



Project Homeless Connect: 2023 Data

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Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care, the
Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition,
and the Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless
Connect Sub-committee

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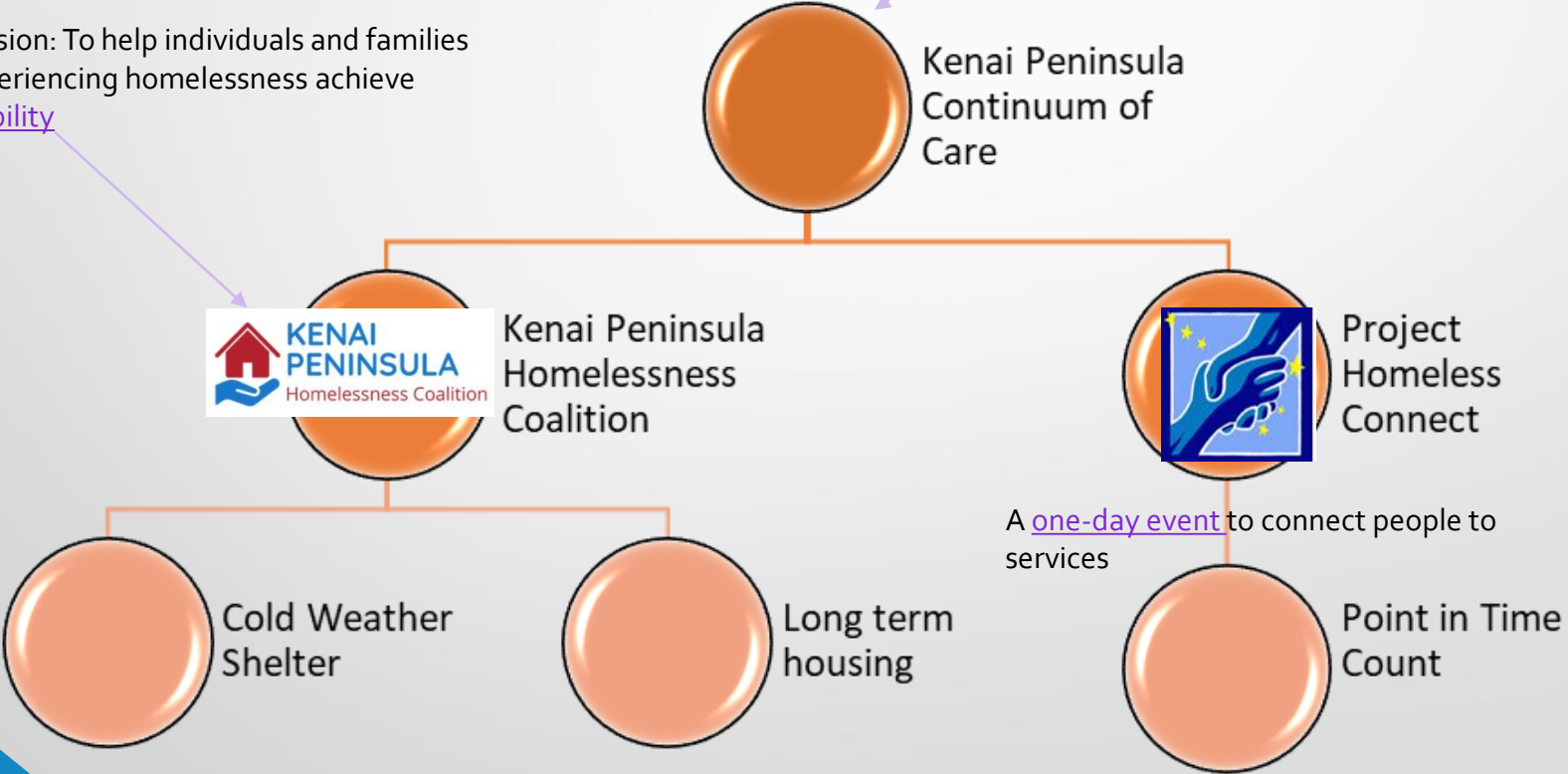
Our Goals

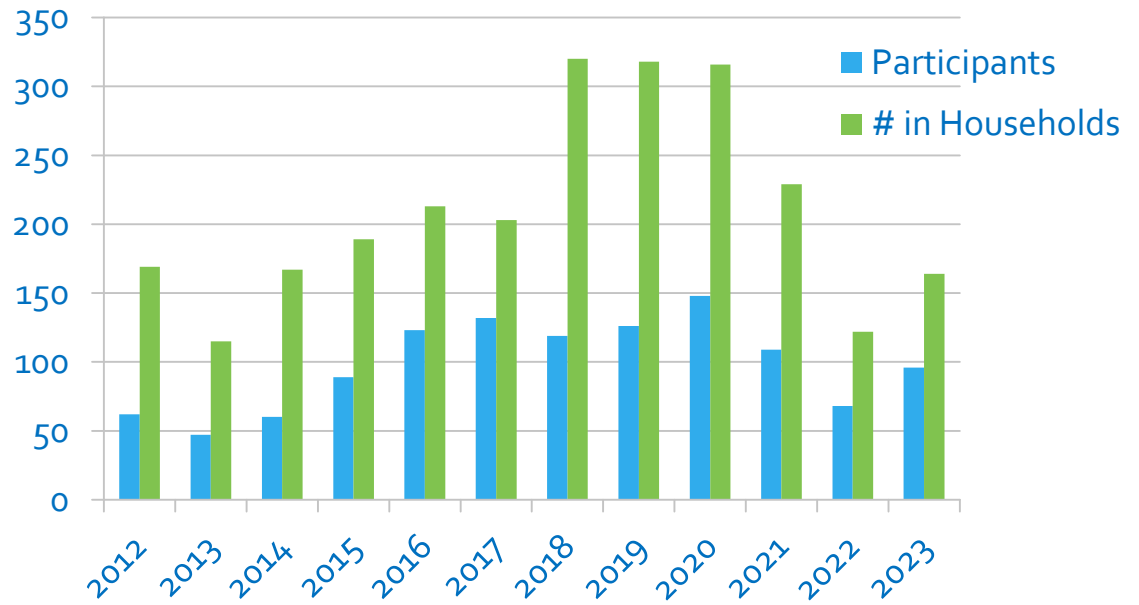
- Connect people to services efficiently and effectively that would otherwise be difficult to access
- Build a more compassionate community
- Reduce stigma
- Provide data

Our Organizational Structure

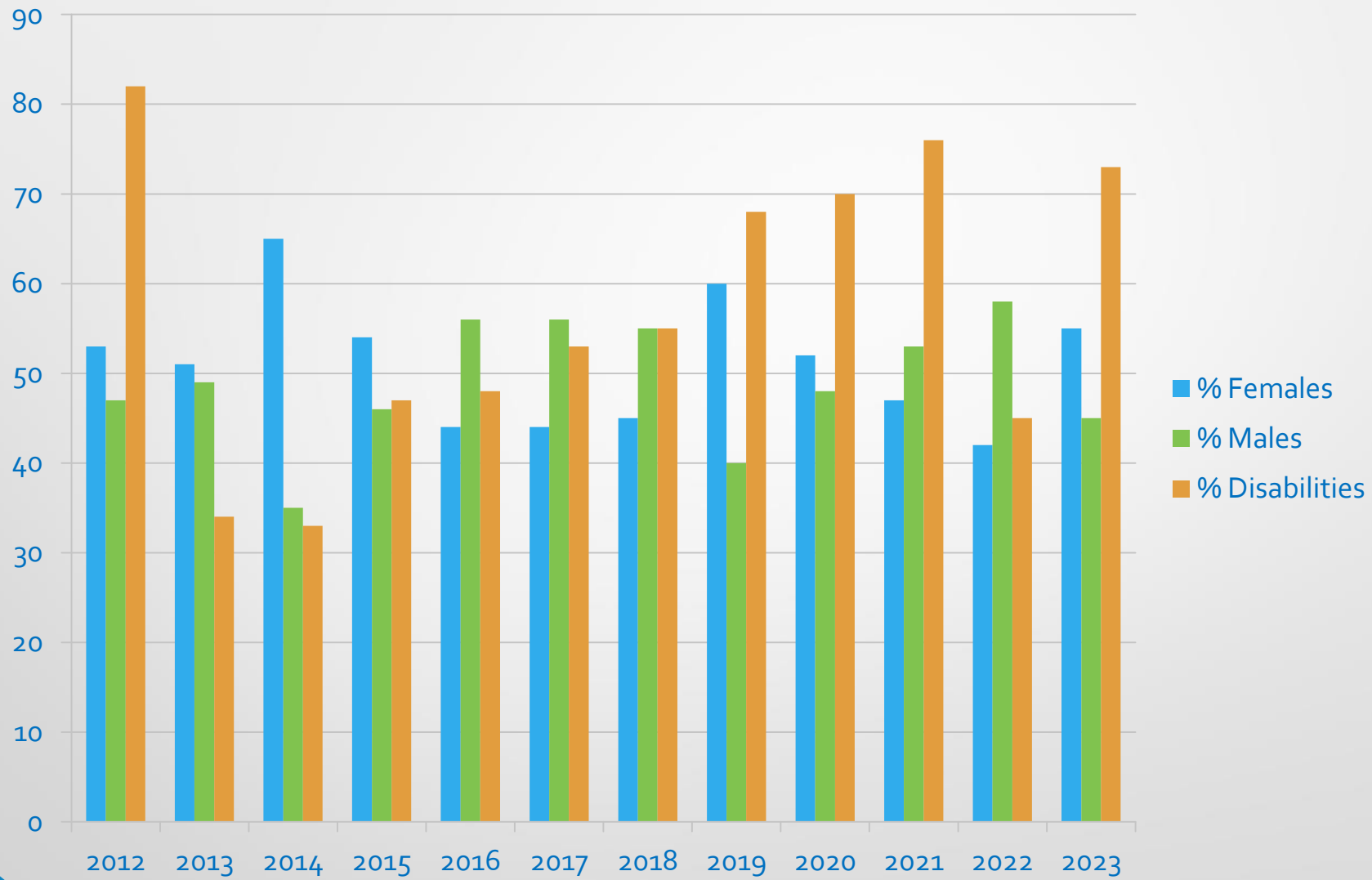
Mission: To help individuals and families experiencing homelessness achieve stability

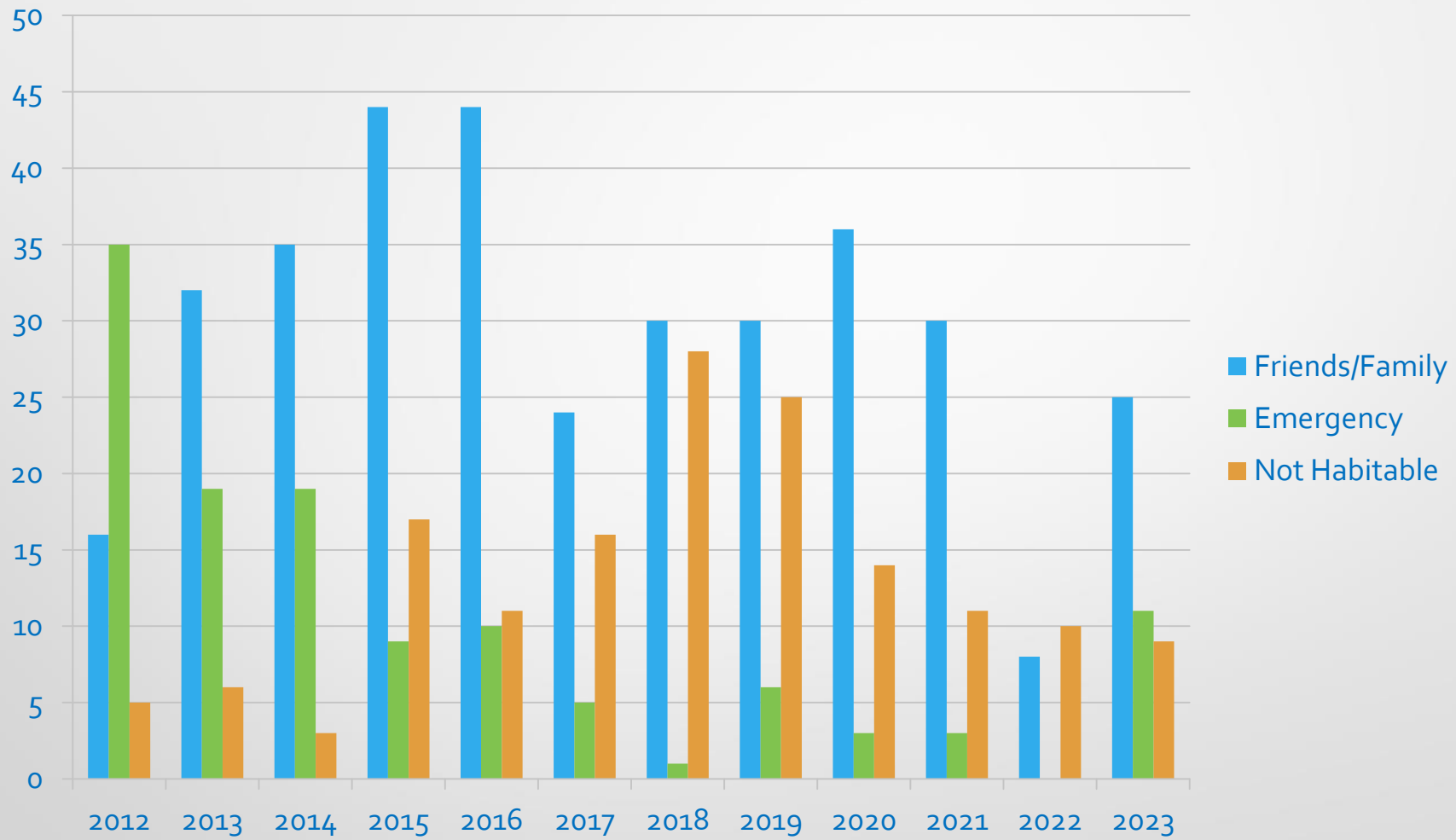
CoC is a regional planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals

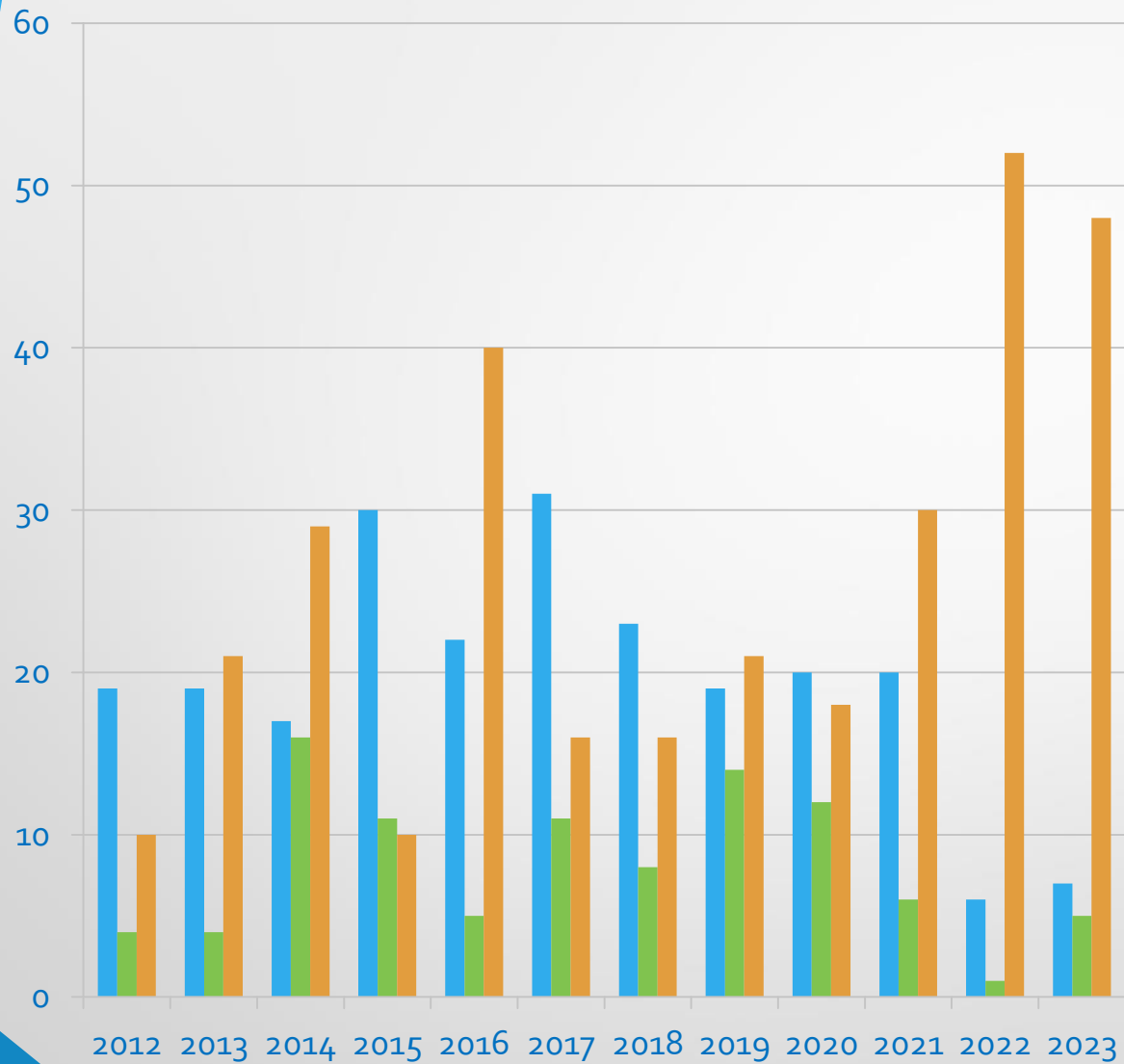




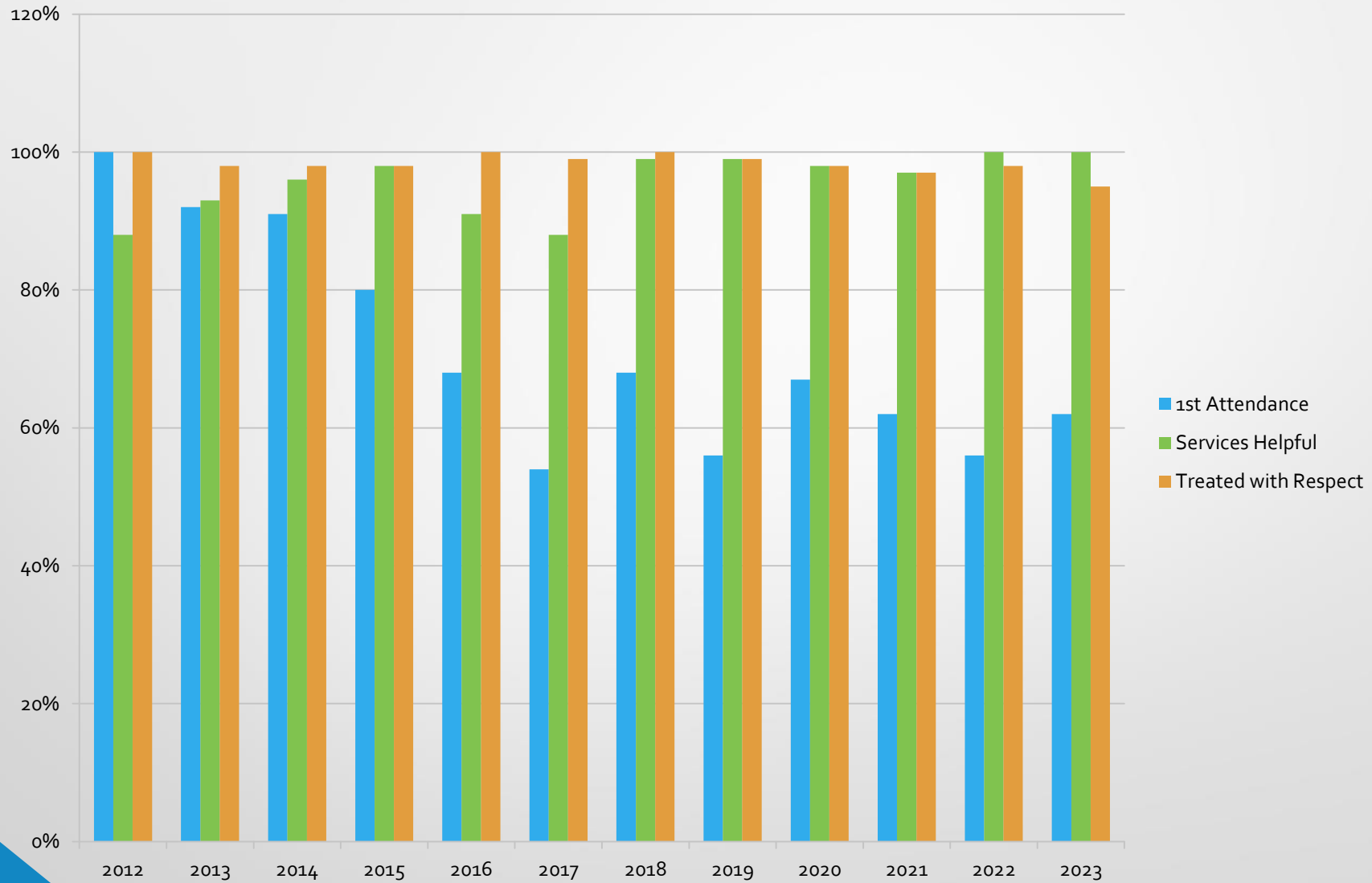
Post-pandemic Status







- Loss of Job
- Domestic Violence
- Other (lost income, eviction, divorce, death, etc.)



Homer/Anchor Point

1/31/2023

Homer

- 78 attended newly branded Community Resource Connect
- Held at the SPARC

Anchor Point

- 43 attended at the Anchor Point Food Pantry and Anchor River Inn

Approximately 20% reported living in a place not meant for habitation.
28.1% reported being Alaska Native/American Indian/or Indigenous
Approximately 34% reported being homeless for a year or more.
43.8% reported residing in Homer as their last permanent address
29.8% reported residing in Anchor Point as their last permanent address
Victims of domestic violence were of higher than normal rates



Seward

2/1/2023

- 24 participants participated in the Intake process
- 22 individuals reported they lived in Seward
- 12 participants identified as American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous
- 6 reported being homeless for over a year
- For disabilities, the majority of the disabilities fell under the physical category.

| HOME | PERIOD | GUEST |
|-------|--------|-------|
| | | |
| BONUS | POSS | POSS |
| FOULS | PLAYER | FOULS |
| WON | GAME | WON |



Provident
Seward Medical Center
Seward Mountain

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Seward Medical Center
Seward Mountain



2023 Point in Time Count/PHC

Where did you sleep
on 1/30/2023?

The Point in Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness carried out on one night in the last 10 calendar days of January. According to HUD guidance, the PIT count should be completed using unduplicated counts or statistically reliable estimates of persons experiencing homelessness in both sheltered and unsheltered locations on a single night.

Project Homeless Connect is honored as a best practice model by HUD.

Types of Homelessness For 2023

- Homeless: 20%
- Institutional: 2%
- Temporary/Permanent: 56%

*21% reported "Other"



Photos courtesy of Merrill Sikorski

Episodes of Homelessness

- 1st Time: 29%
- 2nd -3rd Time: 33%
- 4 or More Times: 23%



What the people need:



- 84% stated if an emergency cold weather shelter existed, they would use it.
- Primary needs reported: Transportation & Food
- Secondary Needs: Clothing, Lifeline phone, funding for license, fuel/gas/propane, energy assistance

Highlights of the 2023 Event

- 4 animals received supplies
- 96 individuals participated representing a total of 164 community members
- 62% reported this was their first PHC event
- 19% were between 18-34, prime employability
- 16% were veterans
- 8% slept in the car the night prior
- 45% had been homeless for a year or more
- 39% reported their last permanent address in Kenai
- 33% reported their last permanent address in Soldotna
- 50% reported being a survivor of domestic violence



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In **Alaska**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,264**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$4,215** monthly or **\$50,578** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$24.32
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING
WAGE

FACTS ABOUT ALASKA:

STATE FACTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Minimum Wage | \$10.34 |
| Average Renter Wage | \$23.14 |
| 2-Bedroom Housing Wage | \$24.32 |
| Number of Renter Households | 89,797 |
| Percent Renters | 35% |

94
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a **2-Bedroom**
Rental Home (at FMR)

72
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a **1-Bedroom**
Rental Home (at FMR)

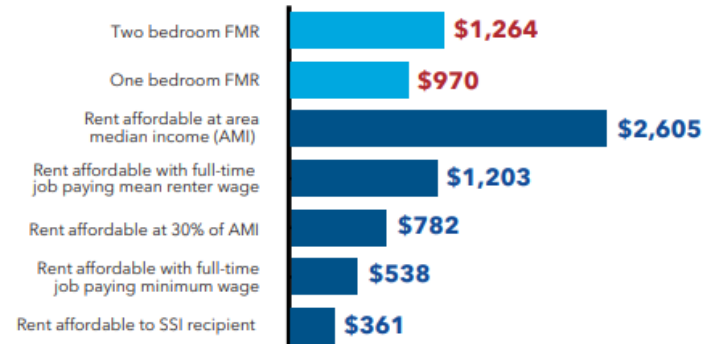
2.4
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

1.8
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS

HOUSING WAGE

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Bethel Census Area | \$32.65 |
| Aleutians West Census Area | \$31.75 |
| North Slope Borough | \$30.98 |
| Kodiak Island Borough | \$30.15 |
| Northwest Arctic Borough | \$29.38 |



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Kenai Peninsula Stats

| Alaska | FY22 HOUSING WAGE | | | | HOUSING COSTS | | | | AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) | | | | RENTERS | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------|---|---|-------------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR ¹ | 2 BR FMR | Annual income needed to afford 2 BR FMR | Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR ³ | Annual AMI ⁴ | Monthly rent affordable at AMI ⁵ | 30% of AMI | Monthly rent affordable at 30% of AMI | Renter households (2016-2020) | % of total households (2016-2020) | Estimated hourly mean renter wage (2022) | Monthly rent affordable at mean renter wage | Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR | | |
| Kenai Peninsula Borough | \$20.62 | \$1,072 | \$42,880 | 2.0 | \$98,400 | \$2,460 | \$29,520 | \$738 | 5,372 | 25% | \$19.49 | \$1,014 | 1.1 | | |



100% Community Survey Data on Housing

In January, community members were surveyed to determine community needs for vital and essential services. Questions were asked specifically about housing.

Approximately 3% of those surveyed stated they did not have a safe place to reside during the winter.

Approximately 58% stated they would use a cold weather shelter if accessible.

Approximately 55% had heard of the Nikiski Shelter of Hope.

Shelter of Hope

As of 2/22/2023:

- 93 adults have been housed
- 30 children have been housed
- 19 pets
- 18,000 meals served

Equating to 6,808 bed nights since operation in December 2022!

As of 3/8/2023:

- 95 adults have been housed
- 30 children have been housed
- 19 pets
- 21,000 meals served

Equating to 7,200 bed nights since operation in December 2022!



Thank you to our sponsors!

CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Alaska Mental Health Trust

Alaska Quit Line

Arby's – Kenai

Beeman's

Bishop's Attic

Build Up

Central Peninsula Hospital

Change 4 the Kenai

Christ Lutheran Church

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

City of Kenai

City of Soldotna – Mini Grant

Coca Cola Bottling of Alaska

Cook Inlet Counseling

Fine Thyme

Fred Meyers

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Independent Living Center

Jennifer Randleas – Practicum Student

Kenai Middle School – Sources of Strength Students

Kenai Peninsula Interfaith Group

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

Kenai Peninsula Re-Entry Coalition

Kenai Public Health

Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Kivi Kreations Bakery

KPAL

Laura Dean

Midnight Son SDA Church

Nikiski/Northstar United Methodist Church

Ninilchik Traditional Council

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church

Peninsula Dog Obedience Group

Peninsula Community Health Services

Safe Kids

Soldotna Elks

Soldotna Rotary Club

Soldotna Safeway

Soldotna United Methodist Church

Walgreens

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Thank you for allowing us to speak today.
At Project Homeless Connect, we believe
that no one deserves to lose hope. Help us
help them in 2024.



Questions?