**TARGET POPULATION:**

**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.** They constitute about 10% of the homeless population yet use more than half of homeless resources. They suffer from complex medical and behavioral disabilities that are virtually impossible to manage while homeless.

**PROBLEM ADDRESSED:**

**CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS AND ITS RELATED INEFFECTIVE OVERUTILIZATION OF RESOURCES.** Homeless individuals often rely on frequent expensive emergency room and hospital visits, and other public resources to meet their basic needs. They experience poor health and premature aging as a result of the instability of homelessness.

**THE INTERVENTION USED:**

**HOUSING FIRST.** The Housing First model is a paradigm shift in the way chronic homelessness is addressed, a shift toward "low-threshold" housing, in which the barriers to housing have been removed. It recognizes that homeless individuals can more easily achieve health and life goals when they have a permanent place to live.

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**Satisfaction with Health Before and After Housing Entry in Home and Healthy for Good Program (n=475)**

- **Prior to Housing Entry**
  - 2
- **6 Months After Housing Entry**
  - 3
- **12 Months After Housing Entry**
  - 3

**Legend**

- 0 = Very Dissatisfied
- 1 = Dissatisfied
- 2 = Neither Dissatisfied nor Satisfied
- 3 = Satisfied
- 4 = Very Satisfied

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**Utilization of Emergency Services 6 months before and after Housing in Home and Healthy for Good Program (n=290 as at June 30, 2017)**

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<th>Type of Service</th>
<th>6 Months Before</th>
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