Elderly Homeless – Cesar Chavez Conference
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The Facts of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

- 42,999 homeless in Maricopa County 2019 (State = 62,565)
- 9,646 Homeless in PIT count in 2019; Vets = 832
- 4x increase in chronically homeless in last 3 years (Per PIT)
- The fastest growing group of homeless are persons over 55
FACTS ABOUT SENIORS

10,000 Americans turning 65 every day
30% of those are ENTIRELY dependent on Social Security for their retirement
265,000 estimated homeless seniors by 2026
2036 the year Social Security depletes reserves
45% number of Americans over 65 having trouble meeting their most basic needs

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Homeless Elderly in Arizona

- Central Arizona Shelter Services (55 and over)
- 2018 - 2019 = 1,300
- 107% increase of elderly
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1010 W. Jeffersen

2015 – 250
2019 – 1,500
Why elderly homeless?

Lack of income
Lack of family supports
Evictions
Lack of affordable housing
Inability to access public resources
Unique Characteristics of Elderly Homeless

• Majority homeless for first time
• Low Social Security income
• Physical and Mental health issues
  – Lack of mobility
  – Hypertension
  – Diabetes
  – Chronic Pulmonary Disease
• Loss of support systems
• Human Service Campus/Brian Garcia Center - (602) 229-5155
• Justa Center - (602) 254-6524
• Central Arizona Shelter Services (See HSC)
• Homeless ID Project - (602) 223-3427
• Circle the City Healthcare - (602) 776-0776
• AARP – (866) 389-5649
• Area Agency for the Aging - (602) 264-4357
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