

DALLAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOUSING WORK GROUP

Dallas County Administration – 500 Elm Street, Customer Excellence Training Room 7.Y17, 7th Floor, Dallas Texas
September 24, 2025, 10:00-11:30am

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1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reports

a. Governance – Commissioner Theresa Daniel

- Approval of June 25, 2025, minutes
- Homeless Advisory Committee Meeting
- Federal & State legislative environment

b. Resources – services, programs, people, funds

- Shelter Discussions
- NTBHA
- Housing Navigator / Homeless Jail Dashboard/St Jude Center
- Housing Authority Report- DHA/DCHA
- Metrocare Services
- AIDS Services of Dallas (ASD)

c. Projects and Industry Updates

- Housing Forward updates
- Pretrial Diversion and MH screening
- Dallas Connector
- Homeward Bound, Crisis Residential & Respite Services, Deflection Center
- Youth Housing
- Family Housing

3. Next Meeting October 22, 2025

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ATTENDEES: Commissioner Theresa Daniel, Dallas County; Latoya Jenkins, Dallas County; Tzeggabranh Kidane, Dallas County; Kimberly Rawls, DCCJ; Quincy Hogan, Metrocare; Lisa Marshall, Fighting Homelessness; Wendy Hardeman, Sharing Life; Traswell Livingston, ASD; Doug Denton, Homeward Bound; Daniel Roby, Austin Street; Kendal Brown, Family Gateway; Eric McCarty, NTBHA; Thomas Lewis, DC Housing Authority; Derling Campos, Parkland

Dr. Daniel opened the meeting by having the members at the table to introduce themselves.

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner and the committee approved the minutes from the May 23rd meeting.

RESOURCES

Austin Street Shelter: Daniel Roby, Austin Street Shelter

Daniel Roby reported that Austin Street maintains at full capacity for the month. For the month of May, the short term, limited program availability maintains at about 99% capacity and the shelter maintains between 98-99% occupied. They are averaging about 7-15 housing placements per week. Missing one week of data, they have about 30 housing placements for the month of May. The Connector project was averaging between 520 and 877 rides per week which equals out to about 2,500 rides for the month of May. They have also begun tracking housing exits and the pathways that neighbors are using to stay housed which includes placements such as long term treatment. Currently, they are averaging between 1-3 per week, but this tracking is new, and they will be monitoring data from now on. They are still turning away 2-3 times as many people as they are able to accept. They are averaging between 1 and 7 available limited capacity beds daily.

Commissioner Daniel asked if they needed more beds to which Mr. Roby answered yes. They have the space for more beds, but they need the continued funding for them. He stated they recently added 100 new beds at no cost to the public, but they need continuous funding to support them. Commissioner Daniel asked what the cost is to support the beds and Daniel Roby answered around \$50 for total supportive costs. Doug Denton asked if their funding was HUD based, or COC funding and Mr. Roby stated that all shelter beds are funded philanthropically. He stated that they have some beds that are tied to the HSC funding, but only at an eighth of the cost of shelter expenses. Their HUD funding is for the continuum of care's rapid rehousing. He stated that through the Housing Forward's diversion program, they are able to help people who may not need shelter but need other things.

NTBHA: Eric McCarty, NTBHA

Eric McCarty reported that they have 18 million dollars funding in the general set aside. He also stated that he is working on applications he received in November of last year when the contracts were not renewed. They were renewed in April for three more years. So far, he has eight applications that are in process. Within Dallas County, clients are able to live in Addison, Carrollton, Richardson, and Desoto and they are also able to live in bordering counties. The TBRA funding isn't currently affected by the funding cuts but many of the clients are still not working their self-sufficiency plan and are coming back through the program. He stated that NTBHA has started a supportive employment program that helps clients find employment.

Housing Navigator/Homeless Dashboard/FUSE St. Jude: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls reported that both the Housing Navigator and the Homeless Dashboard are in the packet. She stated that she is currently working on her annual FUSE report to see the data, recognize the current trends, and see the progress of the FUSE program. Mr. Rawls applied for the State Crisis Intervention Grant with the Texas Office of the Governor back in January 2025 and the state has requested additional information. They have submitted and are waiting for feedback. If awarded, it will fund the FUSE program. In the past, the awards have been granted as early as October and as late as

December, so they are waiting to see if they will receive funding.

In the Homeless report, there was a slight increase in the jail book ins from April to May which caused slight increases to the other categories.

Pre-Trial Diversion and Mental Health Screenings: Kimberly Rawls, Dallas County Criminal Justice

Kimberly Rawls reported that Laura Edmonds is out and that she will be giving the report for her today. They are continuing to schedule and facilitate releases from jail to connect them with the community and mental health services. ADAPT continues to complete mental health assessments for those who have been flagged with a suspected mental health need. In May, 2,507 assessments were completed. The Criminal Justice department is also working with Housing Forward on various attorney outreach and release planning for those flagged as complex needs neighbors to connect them with services. They have developed a warm handoff release program for those neighbors and are currently getting them connected to services.

There was a question about the capacity of the jail being full to which Commissioner Daniel answered that the jail is at 95% capacity. Kimberely stated that she spoke with LaShonda Jefferson, Asst. Director of the Criminal Justice Dept, about what the contributing factors are to the increase in population. Ms. Jefferson answered there are several contributing factors, including the overall jail book ins have increased and release rates have been slower. She also stated that transfers to state prisons have been slower due to staffing issues and parole is also experiencing staffing issues which attributes to more individuals being held. Some of the individuals in custody have un-filed cases which impact their bond amounts not being posted and there are pre-filed and pre-indicted statuses for clients that prevent them from being able to move forward in the system. The Criminal Justice department is working with attorneys to file writs for bond reviews for some of those cases.

There was a conversation regarding the Miami Model training and possibly having Mr. Lee Pierson come and present to the group on the current program the District Attorney's office has in place. Commissioner Daniel's staff stated they would follow up with Mr. Pierson.

Housing Authority: Thomas Lewis, Dallas County Housing Authority

Thomas Lewis reported that they are currently allocating the additional 100 Housing Choice Vouchers they received from Housing Forward. 28 individuals are now searching for housing. He stated that while the funding is available, they are working to get them housed quickly. Lisa Marshall asked if the Emergency Housing Vouchers were still available and Mr. Lewis answered that they granted those at one point but now they are no longer available. He reported that if a person wants to change to another type of voucher, they will need to reach out to HUD to try to transfer the voucher type. There was also a conversation regarding how Dallas County was able to receive the Housing Choice Vouchers from Housing Forward and if there is a specific metric that must be met to continue the relationship. Mr. Lewis explained that Dr. Huang and Housing Forward forged a relationship after Housing Forward received the grant to allocate vouchers allowing housing agencies to assist in the distribution. Dr. Huang made a commitment to Housing Forward to facilitate this particular voucher program through Dallas County's agency. Daniel Roby asked what is the HUD regulation that governs how the vouchers are used and Thomas Lewis responded that CFR 24.982 is the HUD policy that gives the guidelines on the use of the Housing Choice Vouchers.

MetroCare: Quincy Hogan, Metrocare

Quincy Hogan reported they are building 26 units at 9209 Elam Road behind the clinic property they recently purchased. This housing will support single parents with minor children, and they will hopefully begin applying for permits in November of this year. They are currently advertising a RFP for an attorney to sort out the specifics of the rental rates for the units. They have broken ground and poured the foundation for two single family homes in the South Dallas area for individuals with intellectual disabilities. There is a need for housing for those living with IDD with the current wait list for housing services being up to 15-18 years. They are looking to purchase another lot for another single family home but are having difficulty finding lots within the \$75,000 budget. These homes will be along the line of a group home style.

Housing Forward:

Representatives from Housing Forward were not available for the meeting, but Daniel Roby reported that they have a strong focus on their Street to Home Initiative. Kimberly Rawls echoed these remarks stating that Housing Forward has also reached out to the Criminal Justice department by sending them over a complex needs list of individuals in the downtown area to determine if they have been or are currently in the Dallas County jail system. This is an effort to reconnect them with Housing Forward once their release has been facilitated. Lisa Marshall stated that she attended their general assembly meeting, and they are also focusing on utilizing the rapid rehousing funding and asking the COC for legislative assistance regarding federal legislation.

PROJECTS AND INDUSTRY UPDATES

Homeward Bound: Doug Denton, Homeward Bound

Doug Denton reported that their psychiatric crisis residential program is staying fairly full with referrals from Parkland psych emergency rooms and others including Dallas Behavioral Health. They are also facilitating a significant number of walk-ins, of which the report reflects. The Deflection Center saw a record number of 101 intakes with DART Police and DPD bringing a number of people in. The average length of stay is 7 ½ days which is a slight increase from the previous month. They are working to release clients to the best possible situations. They were able to refer 8 clients to Austin Street Shelter and the Bridge. Mr. Denton stated that he believes their outreach engagement is working. They are engaging clients through substance abuse programs and providing those along with mental health services as well. If they find that the clients are engaged in services with another provider, they try to reconnect and re-engage the client back into services with that provider.

Family Housing: Family Gateway, Kendall Brown

Kendall Brown reported that they are going into their busy season with the summer months of June, July and August. There is an increase in the number of families that are experiencing homelessness. A number of factors contribute to this, including children being out of school for summer break. The data for the summer months will begin to come in and trends can then be analyzed. The shelter is due to replace damaged windows from the storm that occurred about a year ago. The City of Dallas is currently replacing those, and it will take about 6 months to complete that project.

Commissioner Daniel inquired about the Trump impact on organizations and Daniel Roby answered that their organization has lost \$100,000 which paid for food within their organization. They are currently having to rely on the private community to recover. Wendy Hardeman stated that the organizations such as AmeriCorps and AARP provide volunteers, and they are in jeopardy of losing their people. Doug Denton stated that they lost their AmeriCorps staff, their COVID technology grant funding, and their Alcohol Demonstration project that was out of HHSC. Kimberly Rawls stated that she was planning to apply for a lot of grant solicitations, but she was told they were removed due to DEI verbiage, and they have not been added back. Doug Denton also stated that the state has not renewed their funding for their addiction program for those living with HIV due to their program's zip code being in Dallas County, although they serve surrounding counties. He received a letter stating that because the program provides services in the same catchment area as NTBHA, their program should be receiving funding from the local behavioral health authority. NTBHA cannot fund this specific program due to it providing services outside of Dallas County. Traswell Livingston also stated that his connection to AmeriCorps has been severed and the staff that they were working with are gone.

ASD: Traswell, Livingston

Traswell Livingston reported that they do have a barrage of different funding, and their intakes are up year over year. They are up to 122 adults and 2 families over the first two quarters. Older black men are still the predominant applicants for intake. They are currently working on a 48-unit permanent supportive housing project at the old Braniff hotel on Wycliff and are targeting those who were formerly homeless, 55 years and older adults, living or not living with HIV for that new development. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2026, but extensive renovation is needed for the building. They also have another 74-unit permanent supportive housing apartment project on Meadow and I-75 in South Dallas. They are looking to provide for the needs of the community and have not earmarked a targeted population for that project. It is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. These are tax credit developments, so they want to make rents affordable. They will also take any voucher or subsidy for the program.

Commissioner Daniel asked Mr. Derling Campos to provide information from his current role at Parkland. He stated that he is the Social work manager for the Biotel department in Parkland and they handle the medical guidance for Dallas County's EMS and firefighter teams. Within the department, they have a social work program that is currently contracted with cities to help run Dallas County's crisis correspondence teams for mental health. He currently staffs the crisis teams on the Southeastern Dallas Alliance CARE team, the Lancaster team, and potentially the Desoto CARES team in the future. He also has social workers that take mental health referrals and complex case referrals with the fire departments and EMS that contract with Biotel through Parkland. Biotel is a partnership with UT Southwestern and Parkland and they provide services through EMS. He stated that he can make connections to various departments within Parkland and other mental health and behavioral health resources for those in Dallas County focusing on cities outside the City of Dallas.

Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for their work and encouraged them to continue to share information that they come across to share with the group .

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Dallas County Criminal Justice (DCCJ) Housing Navigator August 2025 Report

FUSE Data

Category Item	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Total Clients Screened for FUSE	120	171	107	134	164	209	195	84	94	127	132	141	106
Referral Source													
Jail FUSE Navigator Screening	0	3	0	0	42	29	20	22	8	1	10	8	2
Pretrial Referral	15	13	23	26	12	12	17	15	12	12	24	29	12
Defense Attorney Referral	11	21	14	33	22	27	6	6	3	7	12	6	4
Shelter/Parkland Hospital Street FUSE Navigator Referral	7	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
NTBHA Living Room Referral	4	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	10	9	3	0
Dallas Deflection Center	40	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6
Probation/CSCD	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Other Referral Source (Adapt, Community Partners, etc.)	40	115	63	73	88	141	149	41	71	97	75	86	80
Interview Outcomes													
Client Refused to be interviewed or Participate	5	1	2	1	7	3	3	5	2	2	4	2	0
Client reported not being Unsheltered	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0
Unavailable to Interview	25	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pending Interview	0	0	0	8	16	27	20	0	0	0	37	39	38
Other Outcome Categories (*See Below)	72	145	74	107	125	158	158	67	73	103	74	80	56
Total Released from Jail to FUSE	15	22	19	17	13	21	14	12	17	22	13	20	12
Shelter Connection Rate													
Austin Street Center	3	4	3	8	4	12	5	6	3	5	4	11	6
The Bridge	5	5	2	6	7	6	7	4	4	4	4	5	5
Salvation Army	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	5	2	4	2	1
Other Local Shelter, Boarding Homes, & Shelter Ref's	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
No Response	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Left Before Entering Program/Did Not Connect	4	10	11	11	10	10	7	6	5	10	8	14	10
Housed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing Priority List, Info sent to Housing Forward, or Reunited w/Family	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

***Other Categories:** Released to Another Program or Agency, Boarding Home Placement, Referral Banned from Shelter, Client didn't qualify for FUSE, Immigration Hold, Released (i.e. Posted Bond), Referred by Shelters/Street Outreach, FUSE bond denied, Waiting on info, Sex Offender, Not in AIS, Waiting on Bond to Post, and Pending attorney response & etc.

- Working to complete June-August 2025 FUSE data.

St. Jude Project

2920 Forest Ln, Dallas, TX 75234	104 Units	Dallas County has 13 allocated beds	Housing is for Seniors +55 years old
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- All the vacancies are full.

Housing Services for Homeless Criminal Justice-Involved Clients (HSH-CJC) Grant

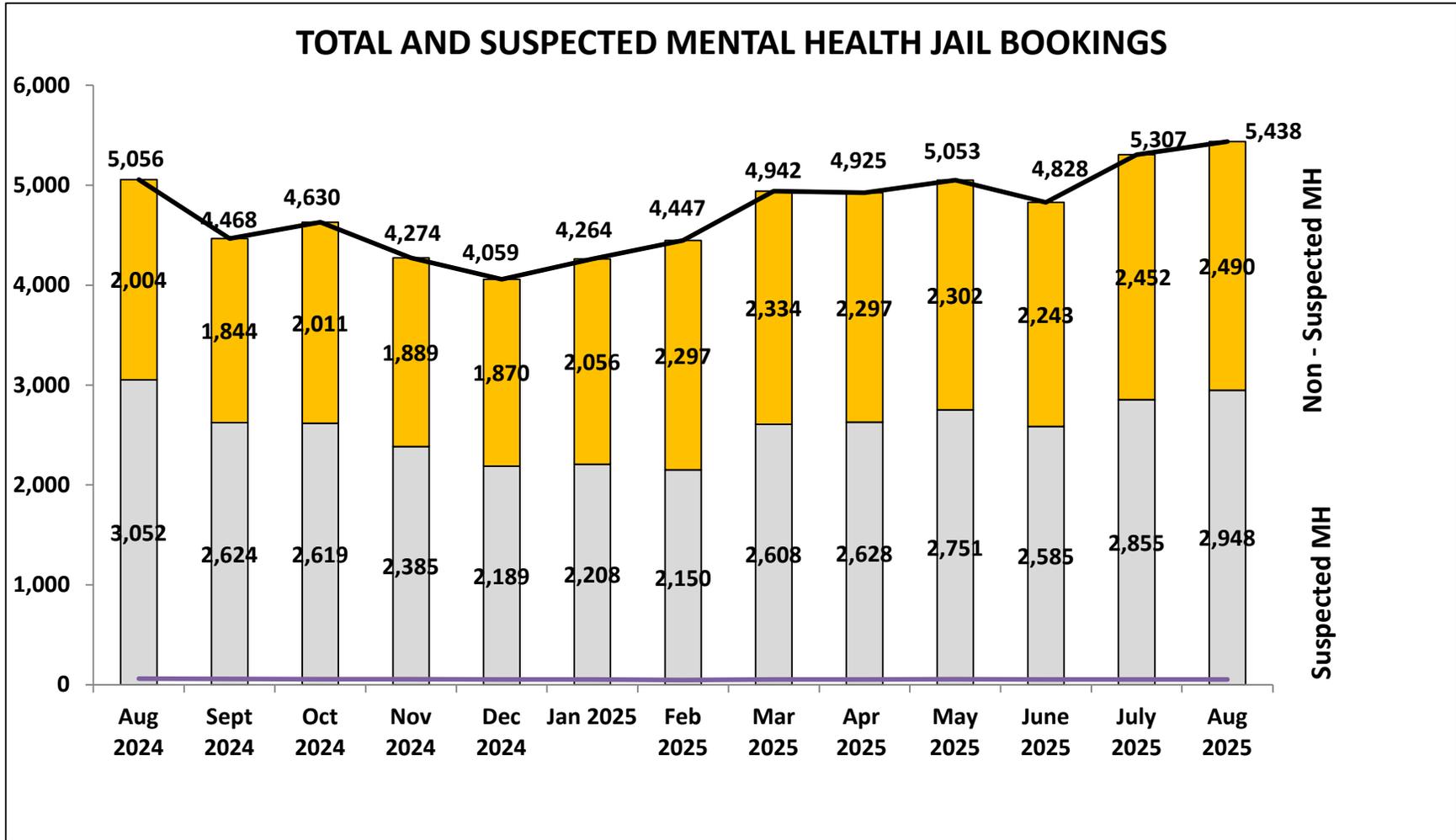
- We are working with the Purchasing department toward next steps of completing the Procurement Process.
- The RFP is in the final stages and tentatively scheduled to be complete within the next 2 to 3 months for Commissioners Court for approval.

Dallas Connector Project (DCP) Dallas County Client Utilization (Transport to the NTBHA LR from the Jail and or the LR to the FUSE Shelters)

The NTBHA Livingroom (LR) Staff conducted jail releases for individuals going to the Livingroom and Austin Street's report would contain the August 2025 jail data.

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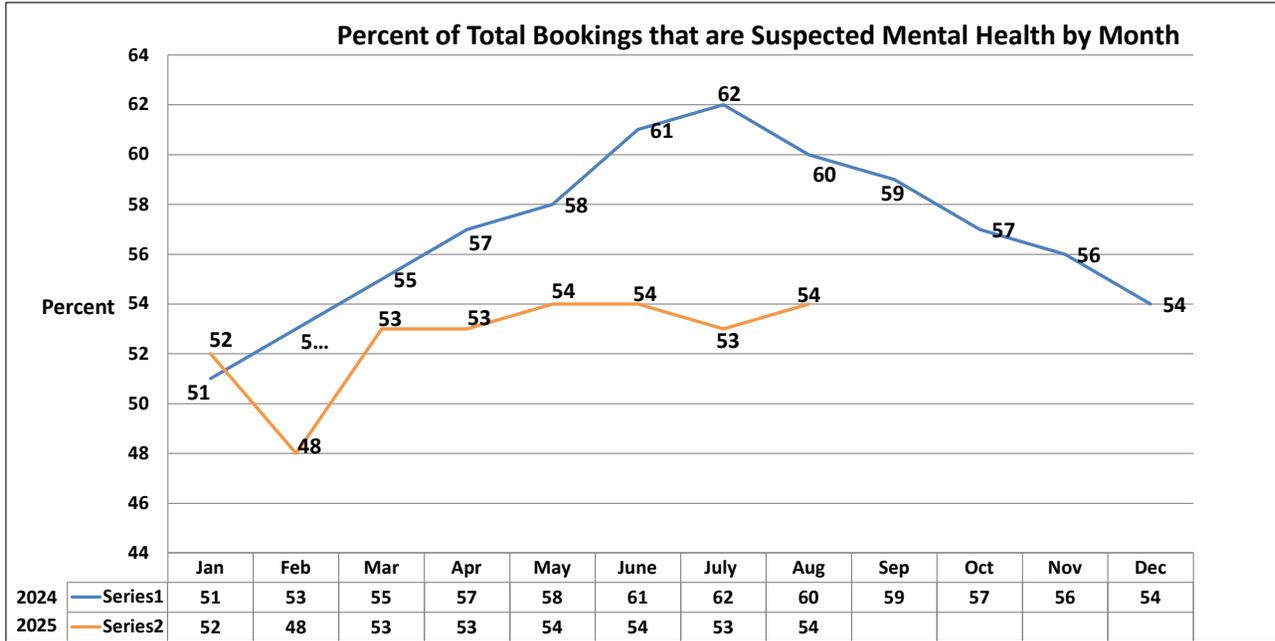
Aug 2025 Homeless Report Snapshot



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Month-to-Month Category Total Differences

Months	Total Monthly Bookins	Total Suspected MH Bookins
July 2025 to Aug 2025	5307 to 5438- Increase 131	2855 to 2948 - Increase 93



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Homeless Breakdown and Avg LOS - July 2025 to Aug 2025

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
July 2025	Suspected MH	2,855	54%	% of total bookings [5307]
	Homeless	751	14%	% of total bookings [5307]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	563	75%	% of total homeless [751]

Month/Yr	Category	Total Bookings	Percent	Percent Note
Aug 2025	Suspected MH	2,948	54%	% of total bookings [5438]
	Homeless	843	16%	% of total bookings [5438]
	Homeless w/Suspected MH flag	632	75%	% of total homeless [843]

Month/Yr	Avg LOS Total Bookings [days]	Avg LOS Homeless Bookings [days]
July 2025	7	10
Aug 2025	7	9

Monthly Unsheltered Expense

- Count of Aug 2025 Unsheltered Bookins = **843** (843 of 5438 = 15% of total Aug Bookins)
- ALOS for all Aug unsheltered **843** bookins as of 9/10/25 = **14** (14*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$1238.58 per Individual)
- As of 9/10/2025, Total number of Unsheltered Releases = **456**
- Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for the **456** releases = **7** (7*\$88.47(Daily Jail Bed rate) = \$619.29 per Individual)

Below are the top 6 offense categories for the **843** Unsheltered

Offenses	Count of BookInNo	LEA	Count of BookInNo
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	169	DALLAS POLICE	474
POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G	114	DART Police	118
Holds	71	Irving Police	58
FAIL TO IDENTIFY FUGITIVE INTENT GIVE FALSE INFO	28	Dallas County Sheriff	50
POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=1G<4G	26	Garland Police	30
EVADING ARREST DETENTION	22	Richardson Police	23

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Homeless Primary Offense Categories - July 2025 to Aug 2025

Offense Categories	July 2025 total	July 2025 %	Aug 2025 total	Aug 2025 %	MTD
Arson	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	
Assaultive	62	8.3%	59	7.0%	
Burglary	29	3.9%	29	3.4%	
Criminal Mischief	12	1.6%	16	1.9%	
Criminal Trespass	165	22.0%	181	21.5%	16 Increased
Drug/Alcohol	194	25.8%	212	25.1%	18 Increased
Evading	31	4.1%	30	3.6%	
False Info/Fail to Identify	32	4.3%	46	5.5%	14 Increased
Fraud	13	1.7%	16	1.9%	
HOLDS	50	6.7%	82	9.7%	32 Increased
Murder	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	
Other	58	7.7%	67	7.9%	
Prostitution	2	0.3%	11	1.3%	
Resist	12	1.6%	15	1.8%	
Robbery	16	2.1%	14	1.7%	
Sexual Offense	13	1.7%	12	1.4%	
Theft	51	6.8%	40	4.7%	11 Decreased
UUMV	10	1.3%	12	1.4%	
TOTAL	751	100.0%	843	100.0%	

HOLDS: Citation/Tickets, Insufficient Bonds/Insufficient Bond Warrants, External Holds (Transfer to another county), and Parole Violations
Other: Offense categories with one or two charge occurrences of monthly bookin totals (i.e. Terrorist Threats, Child Endangerment, Stalking, etc.)
UUMV: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (i.e. Joyriding)

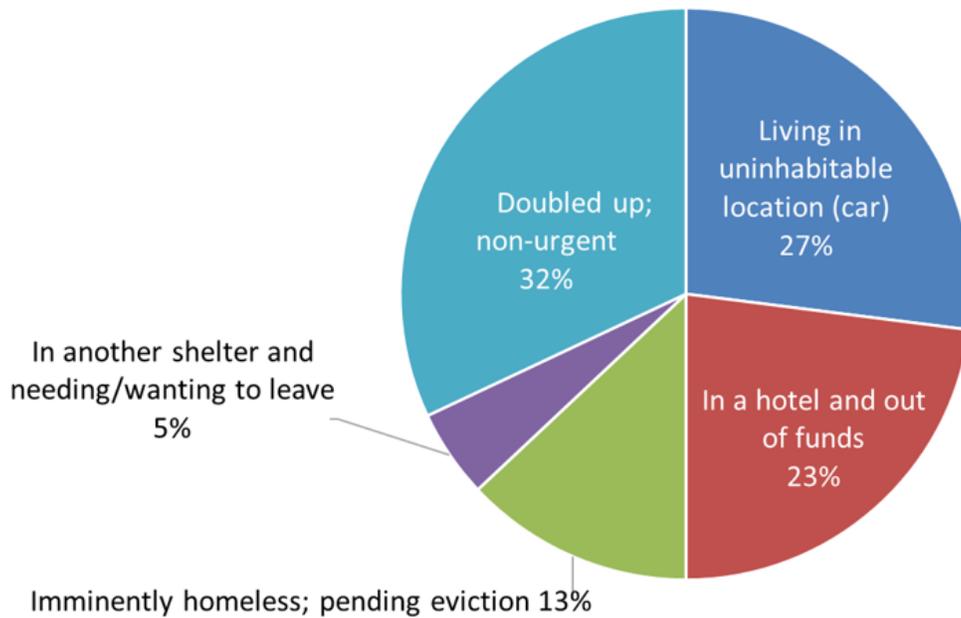
Month-to-Month Category Total Differences
 = MTD by +/- 10 bookins

DALLAS COUNTY DEFLECTION CENTER

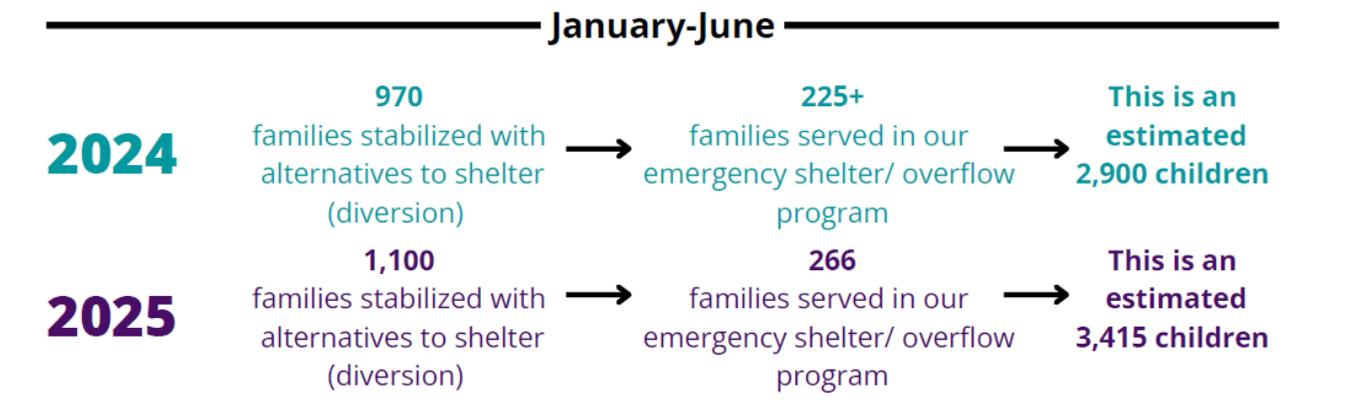
2024-2025	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	25-May	25-Jun	25-Jul	25-Aug	TOTAL
TOTAL TRIAGED	32	36	53	65	65	65	88	102	101	114	108	89	918
<i>Referral Source</i>													
Dallas PD													
SC Div	2		2	3		3	2	5	1	2	3		23
SW Div	4	1	1									4	10
SE Div				1		1			1	1			4
NC Div	1		2						1	4			8
NE Div	1	2	2	2					2	2	3	1	15
NW Div		2		1			1	1	1	2			8
CEN Div			1	1	4	2	1	1	4	5	4	1	24
Right Care			3	2	1		1	1		4	2	1	15
Dallas Marshal - CDC							1			1			2
College Campus PD													0
Great SW Coalition	1												1
SE Coalition	1												1
NTBHA MCOT/CTI	10		2		8	2	4	4	8	3	3	5	49
Garland PD		2	1		1			1	1				6
Irving PD		3	1							1			5
Lancaster PD							1						1
Duncanville PD								1			1	1	3
Mesquite PD									1	1		1	3
Desoto PD										2	1		3
Combine PD										1			1
DART PD	11	13	11	13	11	12	18	16	14	24	12	15	170
DART Cares							3	2	6	4	4	10	29
Parkland-Baylor PD	1	1				1		1	1	1	2	2	10
Walk-In		4	6	17	17	25	35	38	28	23	33	18	244
Rapid Response		4	17	22	20	15	18	28	27	29	34	27	241
Crisis stepdown		4	4	1	3	2	3	1	1		3	1	23
Other				2		2		2	4	4	3	2	19
TRIAGE OUTCOME	32	38	46	65	65	65	98	114	117	129	122	105	
Psych Crisis Residential					6	3	2	5		1	5	1	23
Detox-Withdrawal Mgmt					1		2	2	2	2	3		12
Living Room-NTBHA*	2		1					1					4
CMHP Services													0
ACT Team													0
OTHER SUD Services	2	2		6	6	7	11	9	9	6	11	8	77
Shelter													0
Austin Street	2	1		1	1	3	4	4	8	4	2	4	34
Bridge	3	2	3	5	2	3	5	1	4	3	8	9	48
Salvation Army			2	1	4		3	4	1	1	4	2	22
Union Gospel Mission		1		1	3			1	1	2	3		12
Other		4		3			4	2	1		2	4	20
Home-Family-Friends	12	17	27	22	19	23	37	51	68	80	54	45	455
Boarding Home/PSH	2	1	1	2	4	7	1	10	5	7	3	6	49
Higher Level of Care													
Behavioral Health	2		4	2	2		3	3	3	5	1	4	29
Physical Health	2	1	2	3	4	1	7	3		2	7	6	38
Veterans Administration APOWW or Arrest/Security Intervention												2	2
Intervention						5					1		6
LEA Maintained Custody		2		1						2			5
Still in Service	4	6	6	12	12	10	12	16	15	14	16	16	139
Refused Services	1	1		6	1	3	7	2					21

Eligible Pre-Screening Assessments Triaged for Priority

For January – June (n = 2,803)



2024 vs. 2025:



Families Requiring Urgent Intervention

