



WRIGHT COUNTY
MINNESOTA

2023 WRIGHT COUNTY HOMELESSNESS REPORT

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INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS

WRIGHT COUNTY
2023 PIT (Point in Time)
COUNT

88

2022 PIT Count - 7

32 kids currently homeless
in Monticello school district



- served 616 individuals and families in 2022
- additional 100K pounds of food
- 43% increase from the prior year



144 SNAP-recipient
households reported
as homeless

INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS

WCCA

In 2022 59 individuals and families reach out about homelessness

Integrated Services

- ▶ 18 in January and February 2023
- ▶ 10 had children

▶ Monticello Help Center

- ▶ Served 13 homeless food and clothing

- ▶ Salvation Army
- ▶ 38 in 2022
- ▶ 20 so far in 2023





BARRIERS

- ▶ Affordable Housing
- ▶ Eviction History
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Financial
- ▶ Criminal Background
- ▶ Poor Credit



CURRENT OPTIONS

St. Cloud HRA

-  Waiting list is currently closed
-  536 households are on the waiting list; HRA does not track how many are from Wright County
-  10% of the 966 vouchers are used in Wright County
-  Selected 1000 applications in May 2022. Anticipate lottery to reopen in 2 years



Needs



Affordable Housing



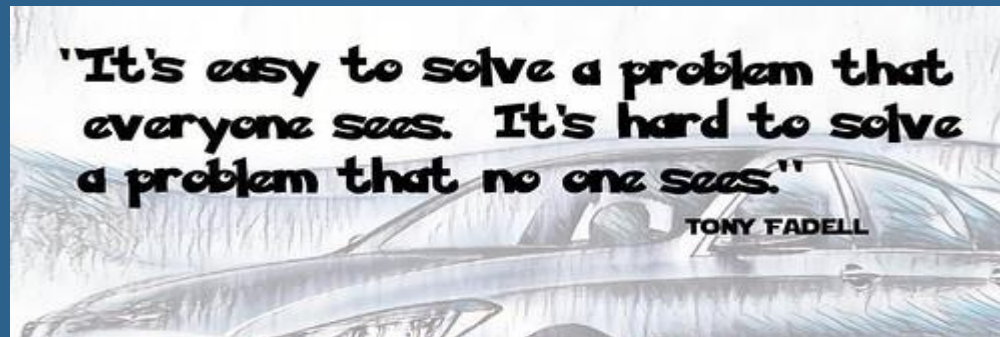
Transitional Housing and Shelters



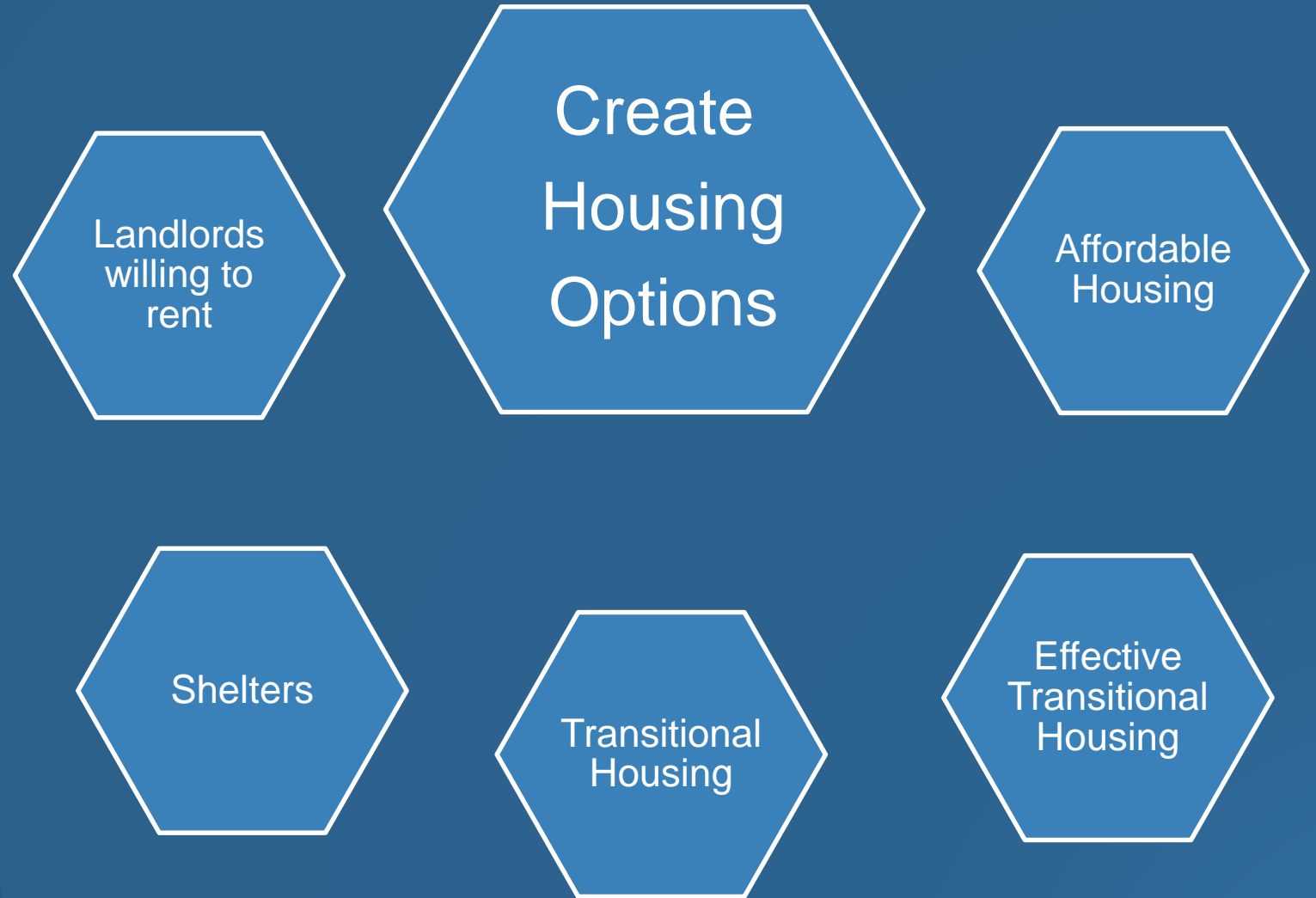
Landlords looking to work with High Risk Renters

"It's easy to solve a problem that everyone sees. It's hard to solve a problem that no one sees."

TONY FADELL



Let's Create A Solution



OPTIONS FOR WRIGHT COUNTY

Turn one of our properties into a warming shelter or transitional housing.

Allow other organizations to come in and create some of these needs.