



June 2025

THE FORCE NEWSLETTER

Hello TaskForce

Family,

Welcome to the June edition of The Force! As temperatures continue to climb throughout Florida, our outreach and housing efforts are more vital than ever.



Tips & Insights

From the Mental

Health Program:

“Taking a few minutes each day to slow down and focus on your breathing can reduce stress.”

From the Elder Haven and Hope Program:

“Drinking enough water each day is essential for keeping your body and mind healthy, especially in the summer heat.”

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Behavioral Health Conference in Broward County!

Our team attended the 10th Annual South Florida Behavioral Health Conference, celebrating a decade of prevention, progress, and connection. The event showcased the power of collaboration and the significant strides made in behavioral health across South Florida. Our licensed mental health professionals and staff from across the agency were proud to participate and gain valuable insights throughout the week.

Incoming Board of Directors

During the June meeting, the Board voted to elect three new officers and expressed deep gratitude to outgoing Board Chair Dr. Kristi Messer, whose six-year term has come to a close.

“It has been a privilege to contribute to TaskForce’s mission and to stand alongside so many dedicated individuals committed to creating lasting change,” said Dr. Kristi Messer in an outgoing statement

The new officers include:

- **Chair:** Mertella Burris, Esq., Director of Coast to Coast Legal Aid, following her term as Board Vice Chair
- **Vice Chair:** Ernest Del Valle, Psychologist at Broward County Human Services, following his term as Board Secretary
- **Secretary:** Jessica Abou, Realtor at Jessica Abou Realty, following her term as Member
- **Treasurer:** Marlon Gutierrez, Vice President at Ocean Bank, continuing in his current



Mertella Burris, Esq.
Chair



Ernest Del Valle, MG
Vice Chair



Marlon Gutierrez, BS
Treasurer



Jessica Abou, MACP
Secretary

TaskForce Monthly Service Report

Broward County

June 2025

Monthly Shelter Placements

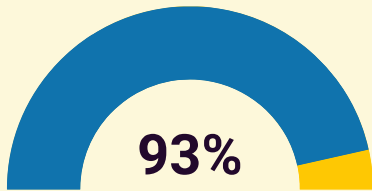
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Clients Served (YTD)

4,944

Housing Sustainability (12 mo.)



Engagements (YTD)

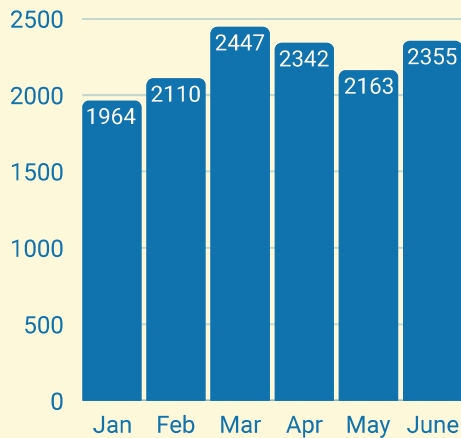
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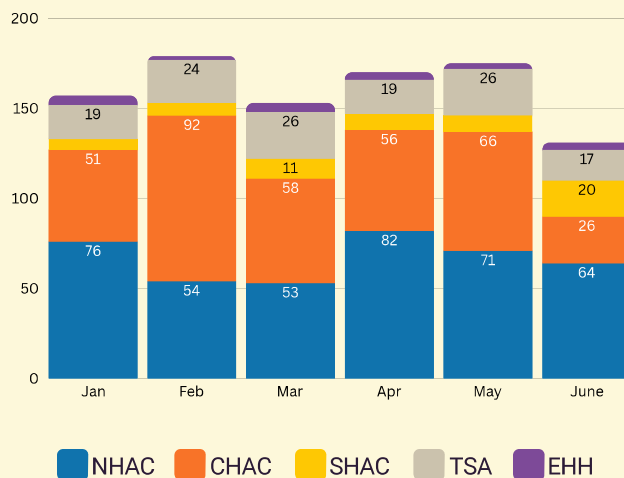
Families Served (YTD)

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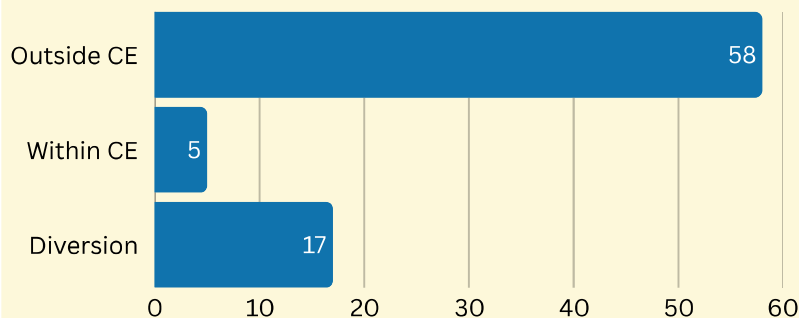
Monthly Service Engagements



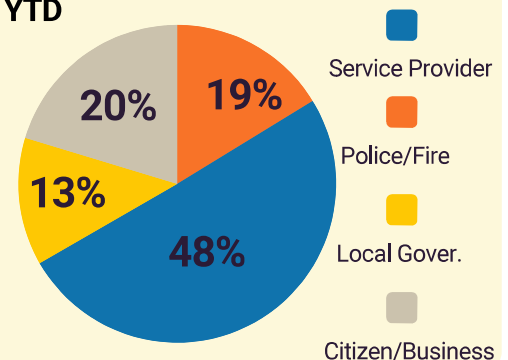
Shelter Placements (Program Beds Only) - 965 YTD



Housing Placements - 80 YTD



Street Outreach Requests - 123 YTD



Monthly Continuum of Care Service Report

Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam and Union Counties

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Shelter Placements (YTD)

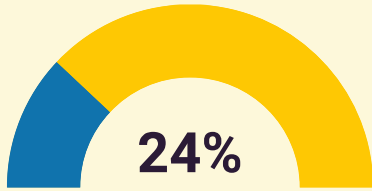
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Clients Served (YTD)

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Chronic Population



Services Provided (YTD)

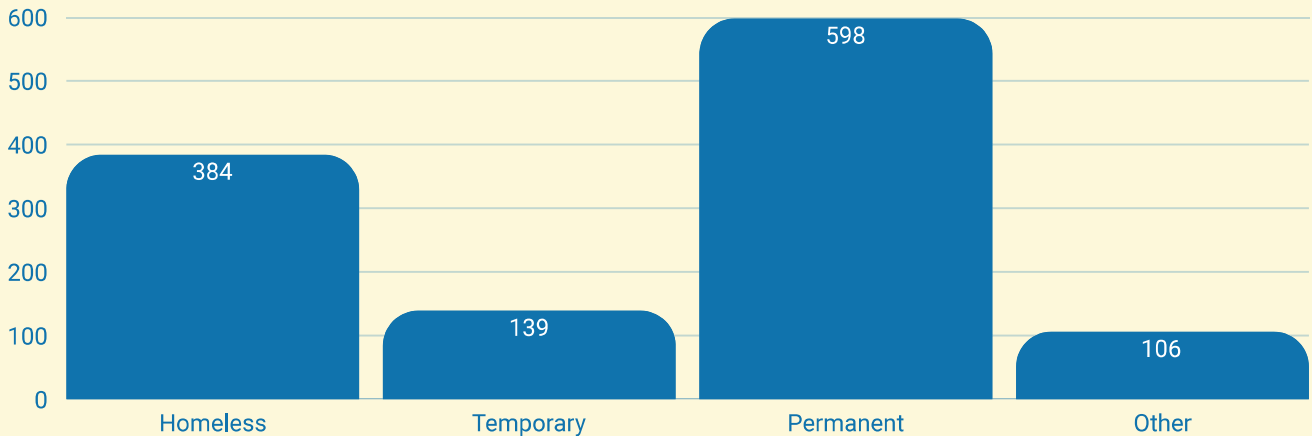
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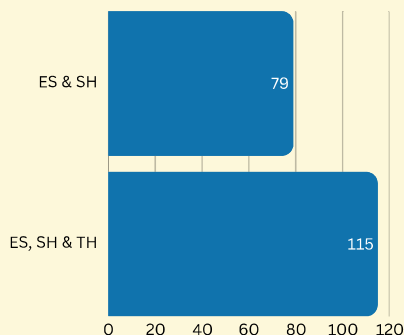
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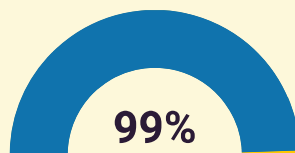
Program Exit Destinations (YTD)



Participant Length of Time Homeless (Avg Days)



Housing Sustainability (YTD)



Age of Population

