

### **Homelessness for Families in St. Tammany Parish in 2017**

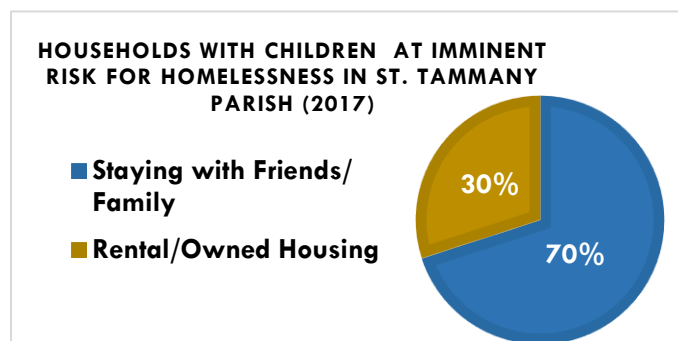
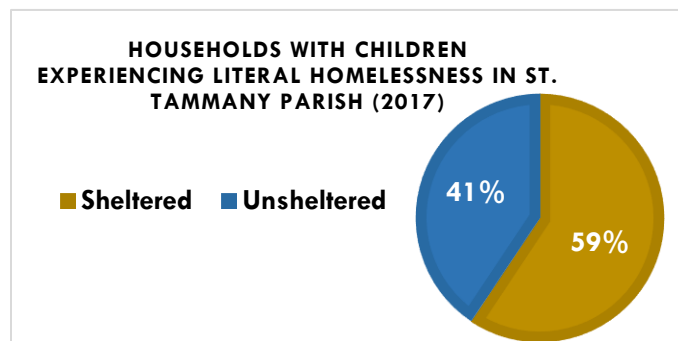
The Northlake Homeless Coalition Coordinated Access and Assessment System (NHC CAAS) is the initial point of entry into permanent housing programs for persons experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness for the region. Because NHC CAAS staff assess health/housing history of and provide case management services to persons residing in sheltered and unsheltered locations throughout the region, CAAS enrollments are the most comprehensive means of quantifying homelessness in St. Tammany Parish. Overall, in 2017, about 45 percent of the total NHC CAAS enrollments were for households that included children, with the remaining 208 households, or 55 percent, were identified as adult-only.

#### **Enrollments**

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, **one hundred seventy-one households (171)** with at least one adult and one child residing in St. Tammany Parish were assessed and enrolled in the coordinated entry system operated by the Northlake Homeless Coalition. The NHC CAAS staff provided assistance to **377 persons who comprised the 171 households**. At the point of enrollment, 91 of the households, or 53 percent, reported experiencing literal homelessness<sup>1</sup>, meaning the majority of CAAS clients in St. Tammany Parish were residing in places not intended for human habitation or living in a shelter. The remaining 80 households, or 47 percent, were identified as being at imminent risk of homelessness, wherein they would likely lose their permanent housing within 14 days of initial contact of the NHC CAAS.

Of those persons reported as experiencing literal homelessness, 54 were in sheltered locations, such as emergency shelters or transitional housing for homeless persons, and 37 households were identified as residing in places not intended for human habitation. Respectively, 59 percent of families were sheltered, and 41 percent were unsheltered.

Of the households that were identified as being at imminent risk of becoming homeless, 24 were in rental housing and facing direct evictions; these households comprised one third of the at risk population. Fifty-six households, or 70 percent, were living with friends or family members, wherein their presence was creating lease violations that would likely result in evictions.



#### **Housing Outcomes**

In 2017, 152 households with children residing in St. Tammany Parish exited from the NHC CAAS. More than two-thirds of all households who were enrolled in CAAS in 2017 had positive housing outcomes. Specifically, 115 households found permanent housing, with 89 households moving into their own rental units or purchasing homes and 26 households moving in with friends or family on a permanent basis. On average, households were enrolled in CAAS for 96 days, or approximately 3 months.

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