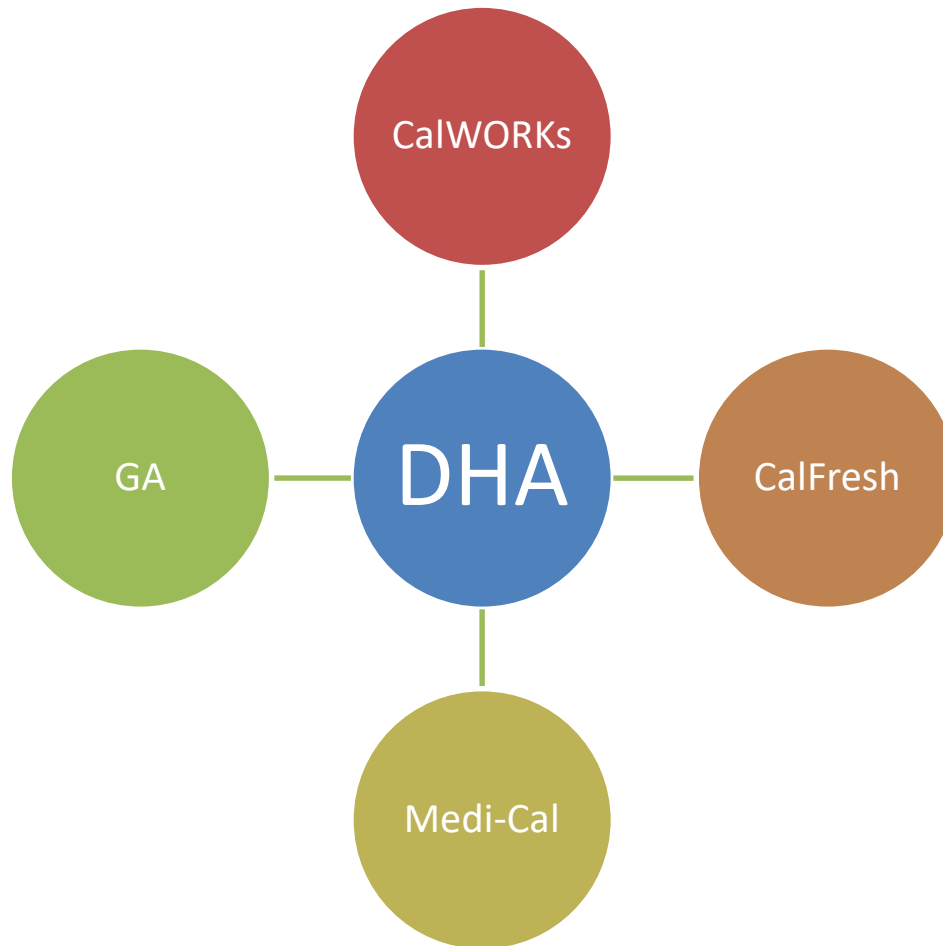




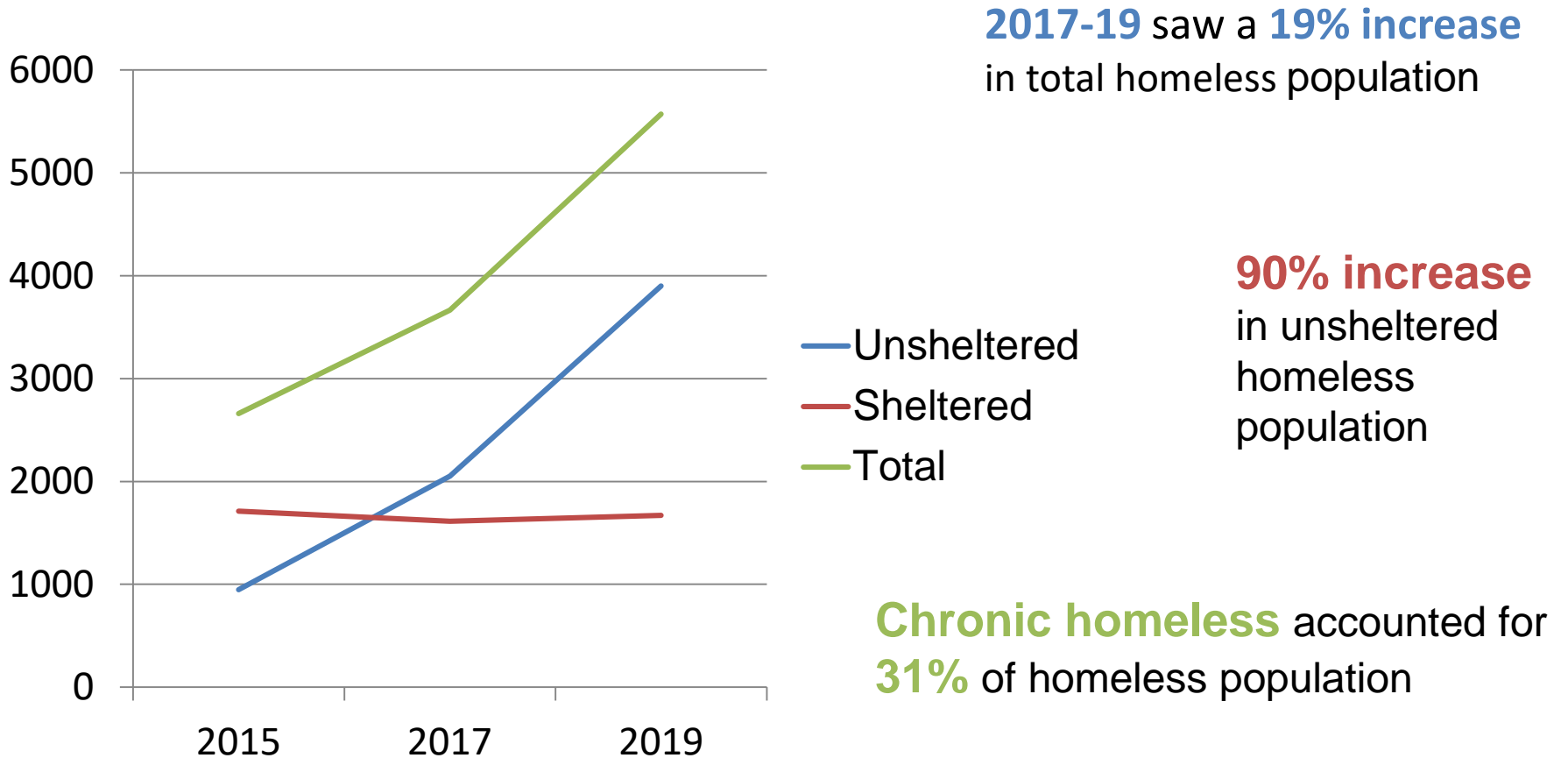
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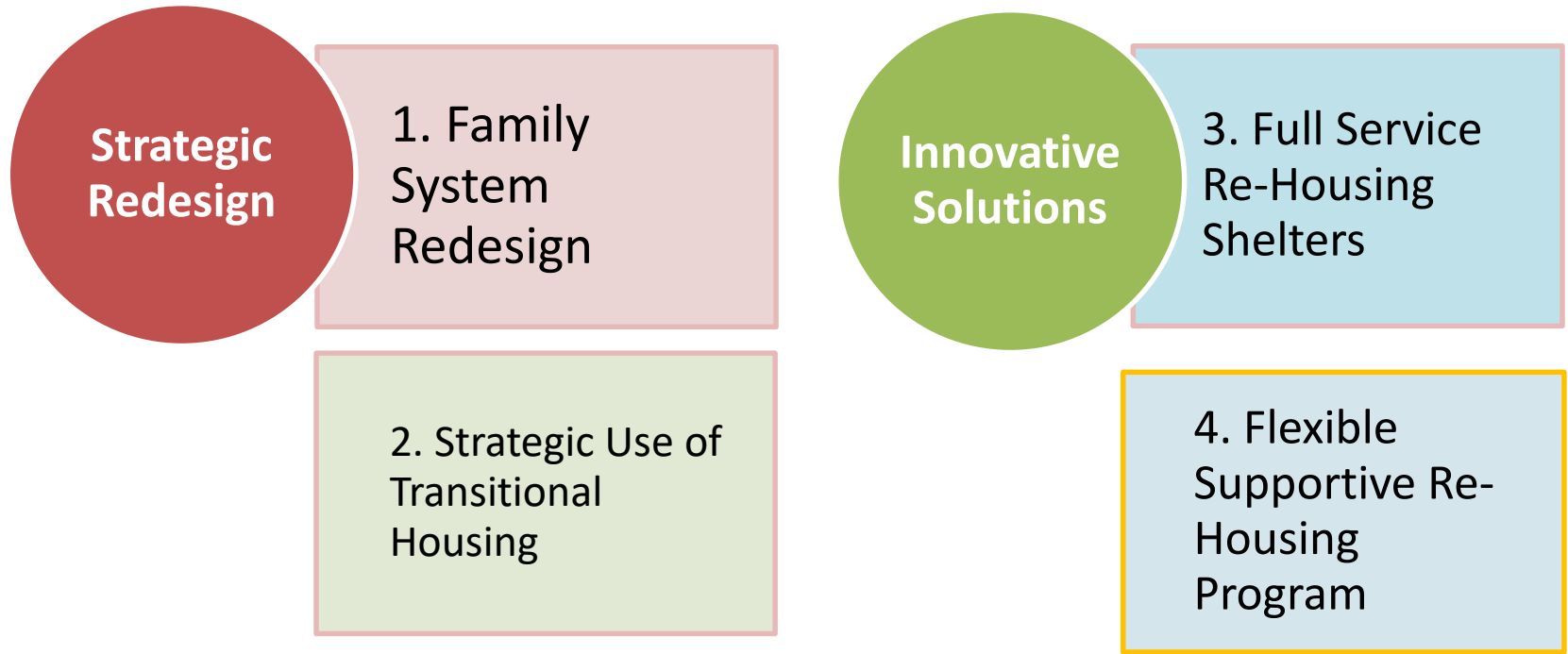
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Point-In-Time Count Data



Initiatives to Reduce Homelessness



Full Service Rehousing Shelter Low Barrier Access

- Accepting all persons as they present
- Approximately 80% have substance use disorder
- Approximately 50% routinely use meth
- Across 15 houses anywhere from 2-5 guests use meth routinely
- People are not exited from the shelter due to their drug use

Case Plan Development

- Substance use is typically known prior to shelter entry
- Housing is the focus. Case plans factor in treatment based referrals and support for sobriety
- Flexibility with case plan and expectations
- When guests opt to go to detox they have a bed waiting for them when they are released
- Most people transition into housing or back to the street still using

Barrier to Employment

- Not able to pass drug tests
- Challenged to present well for interviews when actively using
- Difficulty maintaining a dedicated work schedule
- Job performance varies
- Barrier is exacerbated by stay of homelessness

Barrier to Stable Housing

- Physical appearance and behaviors can be a deterrent for landlords
- Challenging to make it to house appointments and lease signings when actively using
- Drug related behaviors can often cause the tenant to break terms of lease
- Income goes quickly

New Outlook for Staff

- Team realized at one point that we need to shift how we support this population
- Changed the way we think about their priorities, concerns, anxiety and ability to follow through
- Addressing the use directly and objectively, laying out the facts about how it seems to be working for that individual
- Seizing every opportunity to connect them to resources

Mike's Story