIAL disparity

Homelessness disproportionately impacts people of color. In the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care area, African Americans are

4X



more likely to experience homelessness

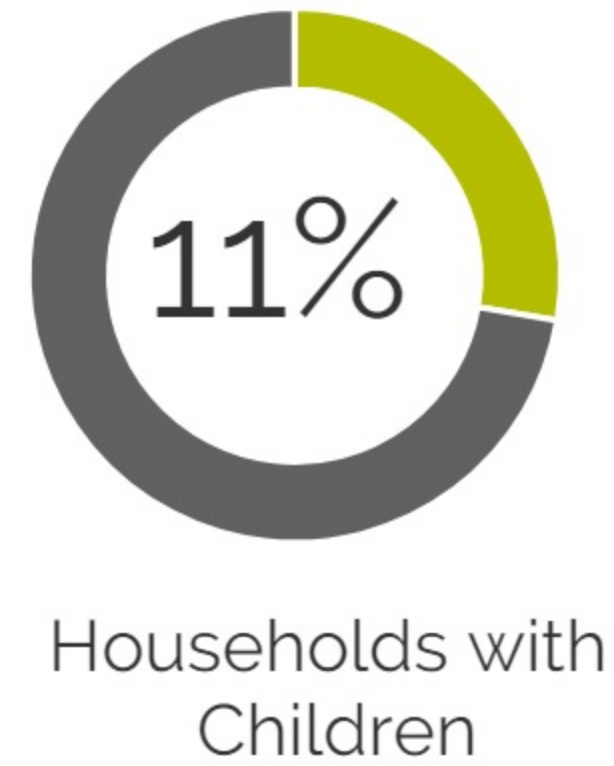
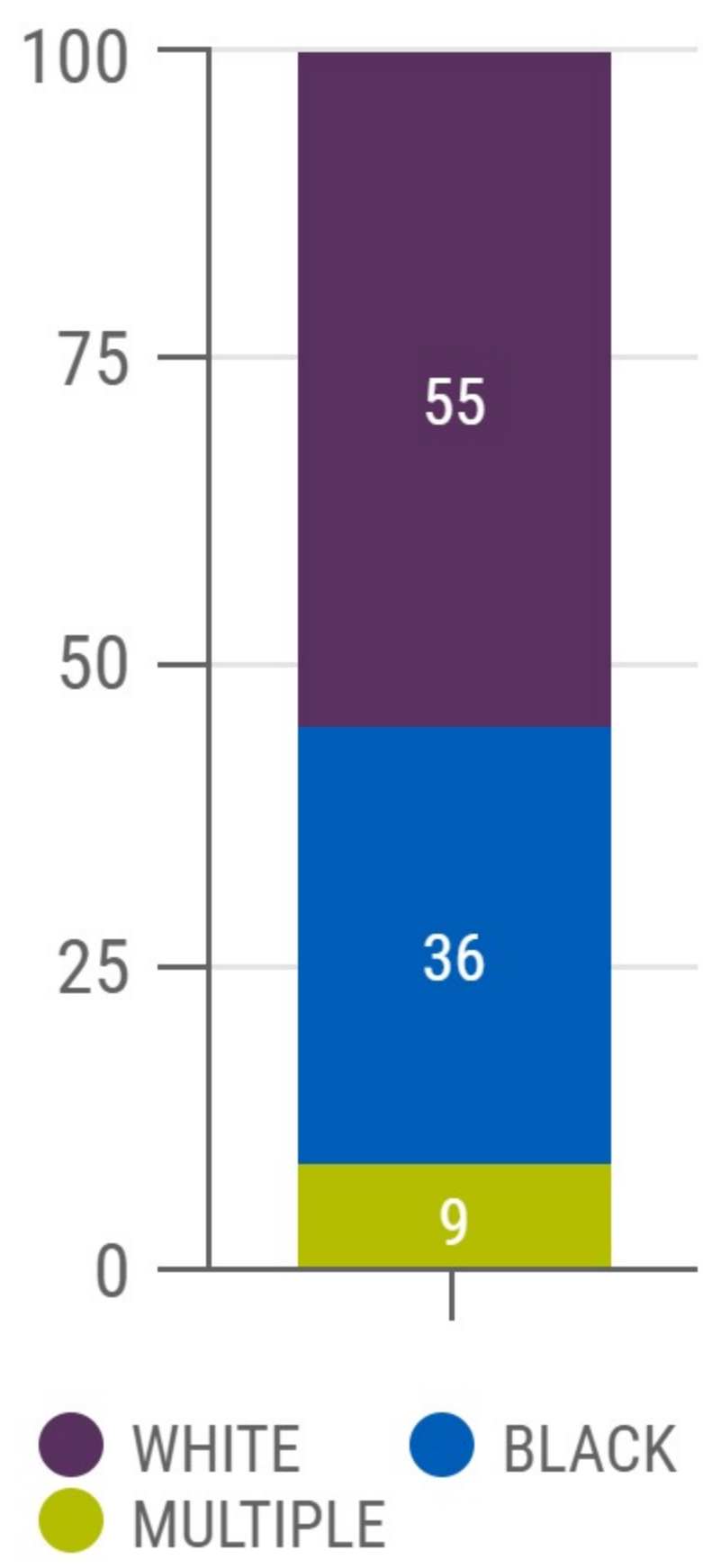
Involvement with Institutions

100% (13 of 13) of unsheltered individuals participating in the survey reported a history of jail incarcerations; 4 of the 13 (31%) reported having been to prison

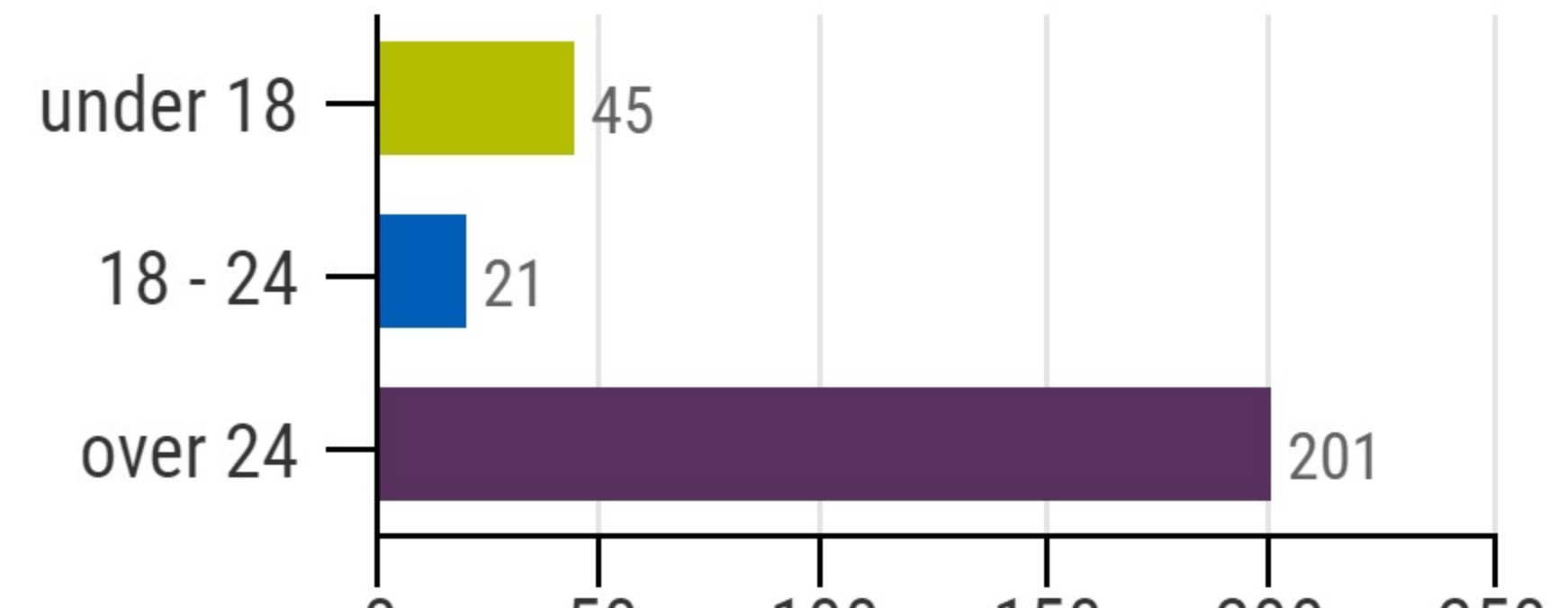


26 of 163 (16%) of the total number of individuals surveyed reported past involvement with the foster care system

Race Percentage



Population by Age



Gender

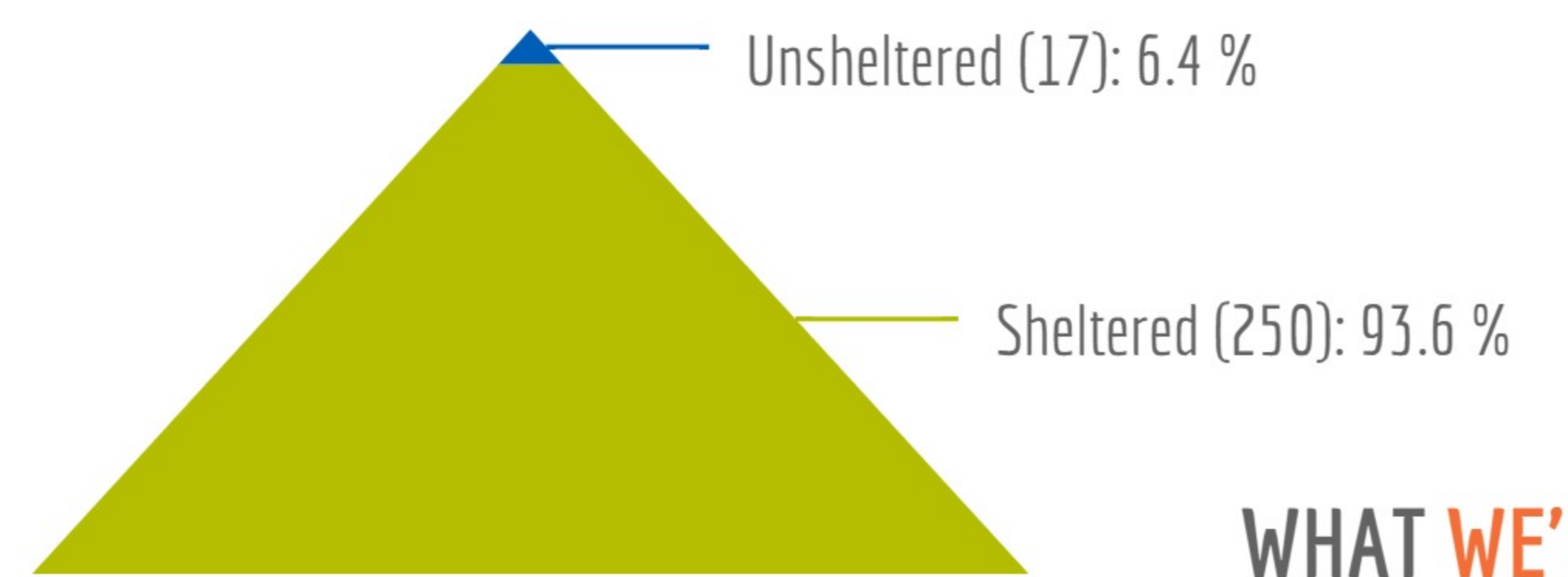
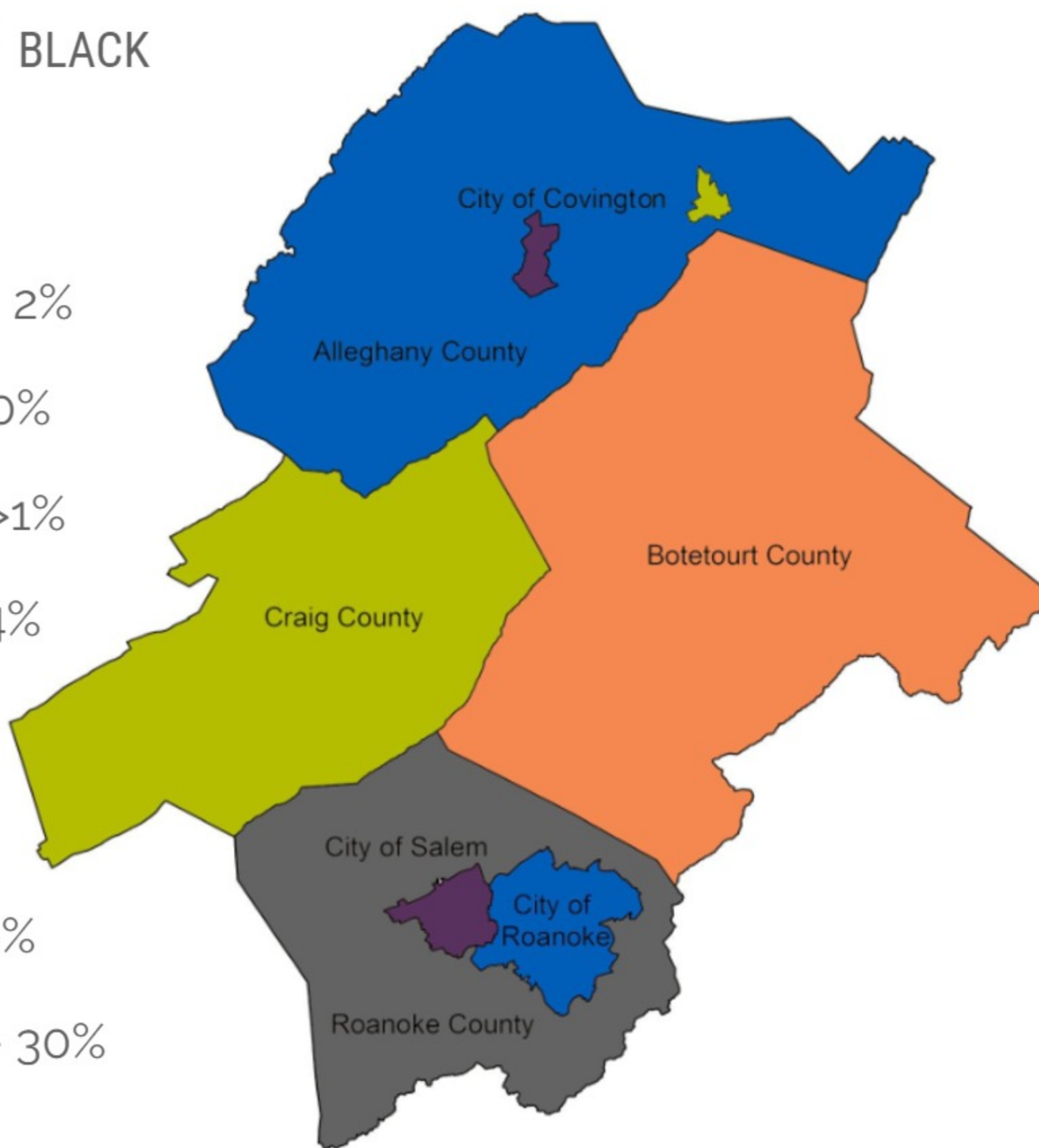
- Female (101)
- Male (165)
- Transgender (1)



FIFTY-TWO PERCENT

experiencing homelessness for the FIRST TIME

- Alleghany County - 2%
- Botetourt County - 0%
- City of Covington - >1%
- City of Roanoke - 44%
- City of Salem - 2%
- Craig County - 0%
- Roanoke County - 6%
- Other places in VA - 30%
- Out of state - 16%



WHAT WE'RE DOING



Creating new temporary and long-term housing options

Expanding on what works, using data

WHAT YOU CAN DO



SPEAK UP!

Talk to your friends, family, and coworkers about homelessness and get others involved!



RENT OR HIRE

Homeless people often face rental & employment barriers. If you're an employer or landlord, you can help by modifying your screening criteria.



SAY HELLO

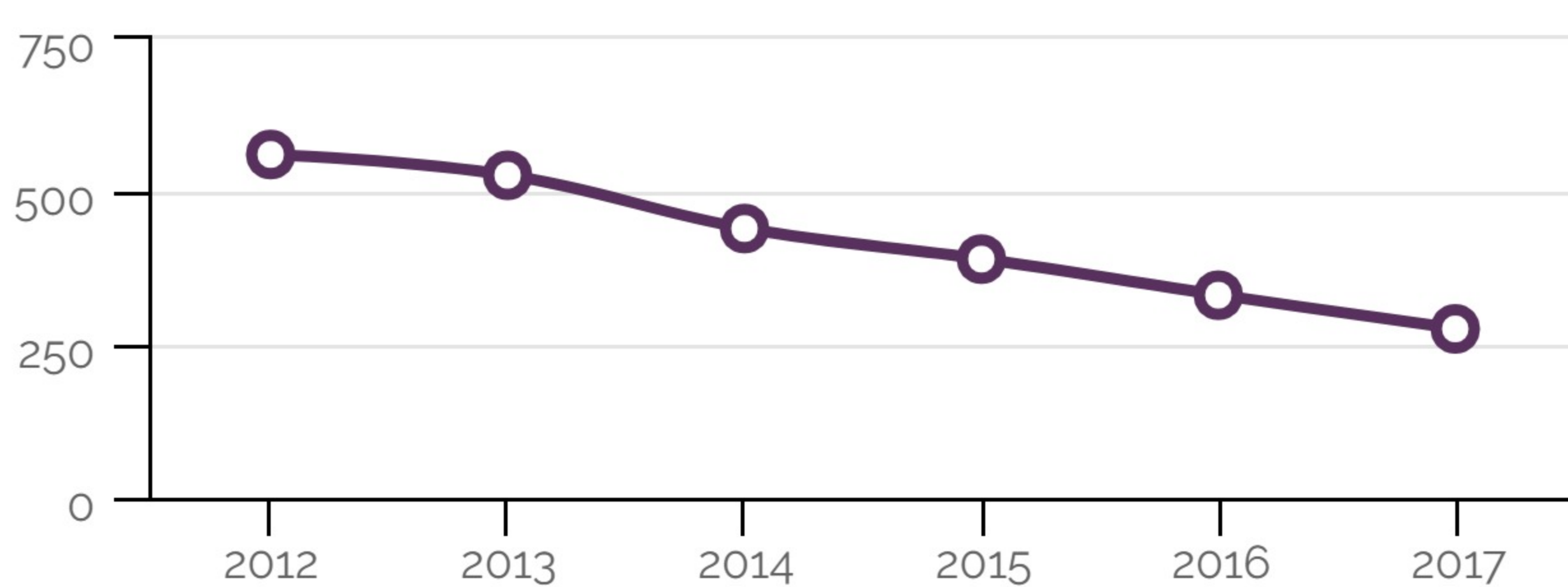
Support people in need with compassion to make human-to-human connections with homeless neighbors.



SHARE YOUR TIME

Visit our friends at HandsOn Blue Ridge to learn about volunteer opportunities in the area.

FIFTY-TWO PERCENT DECREASE in homelessness since 2012



VETERAN HOMELESSNESS DOWN

55.5%

since 2012



The Blue Ridge Continuum of Care invests its resources in programs that are in alignment with the best practice models with demonstrated successful outcomes that reduce lengths of stay, decrease the overall homeless count and minimize returns to homelessness. Data is used to monitor system performance and is incorporated into community-level decision making. Resources are allocated to the most cost-effective and efficient interventions. We commit to reaching and sustaining Functional Zero among all subpopulations in accordance with Federal initiatives. After this time, homelessness in our community will be rare, brief and non-recurring.

WWW.ENDHOMELESSNESSBLUERIDGE.ORG



COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

PROGRAMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE

ARCH Services

540-344-8060

www.archservices.org

ARCH provides the initial stabilization needed for clients to exit the cycle of homelessness. Therapeutic case management and referrals to additional appropriate resources in the community are provided. A low barrier, housing first model of shelter and permanent supportive housing services is utilized to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.



Community Housing Resource Center

540-266-7551

www.councilofcommunityservices.org

Through collaboration with its community partners, the Council of Community Services' Community Housing Resource Center (CHRC) provides coordinated and targeted rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention services to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. The Council also manages the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and provides planning services for the Continuum of Care. The HMIS is a shared electronic system that collects and tracks important performance data and characteristics on individuals experiencing homelessness to ensure services in the community are efficiently and effectively meeting the needs of individuals in crisis.



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Family Promise of Greater Roanoke

540-444-7374

www.familypromiseroanoke.org

This is a multi-denominational network of religious congregations who have joined together to provide shelter for homeless families. This program will accept families who are referred by other shelter programs, Social Services, congregations, or human service agencies. Families are carefully screened to insure the safety of other homeless families and congregation volunteers.



Homeless Assistance Team (HAT)

540-853-1715

www.roanokeva.gov/348/Homeless-Assistance-Team

The Homeless Assistance Team (HAT) program works to ensure that people experiencing homelessness are provided access to permanent housing directly from the streets and are provided with appropriate levels of services upon referral. A variety of supportive services including transportation, prescription assistance, housing lists, food and security deposit assistance along with other services are provided. This program serves youth ages 18-24, victims of domestic violence, families with children, chronic homeless individuals and families and veterans. Upon request, outreach is conducted in Roanoke County, Salem, Botetourt, Covington, Alleghany and Clifton Forge areas.



Rescue Mission

540-343-7227

www.rescuemission.net

The Rescue Mission is the largest provider of homeless services in the Roanoke Valley. Its components include a residential recovery program for men and women, Women and Children's Center serving families and single women, and a Men's Shelter (night stays only). Supportive services include meals, showers, clothing and furniture, health care (medical, dental and mental health), intensive case management and legal services.



Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)

540-345-8850

www.raminc.org

RAM House is a day shelter for homeless individuals and families offering hot lunches, part time employment program, laundry facilities, and mail services. It is open 365 days a year from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. RAM offers a variety of services including emergency financial assistance.



Safehome Systems, Inc.

540-965-3237

www.safehomesystems.org

SafeHome Systems is a not for profit organization that shelters women and children that are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. This Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault agency accommodates the needs of men, women and children, serving the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Highland and the city of Covington, Virginia. As a small staff we try to use creative ways to educate our community on the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. We have a 24 hour crisis hotline at the number listed above.



Salvation Army

540-343-5335

www.virginiasalvationarmy.org/roanokeva/

The Salvation Army Red Shield Life Recovery Initiative is a six month "back-to-work" sober living program designed to help men experiencing homelessness achieve permanent employment and self-sufficiency. By providing weekly intensive case management, life skills classes, a voluntary money savings program and community mentorship pairings men will be able achieve self-sufficiency and break out of the cycle of homelessness.

The Salvation Army Turning Point is a short-term 60 bed domestic violence shelter for victims of intimate partner violence and their children. Victims receive advocacy in legal and housing proceedings, safety planning for them and their children, intensive case management, weekly group sessions and a welcoming, loving atmosphere.



Samaritan Inn

540-344-1447

The Samaritan Inn provides lunch and noon-day worship service daily. Volunteers and local religious congregations sponsor the facility.

For more information about ways YOU can help our neighbors experiencing homelessness, contact the partner agencies listed above.

GET HELP:
Central Intake 540-853-1163
or call 2-1-1

