

OUR PLACE

WASHOE COUNTY



CAMPUS ORIGIN

92 acres of land located adjacent to the Truckee River were deeded to the State in the 1800's for the benefit of the mentally ill and disabled. The Campus was then 3 miles from Reno, as Sparks didn't exist until 1905.

22 Acres & 15 buildings leased to Washoe County from the State for the purposes of OUR Place & other County housing programs for women and families.

CAMPUS HISTORY



The Beginning

- Nevada Insane Asylum (known as building 1) opened it's doors on July 1, 1882 (designed to house 160 patients).
- First patients ("148 poor unfortunates" as they were referred to) arrived by train at 4:30 am from Stockton, CA where they were previously sent/treated.
- Nevada counties admitted the "old, harmless, incurable, idiotic, and imbecile" patients to relieve the expense of caring for them.
- Working farm on the property through the 1960's: Alfalfa, fruit trees, vegetables, cattle, pigs, chickens, and dairy.

Campus

- Resting place for approx. 800 patients.
- Many buried in unmarked/unrecorded graves and buried between 1882 and 1949.
- First burial was 9/27/1882- William Place from Esmeralda County (Bright's Disease).

Sierra Regional Center

- Campus housing and services for the intellectually disabled (then referred to as mentally retarded) population.
- 1970 building 600/601 was built.
- 1979 buildings 602, 603, and 605 were built.
- 1981 buildings 604 and 606 were built.
- Population was moved off the campus and into community living arrangements in the 2000's.

CAMPUS MAP





PROGRAMMING MODEL



Removal of Barriers to Accessing Shelter

In order to have a significant positive impact, helping remove barriers is extremely important. It aids in more participation to services and leads to a greater success rate of transitioning out of homelessness. Some barrier removals include:

- Ability to have pets.
- Ability to have locked places for their possessions so they don't have to pack up every day.
- Not requiring residents to leave during the day; as long as, they are being productive.
- Residents get their own assigned space that is dedicated to them for the duration of their stay.
- Increasing length of stay to 6 months if the resident is actively working on their case plan.

Intensive Intake and Diversion

Providing thorough screenings addresses resident's specific needs and helps alleviate the overuse of other agencies and services, such as MOST, Law Enforcement, Jail etc. Some intake and diversion criteria include:

- Increasing the safety of the campus due to many women having history of domestic violence and trauma.
- Two full time on-site Mental Health Counselors to intervene and de-escalate. This has reduced the MOST team responses to the campus.
- Peer to Peer Support Crossroads graduates fulfill this role to increase trust, friendship and healthy connections.

PROGRAMMING MODEL



Comprehensive and Collaborative Case Management is KEY!

Through collaborative processes of assessment, evaluation, planning, facilitation and care, residents can have more tailored resources and services that are able to meet their individual and family's needs. This is important in promoting significant and effective outcomes. Some key case management criteria include:

- One worker per family/individual throughout their stay to build trust, engagement and ongoing support after leaving Our Place.
- Weekly staffing for <u>ALL</u> residents to provide brainstorming on barriers to exiting, goals achieved and advocacy to successfully transition to dependency.
- Peer to Peer Support Crossroads graduates fulfill this role.

Medical Services

- On-site Medical care from community provider to mitigate the need for transport to medical appointments and ER visits.
- Dedicated Nurse Call-line through REMSA.

STAFFING & CAPACITY



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Human Services Agency

- 9 Case Advocates
- 2 Mental Health Clinicians
- 4 Support Staff
- 1 Transportation Staff
- 2 Eligibility workers
- 1 Facilities
- 1 Operations Manager



RISE

Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality



- 24-hour operator
- Welcome Center
- **Shelter Director**
- 3 Shelter Managers
- Concierge, Mentor's
- **64 Guest Service Advocates**



Family Homes

- Home 1 7 families
- Home 2 11 Families
- Home 3 10 Families
- **Home 4** 10 Maternity/Newborn



Women's Homes

- Home 5: HOPE Home 36 Women
- Home 6: 102 Women

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Home 7: JOY Home – 20 Women

TIMELINE



NOVEMBER, 2021

OUR Place to Shine Boutique officially opened to women and families of Our Place and CrossRoads.

DECEMBER, 2020

OUR Place opened a new women/family home with 10 more beds.

JUNE, 2021

OUR Home opened for up to 20 OUR
Place women who require more
intensive mental health supports. 26
served to date. Located in a NW
Reno neighborhood.

MARCH, 2021

OUR Place opened HOPE Home – a risk reduction home for women – 36 more beds.

AUGUST, 2020

OUR Place opened with 102 beds for women.

JUNE, 2020

OUR Place opened with 28 rooms for families.

PETS



OUR Place offers

- Pet supplies
- Vaccinations
- Licensing
- Microchipping

Kennels and Crates for animals

- Kennels are available outside
- crates available inside for all animals.

Pets Served

Total pets served in 2 years: 423

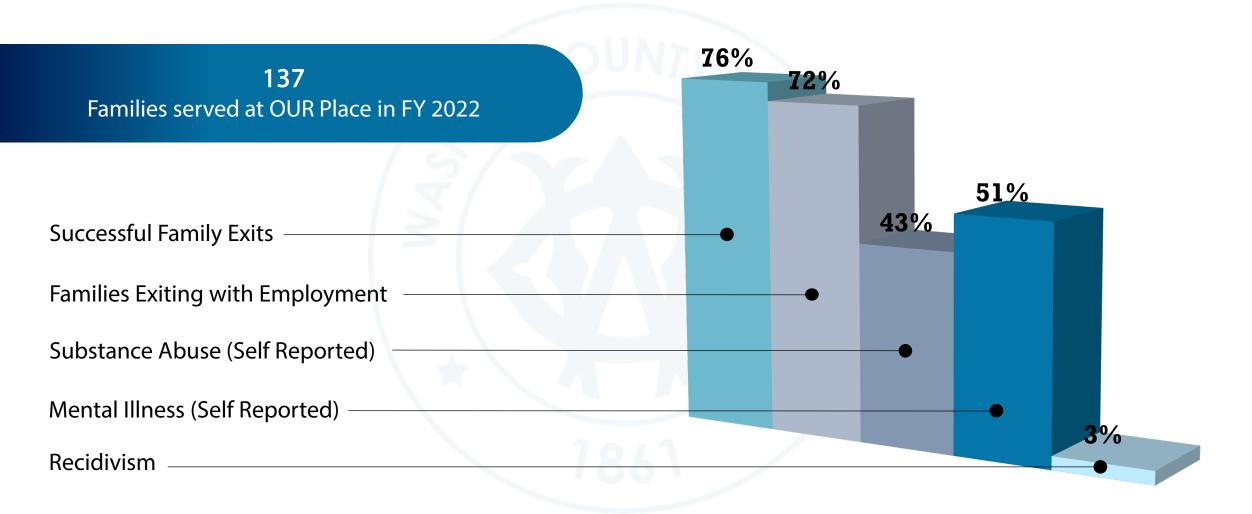






FAMILY SHELTER STATISTICS



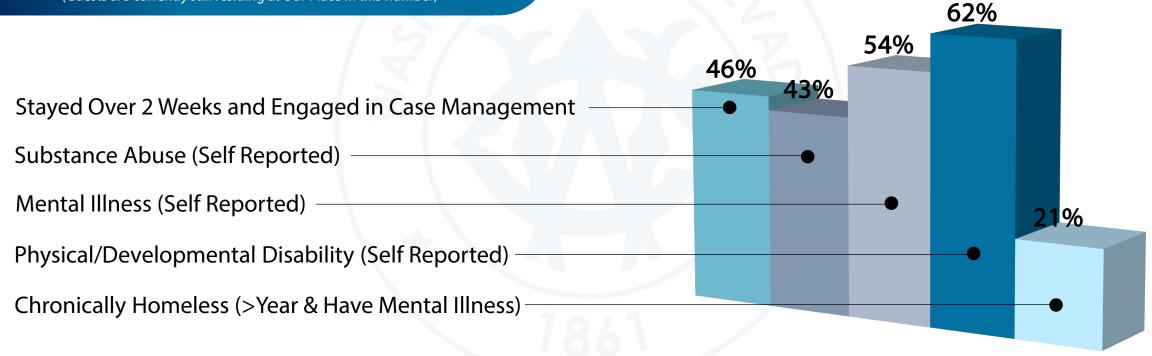




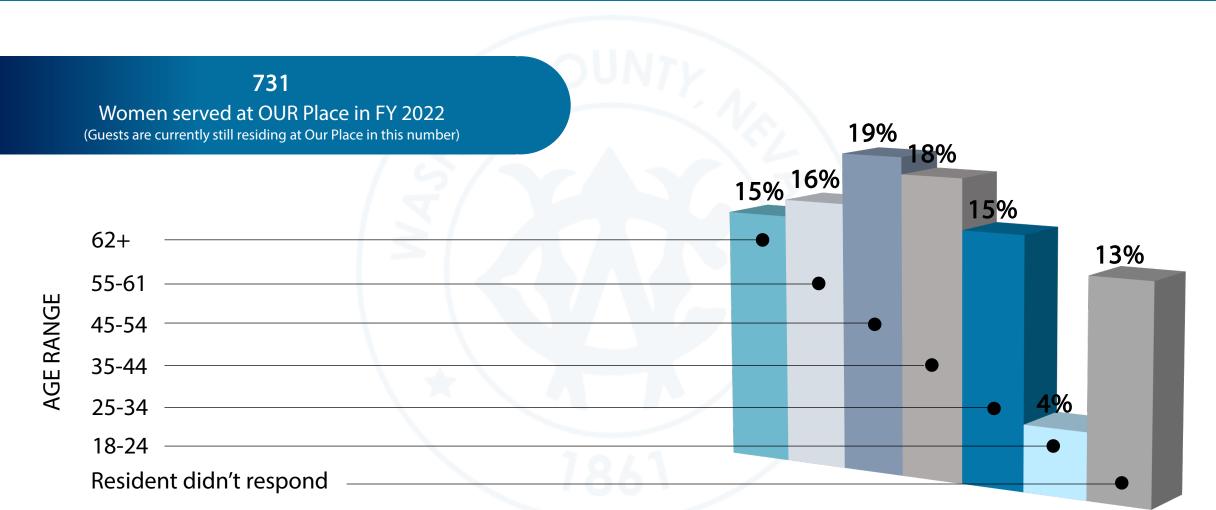


Women served at OUR Place in FY 2022

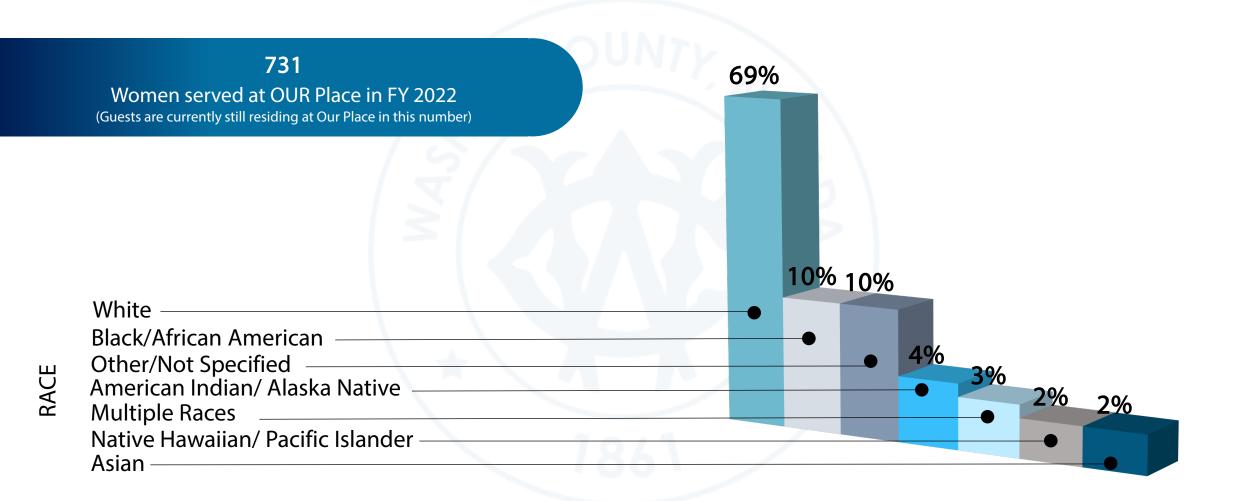
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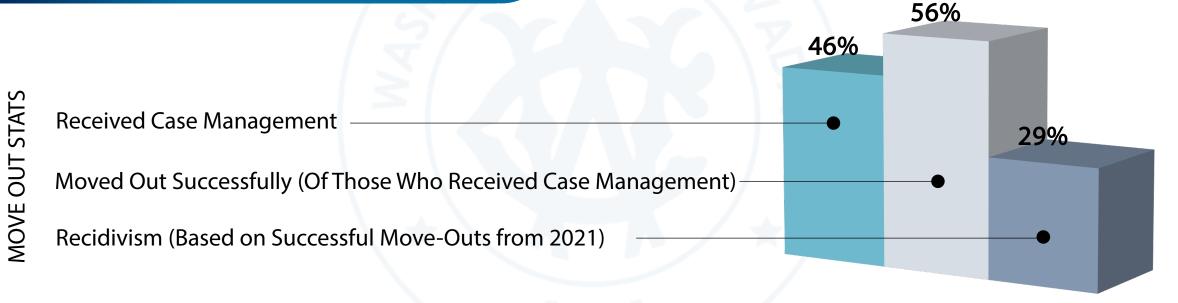












FAMILY HOME



Welcome kits provided

- Bed in Bag for parents & children
- Towels
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, etc.
- Bathroom totes

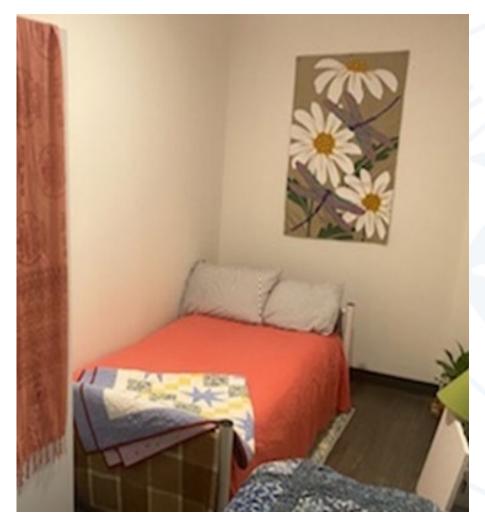






WOMEN'S HOME





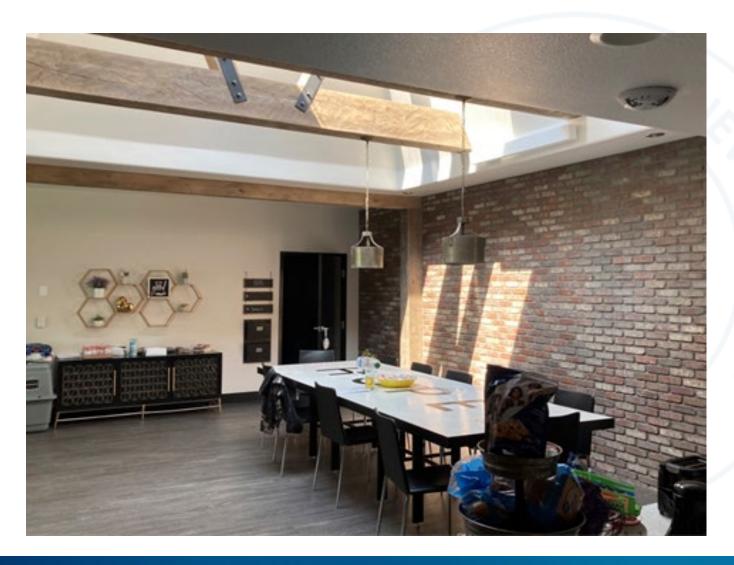






HOME 5: HOPE HOME (RISK REDUCTION)





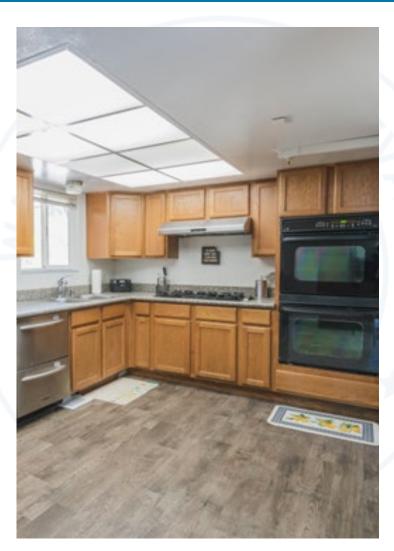




OUR HOME: FOREVER HOME











OUR PLACE TO SHINE BOUTIQUE











SOULFUL SEEDS (BROKE GROUND 4/6/22)









Thank you

