

KENAI PENINSULA

2016 PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT REPORT



No one deserves to lose hope

The Homeless Action Coalition is proud to report on the Kenai Peninsula’s 5th Annual Project Homeless Connect event held at the Soldotna Sport’s Center on January 28, 2016. Our success is due to the collaborative effort between service providers, the private sector, volunteers, and the community members.

Agencies participating in the PHC planning process:

- ❖ Department of Corrections, Kenai Probation/Parole
- ❖ Dept. of Labor, Workforce Development
- ❖ Independent Living Center
- ❖ Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
- ❖ Kenai Peninsula Foundation
- ❖ Kenai Public Health
- ❖ Love, Inc.
- ❖ Peninsula Community Health Services
- ❖ The LeeShore Center

Vendors and individuals providing services to homeless individuals (24):

ABC Pregnancy Care Center	Kenai Peninsula Foundation
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	Kenai Public Health Center
Bishop’s Attic	Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Child Care Assistance Program	Kenai Vet Center
Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol Drug Abuse	Kenaitze Indian Tribe
Dept. of Labor, Workforce Development	Love, Inc.
Dominique & Joy Connor	Peninsula Community Health Services
Independent Living Center	Susie Smalley
Karlene’s Acupuncture	The LeeShore Center
Kenai Area Narcotics Anonymous	Trista Cauallo
Kenai Peninsula College	Twin Cities Veterinary Clinic
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank	Un-Chaind Ministry

Demographics of Population Served

One hundred twenty three (123) individuals completed an intake form (**38% increased participation from the prior year**). The total number of individuals based on number in households was 213.

Of the 123 intakes, 68% reported this was their first time attending a Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless Connect event.

Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	69	56%
Female	54	44%
Total	123	100%

Age

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 18	2	2%
18 - 24	15	12%
Older than 24	73	86%
Total	89	100%

Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian / AK Native	26	21%
Black / African American	2	2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	.5%
White	86	70%
Hispanic	1	.5%
Multiple	5	4%
Refused / Don't Know	0	0
Data Not Collected	2	2%
Total	123	100%

Household Type

Adult Household (no children)	83 (67%)
Household with adults and children	30 (24%)
Household with only youth (under 18)	2 (2%)
No Response	8 (7%)
Total	123 (100%)

Household Info

Single	51 (41%)
Head of Household	38 (31%)
Member of Household	34 (28%)
Total	123 (100%)

Slept Prior Night

	Frequency	Percent
Domestic Violence Shelter	1	1%
Emergency Shelter	4	3%
Foster Care / Group Home		
Hospital (ER)		
Hotel/Motel	4	3%
Jail / Prison, Juvenile Facility	1	1%
Own Residence	25	20%
PH for Formerly Homeless	2	2%
Place not Habitable	14	11%
Psychiatric Hospital / Facility		
Rental Apartment / House	10	8%
Stayed with Family	26	21%
Stayed with Friends	28	23%
Subsidized Housing		
Substance Abuse TX Center		
Transitional Housing	7	6%
Does Not Know or Remember		
Refused / No Response	1	1%
Total	123	100%

Duration of Homelessness

Not Currently Experiencing Homelessness	52*
Currently Experiencing Homelessness	71*
If Yes, Years of Current Episode	Range 1-20 years / M = 2 years
If Yes, Months of Current Episode	Range 1-10 months / M = 4 months
Total	123

***22 individuals who stated they were “not currently experiencing homelessness” do meet the HUD definition of homeless based on where they slept the night prior – which would increase the number for “Currently Experiencing “ to 93 (76%) and decrease “Not Experiencing” to 30 (24%).*

Homeless Episodes – Past 3 Years

0 times	27 (22%)
1 Time	44 (36%)
2 Times	14 (11%)
3 Times	12 (10%)
4 or More	24 (20%)
Client Doesn't Know	0
Client Refused	0
Data Not Collected	2 (1%)
Total	123 (100%)

If Question 4 or more was selected above - is the cumulative length of time equal to 12 months or more?

Yes	21 (17%)
No	102

Eviction Notice Received This Month

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	5	4%
No	118	96%
Total	123	100%

Health Insurance

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	87	71%
No	33	27%
Total	N/A	

**N/A = 3 (2%)

Conditions Affecting Housing Retention

	Frequency	Percent
Alcohol Abuse	10	17%
Drug Abuse	7	12%
Developmental Disability	11	19%
HIV / AIDS	0	0
Mental Illness	16	27%
Physical Disability	30	51%

***Percentages above are based on 59 individuals who stated one or more conditions affecting their ability to retain housing. Sixty four (64) individuals stated they did not have any conditions.*

Employment

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	12%
No	108	88%
Total	123	100%

Income Received Last 30 Days

	Frequency	Percent
Alimony/Spousal Support		
TANF	2	2%
Child Support	1	1%
Earned Income	21	18%
General Assistance	30	26%
Pension/Retirement		
Private Disability Insurance		
SSDI (Disability)	16	14%
SSI (Supplemental)	17	15%
Retirement from SSI	2	2%
Unemployment	10	8%
VA Service Disability Compensation	1	1%
VA Non-Service Disability Compensation	1	1%
Worker's Compensation	1	1%
Other	8	7%
Total	N/A	

***N/A = 5 (4%) Percentages are based on 118 individuals who responded - some individuals chose more than 1 income source*

Victim of Domestic Violence

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	17	14%
No	106	86%
Total	123	100%

If Yes to Above, Fleeing Domestic Violence

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	3	3%
No	120	97%
Total	123	100%

U.S. Military Veteran

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	16%
No	100	81%
No Response	4	3%
Total	123	100%

Primary & Secondary Alaska Regional Corp.

	Frequency	Percent
Ahtna Corp.		
Aleut Corp.	1	1%
Arctic Slope Regional		
Bering Straits		
Bristol Bay Native Corp.	2	2%
Calista Corp.	4	3%
Chugach Alaska Corp.		
Cook Inlet Regional	6	5%
Doyon Limited Corp.		
Koniag Incorp.		
NANA Regional	3	2%
Sealaska	1	1%
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Descendant BIA		
Goldbelt		
Client Refused		
Data Not Collected		
Client doesn't know	6	5%

****N/A = 100**

Prior Project Homeless Connect Events Attended

	Frequency	Percent
1st Time (0 prior)	84	68%
1Time	15	12%
2 Times	18	15%
3 Times	1	1%
4 Times	0	
5 Times	0	
Total	118	

****N/A = 5 (4%)**

Supplemental Questions

Number of Individuals in Household

Age 18 and Over	124
Age 17 an Under	89
Total	213

Primary Reason for Homelessness

	Frequency	Percent
Loss of Job	27	22%
Work hours cut	3	2%
Rent / Utility Increase	2	2%
New to Community	5	4%
Violation of Lease/Rules	1	1%
Illness / Injury	5	4%
Substance Abuse / MH	6	5%
Domestic Violence	5	4%
Household Member Dispute	2	2%
Aged out Foster Care	2	2%
Jail / Prison Release	10	8%
Treatment Center Release	1	1%
Loss of Partner/ Roommate	4	3%
Other	50	40%
Total	123	100%

Other includes: fixed income, personal difficulties, seasonal work, landlord selling home, no pets allowed, lack of income, disabilities, struggling to pay bills, lost job then lost house, divorce, earthquake or fire destroyed home, inadequate affordable housing.

Form of Transportation

	Frequency	Percent
Own Vehicle	54	44%
Friend/Family Member	36	29%
Public Transport	7	6%
Taxi	7	6%
Walk / Ride Bike	29	24%
Hitchhike	13	11%
Total	N/A	

Some chose multiple forms of transportation

Use Bus Route System if Available

	Frequency	Percent
Daily	62	60%
Weekly	28	27%
Monthly	7	6%
Seldom	4	4%
Never	3	3%
Total	104	100%

***N/A = 19 (15%) Percentages based on those who responded*

Prior Project Homeless Connect Event

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	17	19%
No	72	81%
Total	89	100%

Like to See Improved in Present Public Transportation System:

- Less costly, lower rates
 - Add bus system – outlying areas
 - Lower cab rates for homeless
 - Anything –not just taxi service
 - Take out roundabouts
 - Short notice & easier service
 - Live in Sterling – hard to get around
 - CARTS not user friendly – are late but if you're late they suspend you.
 - Stop CARTS penalizing people (for things beyond their control)
 - Better road maintenance
 - CARTS needs 24 hr. notice – no buses – taxi's expensive
- Free or low cost
 - More accessible
 - Get one
 - More affordable
 - Allow pets
 - Too expensive
 - Public transit system

Participant Exit Evaluations = 85 (70%)

Scale 1 - 5	1 (Low)	2	3	4	5 (High)
The event was helpful to me		1%	5%	12%	82%
I felt respected and supported				8%	92%
My knowledge of community resources & services increased	1%	2%	6%	18%	73%
I traveled less to obtain services & saved time	1%	1%	4%	15%	79%

Our gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers, vendors, and donors who helped make this event possible!



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