

# Out Wayne County Continuum of Care (CoC) 2022 Summary

CoC Vision Statement: All Out Wayne residents have a right to housing that is safe, affordable, and affirming.

## TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 2021 GAPS ANALYSIS LARGELY REMAIN TRUE

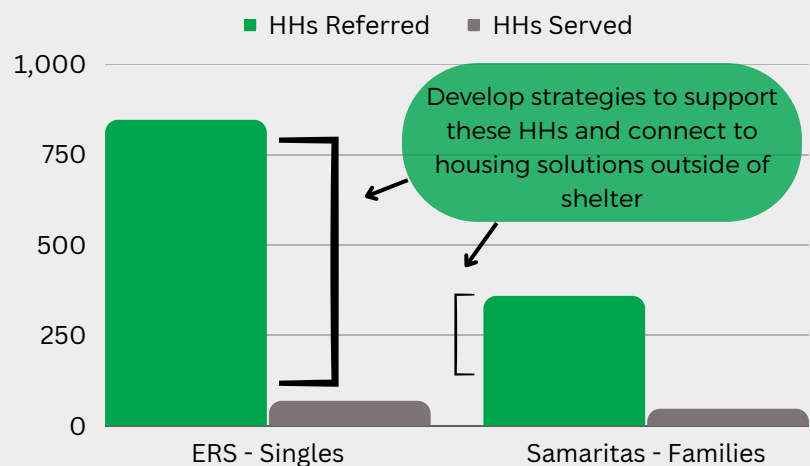
- Households (HHs) who identify as Black or African American remain overrepresented in our homeless response system
  - Racial equity analysis from C4 Innovations uncovered further disparities within our system, including HHs who identify as Black or African American are experiencing multiple episodes of homelessness as well as returns to homeless within 12 months at higher rates than other populations
- Qualitative feedback gathered from listening sessions and speaking with our Persons with Lived Experience (PLEH) consultants describe a system that is high barrier, difficult to navigate, trauma-inducing, and with a Coordinated Entry is often seen as a barrier to the system
- The need for interim and permanent housing still greatly outweighs the community's capacity

### Households Served During 2022

**191**  
Rapid Rehousing

**219**  
Permanent Supportive Housing

### Referrals to vs HH Served in OW CoC Shelters, 2022



## THE COC'S RESPONSE & STRATEGIES

- Formally adopt & implement CoC-wide Racial Equity Plan to address disparities and inequities
- Share power with and compensate persons with lived experience as consultants, CoC leadership, and hire as staff within CoC programs
- Strengthen practices within upstream resources, including launching MSHDA Shelter Diversion Pilot program, to target vulnerable HHs at "front porch" of homelessness
- Continue development of CoC Strategic Plan for Ending Homelessness, a community-led effort that will be explicit in community goals, priorities, and # of units needed to end homelessness
- Identify or develop alternative assessment tool to the VI-SPDAT
- Invest in professional development around best practices so staff are practicing trauma-informed, person-centered, and Housing First care
- Adopt standards of care across CoC programming to ensure consistency in care
- Increase available housing stock that is quality, affordable, and affirming