



***Women into Housing Now
& Home Start
Outcomes Report***

***Presentation to City Council
April 16th, 2014***



***Women into Housing Now –
Quarters 1 & 2 Report
October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014***

Women into Housing Now (WIHN) Background:

- Last fall, Commissioner Saltzman requested immediate one-time funds to move women quickly from the streets and shelters into permanent homes
- \$300,000 was awarded to four agencies: Human Solutions, JOIN, Northwest Pilot Project, and Transition Projects



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***WIHN programs serve vulnerable women,
including singles, families and women age 55 & over.***

Services provided:

- Street outreach
- Shelter diversion
- Housing search services
- Short-term rent assistance
- Support to stay housed

Annual goals:

- To house 92 households:
 - 7 families
 - 30 women age 55 & over
 - 5 chronically homeless women
- To have 70% maintain housing after 1 year



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Results:

WIHN programs exceeded the annual goal of 92 by housing **107** households in the first six months.

Of those, there are approximately:

- 26 families with children
- 48 individuals
- 33 couples

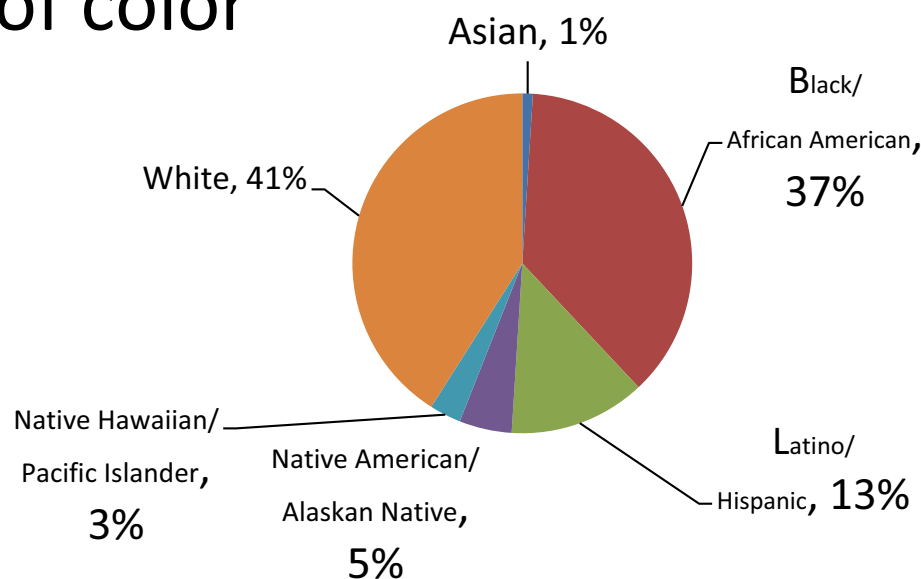


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Diverse demographics:

- 60% from communities of color
 - 37% African American
 - 13% Latino
 - 5% Native American/
Alaskan Native
- 42% disabled
- 10% chronic homeless
- 12 women housed are age 55 & over





Home Start – Quarter 1 Report January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014

Home Start Background:

- Commissioner Saltzman convened a community stakeholder advisory group to identify priorities to support rapid housing placement for vulnerable individuals and families
- Based on the group's recommendations, City Council approved \$1,700,000, which was awarded to three agencies: Multnomah County, the JOIN Collaborative and Northwest Pilot Project



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Home Start programs serve vulnerable adults and families, including those with disabilities and who are age 55 & over.

Services provided:

- Housing search services
- Rent assistance
- Street outreach
- Support to stay housed
- Links to culturally-specific services, mental health, benefits, employment assistance, medical services

Annual goals:

- To house 225 households:
 - 100 families
 - 25 adults age 55 & over
 - 70 adults with disabilities
- To have 70% remain housed after 1 year



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Results:

Within the first three months, Home Start programs assisted **96** households in finding permanent housing:

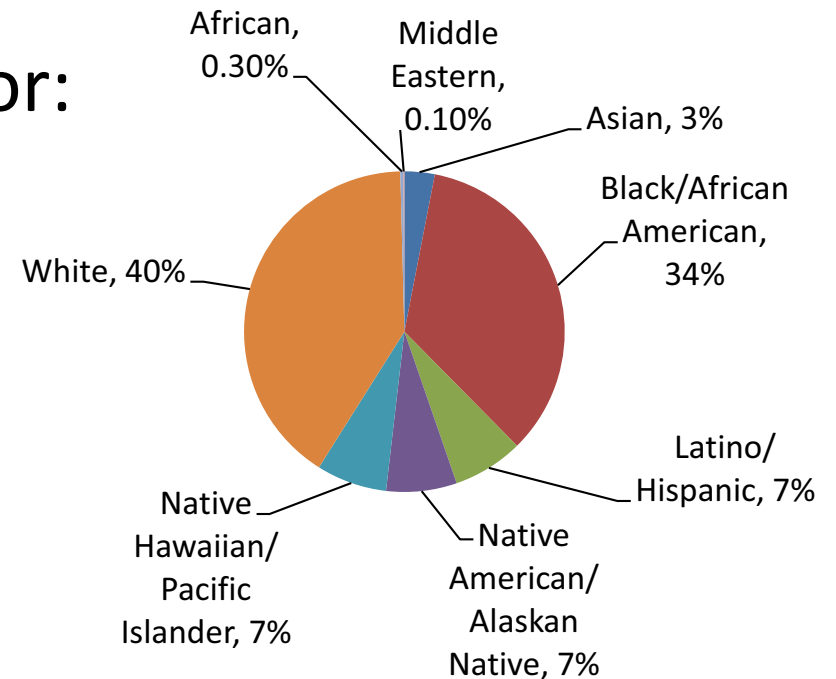
- 76 families with children
- 15 individuals
- 5 couples



Home Start – Quarter 1 Report January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014

Diverse demographics:

- 46% females and 54% males
- 60% from communities of color:
 - 34% African American
 - 7% Latino
 - 7% Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander
 - 7% Native American/
Alaskan Native





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Of the total individuals served by Home Start:

- Nearly 1 in 5 (18%) have a disability
- 43 experienced chronic homelessness
- 15 are veterans