



INTRODUCTION TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS & EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES CROSS THREADING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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Department Focus: To achieve better coordination of existing and new County homeless and equitable community efforts and serve as a central point of collaboration for outside partners to ensure equity among all San Diegans and reduce homelessness in the region.



OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS (OHS)





Programs

- **Systems & Integration Branch:** System coordination and effectiveness
- **Services & Outreach Branch:** Direct services for persons experiencing homelessness



Homeless Outreach Team in Central Region



Key Services

- Magnolia Safe Parking
- Community Care Coordination for Veterans (C3)
- Housing Our Youth
- The Regional Homeless Assistance Program (RHAP)
- Domestic Violence Shelter Based Programs Services
- Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
- Compassionate Emergency Housing Grant Program
- Home Safe Program



Community partners providing services at the Uptown Community Service Center

Framework for Ending Homelessness



KEY DRIVERS



STRATEGIC DOMAINS

	ROOT CAUSE AND UPSTREAM PREVENTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Employment programs and income supports ■ Access to basic social services ■ Community empowerment activities
	DIVERSION AND MITIGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Short-term rent and housing search assistance ■ Mediation and legal assistance ■ Creating alternatives to incarceration
	SERVICES, TREATMENT AND OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Street outreach and harm reduction ■ Clinical and social support services ■ Housing service coordination
	EMERGENCY/INTERIM HOUSING AND RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Assessment and coordination sites ■ Housing navigation and transitional housing ■ Housing vouchers
	PERMANENT HOUSING AND SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Affordable, subsidized housing ■ Ongoing physical and behavioral health support ■ Linkages to healthcare



OFFICE OF EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES (OE_qC)





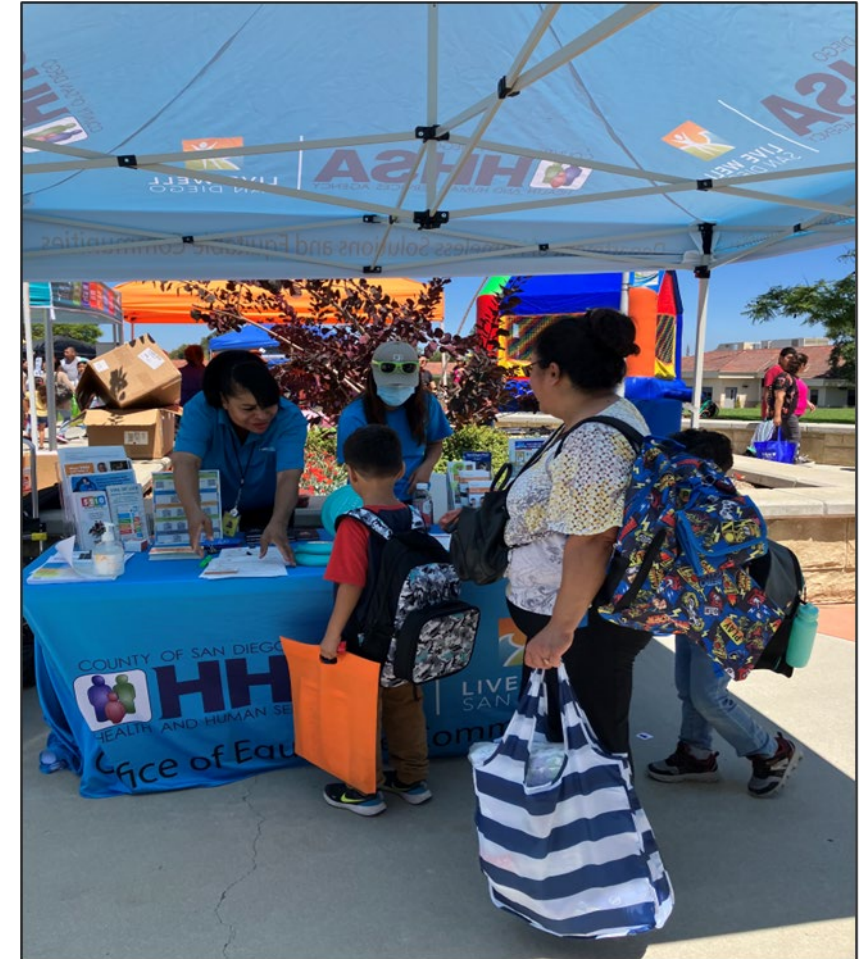
Programs

- Community Health & Engagement Team (CHET)
- Community Health Workers (CHW)
- Community Action Partnership (CAP)
- Regional Community Coordination



Key Services

- Equitable Communities (e.g., Live Well San Diego Exchange, RLA Coordination Services, Project MOST)
- Community Services Block Grant (e.g., Financial Literacy Program)
- Dispute Resolution
- Safety First
- Community Health Promotion
- Community Outreach and Engagement



Office of Equitable Communities (OEqC)



Strengthen & Build Relationships



Gather Input from Community



Increase Accessibility to Resources & Services



OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE AFFAIRS (OIRA)





Programs



- Regional expert and leader in immigrant and refugee affairs
- Provider of information, referrals, and resources

Key Services



- Refugee Employment Services
- Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL)
- Medi- Cal Program
- Immigrants Rights Legal Defense Services
- Taskforce to Support Afghan Refugees
- First 5 California Refugee Family Support Grant





COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS AND
EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES
OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS (OIRA)

Listening Session

Center for Immigrants and Refugees

We want to hear from you! What are your biggest needs as refugees and immigrants in the county? What resources would you like to learn about? Join new OIRA Director Lucero Chavez Basilio to share your thoughts.



Save the Date

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
5:00PM - 6:30PM

Please register at
<https://bit.ly/3Ba9j9x>.

Translation will be available during the virtual listening session, please complete the registration form to share your preferred language.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL:
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Introducing



LUCERO CHAVEZ BASILIO

Chavez Basilio has spent more than 10 years representing immigrant and refugee children and families in immigration proceedings and in humanitarian and family-based petitions. She has worked with city councils, community organizations and law enforcement agencies throughout Southern California to create and implement pro immigrant policies and programs.



Host Community Listening Sessions to receive input to inform OIRA's priorities



Two listening sessions held via Zoom in multiple languages



Establish a physical center to serve as a resource hub for immigrants and refugees



COLLABORATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES





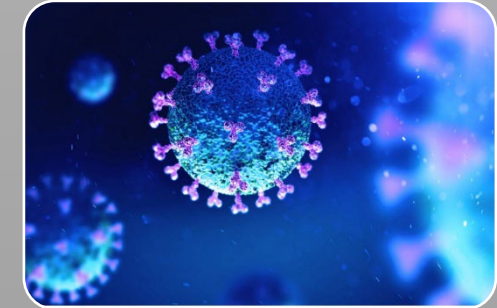
Community & Participation

- Sharing critical data
- Collaborating on Community Engagement Efforts
- Collaborating on Key HHS initiatives



Partnership in sustainability efforts

- Provide support to and collaborate with the PHS Office of Health Equity and Climate Change



Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities

- Support to Public Health Workforce Grant and the COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant
- Collaborate with Chronic Disease and Health Equity (CDHE) unit