

Homelessness in Virginia

Statistics and Promising Practices
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Overview of Virginia Data - Households

Virginia 2008

	Sheltered			Total
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	
House Holds - No Children	2499	1027	1281	4807
House Holds - with Children	449	611	106	1166
	2948	1638	1387	5973

Overview of Virginia Data - Total Persons

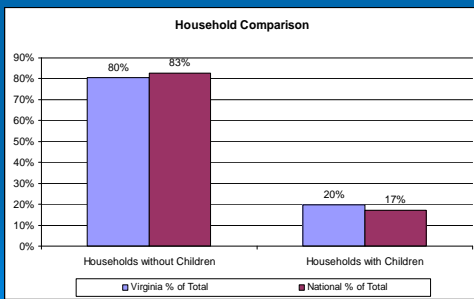
Sheltered

	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Unsheltered	Total
	Persons in HH - no Children	2521	1020	1297
Persons in HH - with Children	1393	1961	277	3631
	3914	2981	1574	8469

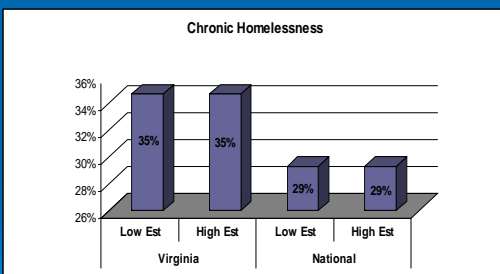
Overview of Virginia Data – Sub Populations

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Chronically Homeless	967	711	1678
Serious Mental Illness	849	285	1134
Chronic Substance Abuse	1564	375	1939
Veterans	710	188	898
Persons with HIV/AIDS	89	27	116
Domestic Violence	949	96	1045
Unaccompanied Youth	N/A	N/A	N/A

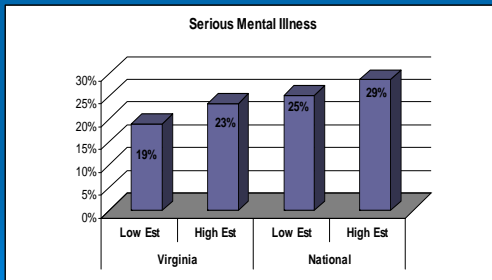
Comparison VA to National - Households



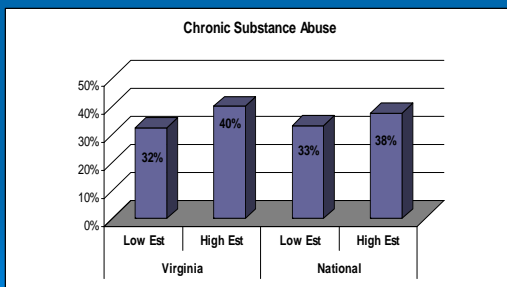
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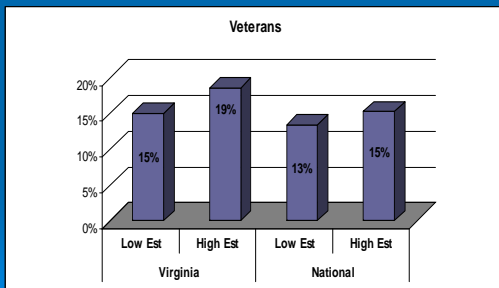
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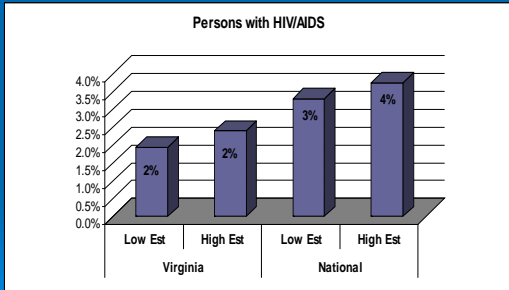
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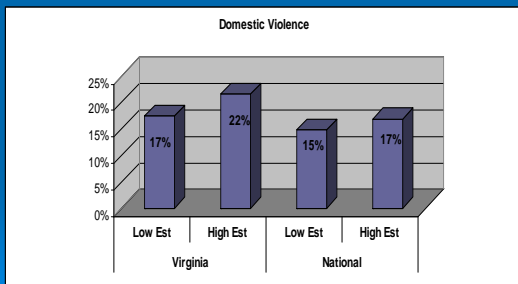
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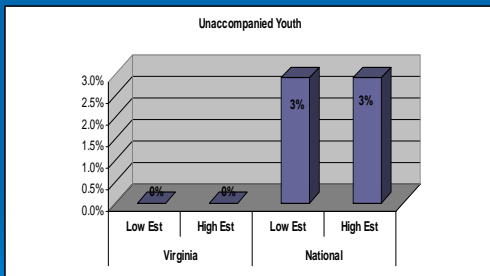
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Statistically, 145 youth experiencing homelessness in Virginia

Resources

- New – Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)
- New – SNAP – extended eligibility for adults without disabilities – through Oct 2010.
- HIP/HPP
- ESG/SSG, CDBG, TANF, HOME
- Continuum of Care Resources
- VASH, Section 8

What Coming UP

- New – Mainstream Section 8 for Persons with Disabilities
- New – HEARTH Act Regulatory changes
- New – New formulas CDBG, ESG

Promising Practices for Communities

- Mix of exit opportunities – scattered site and SRO
- Housing First
- SSI/SSDI Outreach Access, and Recovery (SOAR)
- PATH Programs – Outreach to persons experiencing mental illness
- Rapid Re-Housing and Prevention Assistance
- Effective outreach to Veterans
- Housing Broker Teams
- Effective Use of Fair Housing and Reasonable Accommodations

Promising Practices for Communities

- Legal Aid – Involvement in homeless programs (incl HPRP)
- Project Homeless Connect and similar events (Employment Connect)
- Involvement of Faith Community
- Effective use of existing housing programs
- Appropriate level of service (case management)
- Central Intake – Centralized Services Access
- Health Care Programs – HCH – Outreach Components

Cultural Competence

- Outreach
- Engagement
- Meeting Client where they are
- Providing Support as Accepted
- Ensuring Safe Referrals
- Responsiveness to Trauma
- Understanding Disability
- Motto: How we will accomplish and overcome any barrier.

Discussion

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