



# Monthly Members Meeting

October 25th, 2022



Welcome!

# Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

YHDP Update

Medical-Legal Partnerships

Coordinated Entry Review

HMIS Updates

Announcements

# YHDP Update, Martha Are



CENTRAL FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON  
HOMELESSNESS

Medical-Legal  
Partnerships,  
Christina Russo  
Walters & Erik  
Perez of  
Community Legal  
Services of Mid-  
Florida



*Legal Aid For All*

**COMMUNITY**



**LEGAL SERVICES**

# Introduction to Community Legal Services and Medical-Legal Partnerships



## Christina R. Walters

Manager of Public Interest  
and Medical-Legal Partnerships

- Community Legal Services – who we are and what we do
- What is an MLP and how they help patients
- Our partnership



# Who We Are

Community Legal Services (CLS) is the primary provider of no-cost legal services to the most vulnerable in Central Florida, helping them to protect their families, health, and livelihoods.

Our advocates provide free legal advice and representation to more than **20,000** people each year.

Our mission requires us to be a **PILLAR** in the communities we serve.

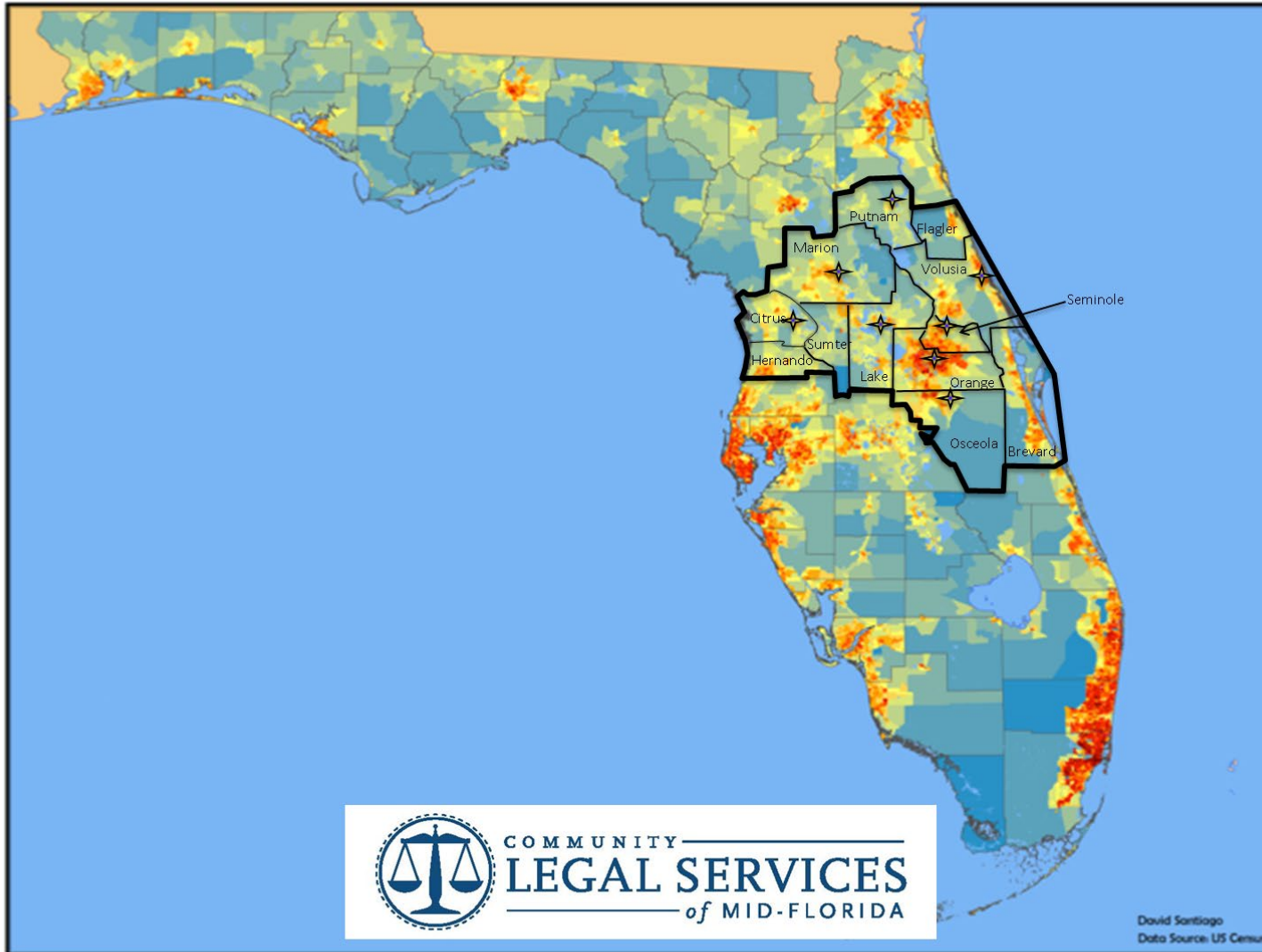
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**I**NTEGRITY  
**L**EVERAGE  
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**A**DAPTABLE  
**R**ESPECT

# What is Legal Aid?

“Civil legal aid is the assistance of counsel and legal advocacy for people living at or near poverty in legal matters that fall outside of the criminal justice system.”

– National Legal Aid and Defender Association





Service Area/ Office Locations/ Population

# Our Service Area

# Areas of Assistance



- Housing
  - Housing Discrimination
  - Reasonable Accommodations Requests
  - Landlord/tenant disputes
  - Eviction

- Housing Counseling
  - Budget and Credit Counseling
  - Homebuyer Education Workshops
  - Financial Literacy Workshops



- Consumer
  - Debt collection
  - Garnishment
  - Consumer scams
  - Bankruptcy
  - Foreclosure



- Children's Rights
  - Accommodations – 504 Plans/IEPs
  - Discrimination
  - Suspension/expulsions
  - School-related arrests

- Public Benefits
  - SNAP (Food Stamps)
  - Medicaid/Medicare
  - Social Security
  - Reemployment Assistance (Unemployment)



- Veterans
  - Service-Connected Disability
  - Discharge Upgrades

- Family
  - Injunctions for Protection
  - Paternity
  - Divorce
  - Modifications
  - Contempt



- Elder Advocacy
  - Advanced Directives
  - Wills
  - Exploitation/Abuse



- Medical-Legal Partnerships

# CLS Legal HELPLine



## CLSMF HELPLine Hours:

**Monday and Thursday - 8:30 to 4:30**

**Tuesday and Wednesday - 8:30 to 6:30**

**Friday - 8:30 to 3:30**

**1-800-405-1417**

**clsmf.org**

- Attorney-staffed telephone
- Advice, brief services, pro se assistance, referrals
- Eligible individuals will receive immediate legal assistance
- Ineligible callers will be offered private bar and social service contact information.

# Why Medical-Legal Partnership?



70% of health determined by Social Determinants of Health

74% of low-income households (<125% FPL) experienced **at least** 1 civil legal problem in the last year

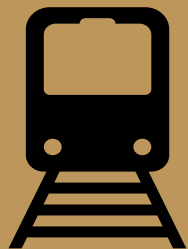
# What is a Medical-Legal Partnership?

An upstream approach to health care in which a lawyer is added to the health care team to address patients' social determinants of health through legal intervention.





# How?



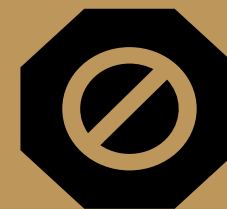
TRAIN



TREAT



TRANSFORM

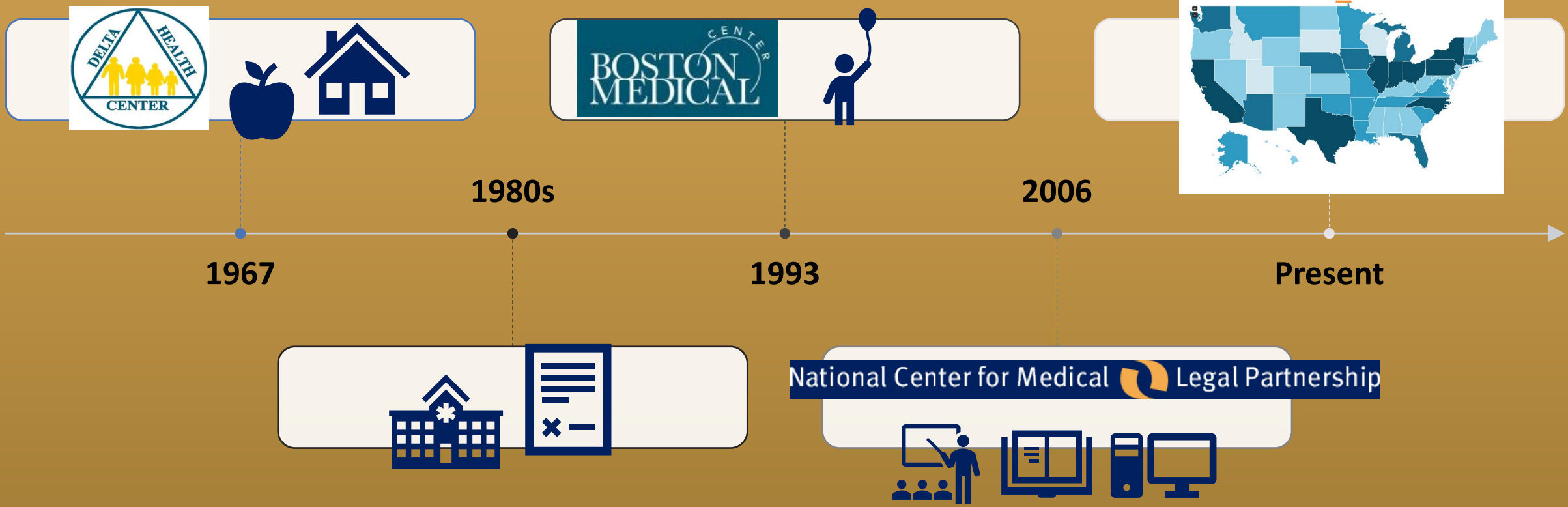


PREVENT

How Does Legal Aid  
Help the Health Care  
System Address Social  
Needs?  
(I-HELP)



# History of Medical-Legal Partnerships





# COMMUNITY



# Thank you!

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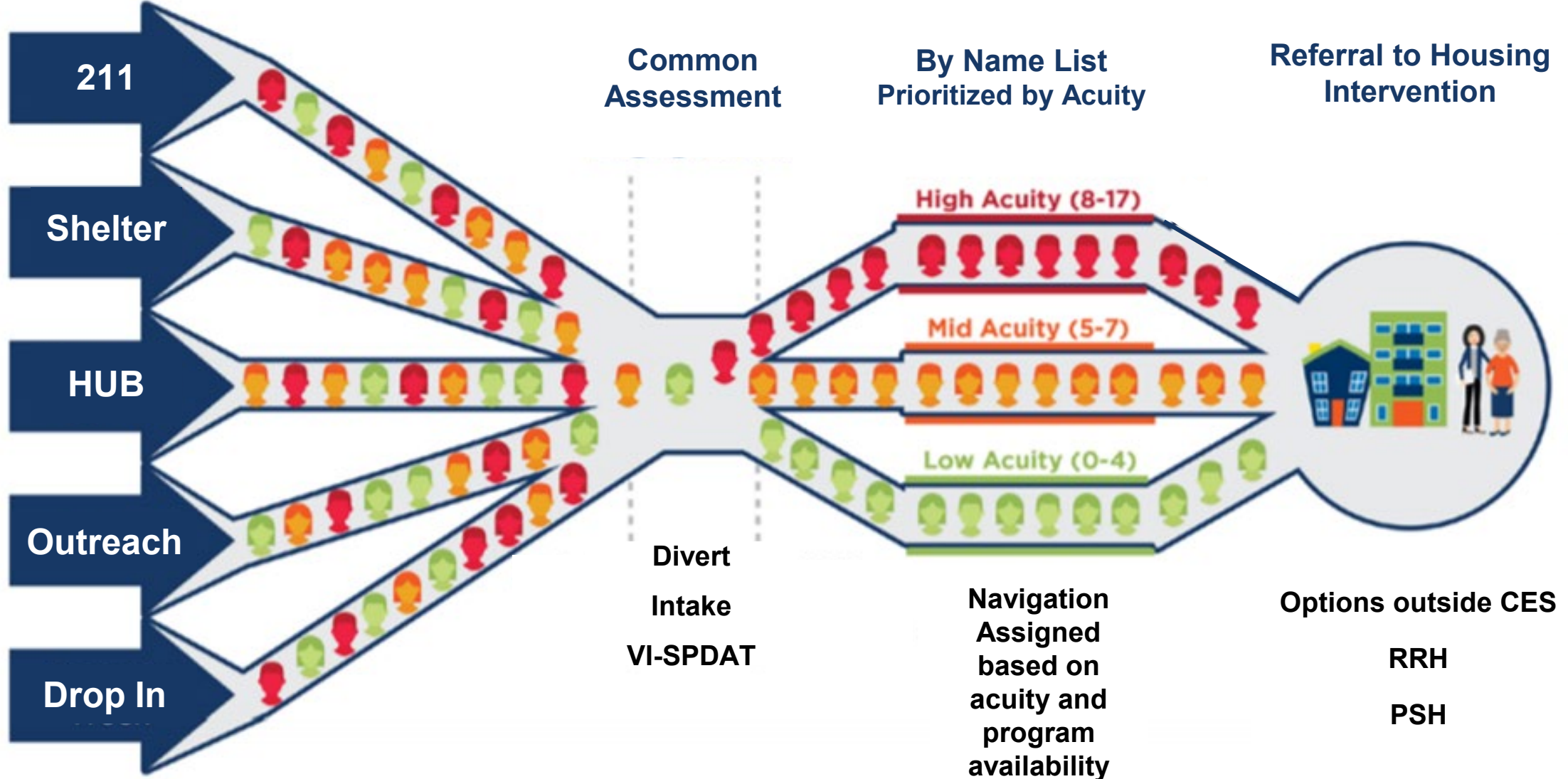
# Coordinated Entry Review, Robin Daily

## Coordinated Entry System (CES)

**A community-wide process that streamlines access to housing using data-driven methods to serve people with the most appropriate intervention in the right order.**

# Coordinated Entry System Big Picture

Community  
Access Points





# Participating Access Points



**2-1-1:** Phone hotline serving our entire CoC

**HUBS:** <https://hsncfl.org/help>

**Other Community Agencies:** Hope Partnership, Covenant House, SALT, SRC, ROM

If your agency would like to be an “Access Point” and be able to complete assessments please have your agency representative send an email to [Access@hsncfl.org](mailto:Access@hsncfl.org) to begin the process.

# HUB Times and Locations

## Seminole County HUB:

9:00 am to 10:30 am

600 N US Hwy 17 92 #130

Longwood, FL, 32750

The Sharing Center- The Oasis

Monthly, fourth Monday of the month



## Orange County HUB:

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

150 W Michigan St.

Orlando, FL, 32806

United Against Poverty, Suite

A Weekly, every Friday

## Osceola County HUB:

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

122 W Sproule Ave.

Kissimmee, FL, 34741

Hope Partnership

First and Third Thursday of the month

## Veteran HUB in Orange County:

9:00 am to 2:00pm

5201 Raymond St., Bldg. 500 Room 1800A

Orlando FL 32803

Biweekly, First and Third Friday of the month

These are not our offices. We visit these locations only on the specific days and times listed above. If you return to these sites outside the listed days and times, no one will be available. Please keep in mind that HUBs are also closed on major holidays.

# Prioritization Factors

## Most critical Service Needs

High use of crisis services (jail, ER, psychiatric facilities)

Severe health or behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, functional impairments

Vulnerability to illness or death

Vulnerability to victimization

## Longest length of homelessness

Time on streets

Time in Emergency Shelters

Time in hospitals/jails/MH facilities less than 90 days and entering from streets/ES

Intake and VI-SPDAT data tell us who is highest priority

# Registry and Prioritization

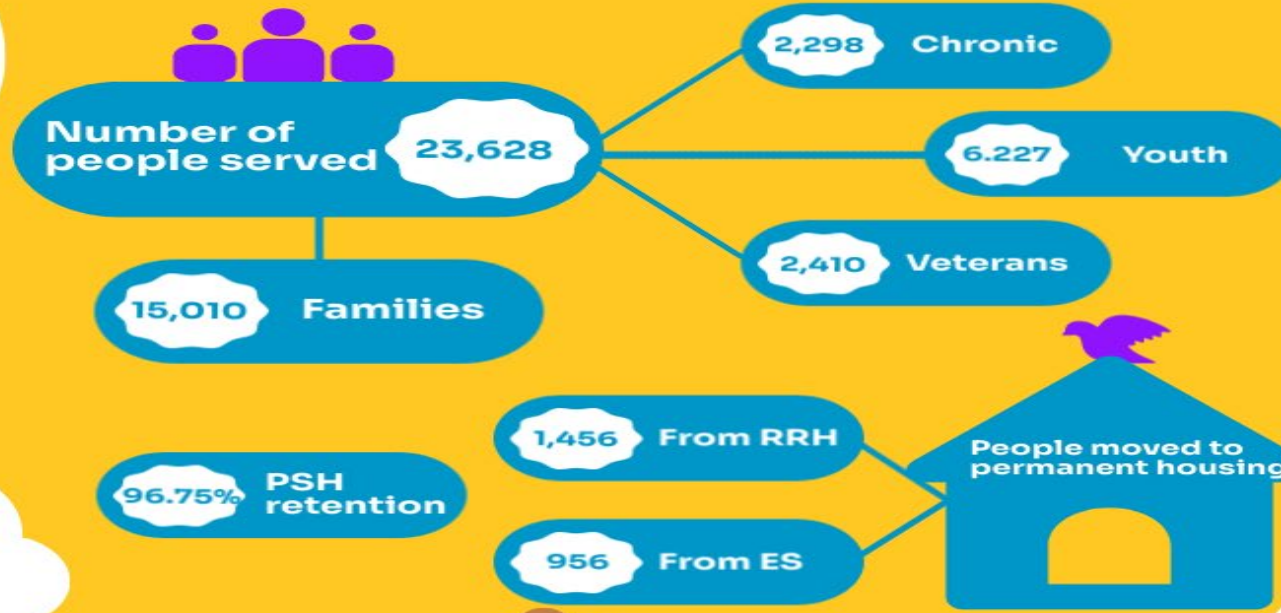
Priority	HMIS ID	VI SPDAT	Apx Date HL	Client Status	Navigator/Case Mgr	Notes
1	73734	16	2/16/1998	CES Assigned Navigation	Joel Miller (HCCH)	Restore
2	59430	14	1/1/1993	Not interested in housing	Joel Miller (HCCH)	
3	74340	14	2/4/1996	Extended Engagement Needed	Joel Miller (HCCH)	
4	69755	16	10/2/2009	CES Assigned Navigation	Jacob Smith (Community Hope)	Pathway Homes
5	61992	15	2/5/2008	In Jail	Brad Sefter (HCCH)	
6	41390	16	7/21/2010	NO Update	No Navigator	
7	78150	15	9/1/2009	NO Update	No Navigator	
8	176068	13	2/10/1986	NO Update	No Navigator	
9	255504	13	9/8/1992	NO Update	No Navigator	
10	77983	14	3/5/2009	NO Update	No Navigator	
11	97138	14	1/1/2010	NO Update	No Navigator	
12	12908	16	8/28/2013	NO Update	No Navigator	
13	49487	14	7/1/2010	NO Update	No Navigator	

**We follow up first with the highest priorities before moving down the list**



# HMIS Updates, Angel Jones

# Central Florida FL-507 At a Glance! (10/2021-09/2022)



New Question  
in HMIS!

Graphic by Ashley Brozenske,  
HSN Data Analyst

Announcements!

# PIT Count

Jan. 24, 25, & 26, 2023

Covering Orange, Osceola, & Seminole Counties

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

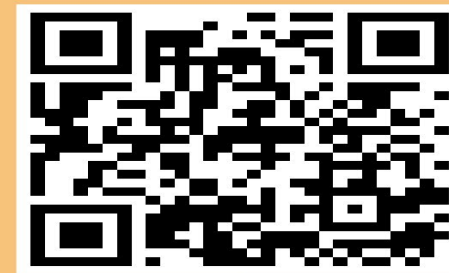
Each year, advocates in every community across the nation conduct a Point-In-Time Count to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness.

The Homeless Services Network of Central Florida and local agencies rely on a volunteer foot patrol covering the region to count and conduct brief interviews with willing participants. Volunteers will receive training and have supervision. This census is required by the federal government to determine funding for each community, and it helps us adjust our region's efforts to provide housing and services for our most vulnerable residents.

✓ Must be 18+ years old

✓ Available for a 4hr shift (Morning, Afternoon, & evening)

Sign up for more information, Visit:



And thank you! You will be making a difference!

Find out more at: [www.hsncfl.org](http://www.hsncfl.org)







# Join Us!

- ✓ PROMOTE DIGNITY
- ✓ CHALLENGE STIGMA
- ✓ CHANGE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

## Lived Experience Advisory & Advocacy Council

Within Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, there are committees comprised of our peers who have come together with the purpose of collaborating to enhance our system of care for persons within our community experiencing homelessness.

**Complete this 5-min  
Interest Form right  
on your phone!**



**For Q&A, email Rashad at:  
[l.rashad.haynes@hscnfl.org](mailto:l.rashad.haynes@hscnfl.org)**

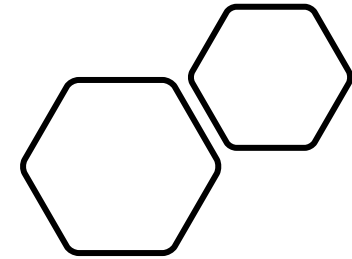




*Join Us!*

**We believe in empowering the youth of today to help shape the safe spaces youth seek while experiencing homelessness. Join the Youth Action Society (YAS) and make the change.**

**Contact Aja Hunter to Join:**  
[aja.hunter@hsncfl.org](mailto:aja.hunter@hsncfl.org)





Need PPE?

Let HSN meet your PPE needs!

- Reusable and Disposable Masks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Gloves
- Need any? Let us know!

Contact

[Christopher.Fowler@hsncfl.org](mailto:Christopher.Fowler@hsncfl.org) to  
arrange a pickup

# Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 22nd,  
2022

9 to 10:30 am

Location: Online

