



A Decade with HEARTH: Looking Back on its History and Towards our Future

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A DECADE UNDER HEARTH





“Change is not a one-time explosion of opportunity. It is a slow burning fire that needs to be tended constantly.”

-Jason Harvey

HEARTH AND COC INTERIM RULE BASICS

- HEARTH act was enacted May 20, 2009
- First significant reauthorization of HUD's McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance programs since 1992
- Changed the Emergency Shelter Grant into the Emergency Solutions Grant
- Formally established the Continuum of Care Program
- CoC Interim Rule was first published July 31, 2012

WHERE WERE WE IN 2012?



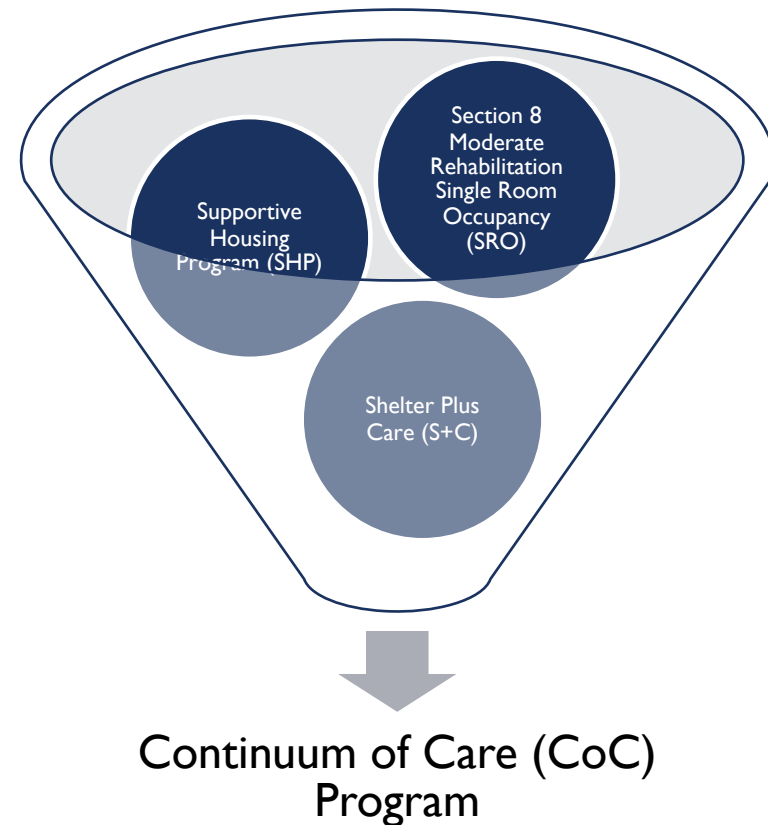
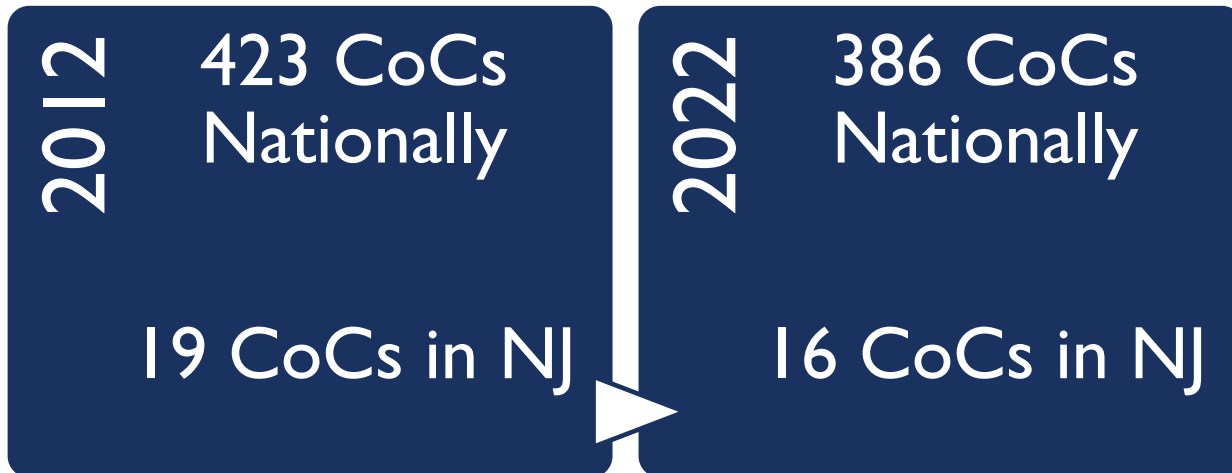
Popular Movies:
The Avengers
The Hobbit
The Dark Knight Rises
The Hunger Games
The Amazing Spider-Man



October 29, 2012 Hurricane Sandy hit New Jersey

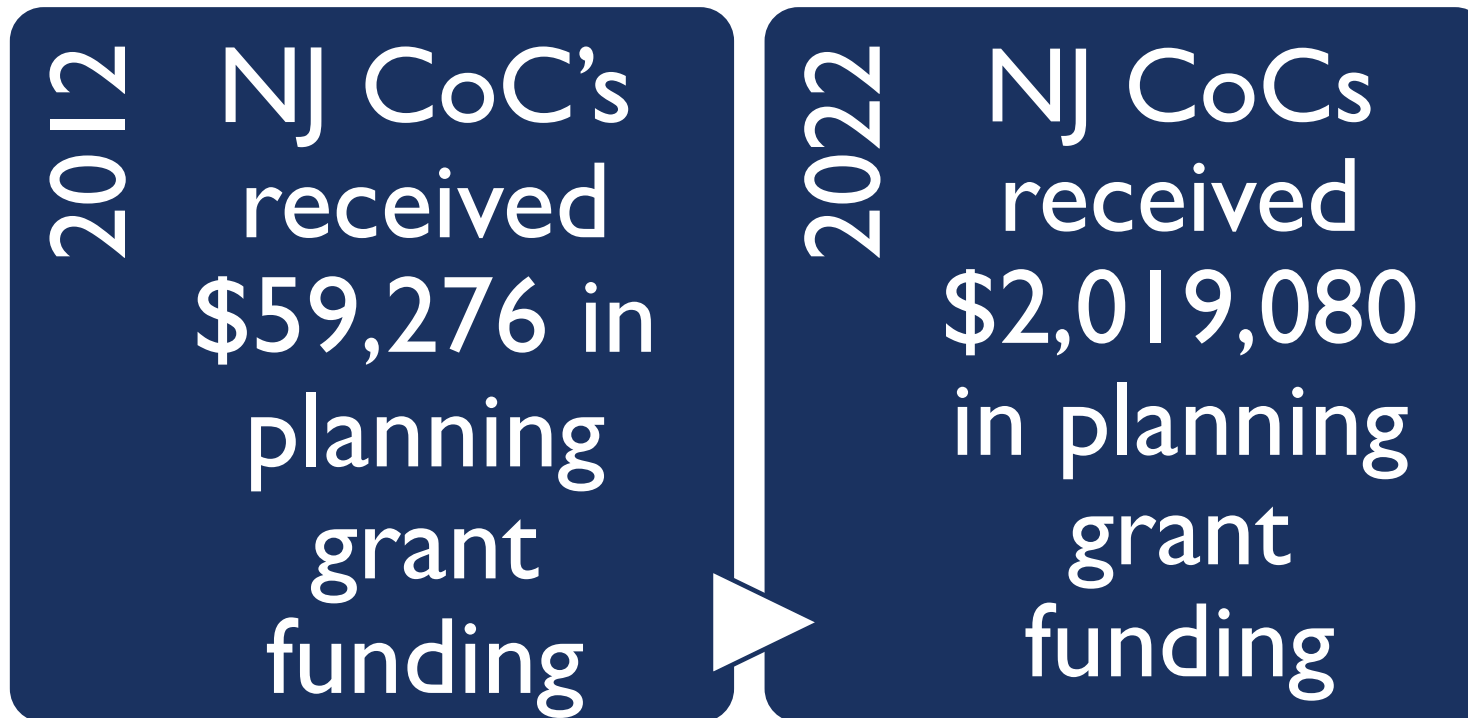
WHAT CHANGED WITH THE COC INTERIM RULE?

- Three programs were merged to formalize the Continuum of Care program
- CoC was required to:
 - Develop bylaws, funding policies and procedures and written standards
 - Establish a board to act on behalf of the CoC



WHAT CHANGED WITH THE COC INTERIM RULE?

- Funding was provided to support the structure and process requirements of the Continuum of Care



WHAT CHANGED WITH THE COC INTERIM RULE?

- Requirement to establish and operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system that provides an initial-comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services.
- Update to the definition of chronically homeless
- Implementation and priority for Housing First programs

2012

24% of households discharged from ES or TH went to PH
22% of households served in PSH were chronically homeless
10% of households served in PH were experiencing unsheltered homelessness prior to program admission



2022

36% of households discharged from ES or TH went to PH
39% of households served in PSH were chronically homeless
20% of households served in PH were experiencing unsheltered homelessness prior to program admission

WHAT CHANGED WITH THE COC INTERIM RULE?

- Increased emphasis on permanent housing and specifically the use of rapid rehousing

Program Type	2012 HIC Total Year Round Beds	2022 HIC Total Year Round Beds
Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven	4,846	6,331
Transitional Housing	3,036	2,190
Rapid Rehousing	801	2,204
Permanent Supportive Housing	4,616	8,355
Other Permanent Housing	N/A	1,188



117%
increase in
PH
opportunities

CHANGE SEEN IN NJ COC FUNDING

2012 Nj received
\$27,757,829
in Continuum
of Care Funds

2022 Nj received
\$54,689,915
in Continuum
of Care Funds

OTHER CHANGES

- Shifting from program outlook to a system outlook
- Incorporating and enhancing input from persons with lived experience
- Cross funding stream program evaluation and funding processes
- Evaluating the system from a racial equity lens
- Shift to a strong data focus

HOW DO WE BUILD UPON WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED?

- Ensuring we are leading with equity
- Use data and evidence to make decisions
- Enhanced collaboration with regular partners as well as non-traditional partners
- Increase housing resources
- Improve effectiveness of current systems
- Increase the focus on homelessness prevention



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Thank You To Our Speakers!

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Questions?

Thank you for attending the panel!

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