



**A Stronger Montgomery**

# Montgomery County Interagency Commission on Homelessness

MARCH 20, 2024

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

# AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review and Approve January Minutes (VOTE)
- Public Comments
- Zero for All Populations Update
- CoC Current Needs
- Racial Equity Work Group
- ICH Meeting Schedule
- Announcements



# Public Comments

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Zero for All Populations Update

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**Working Group****By December 30, 2023, we will have...**

Youth

A fully operational Coordinated Entry System for Youth

Families

An average length of time from ID to Move-in of 45 days

Seniors

Decreased the number of seniors entering homelessness by 50% (from 6 to 3)

Vulnerable Adults

An average length of time from Assigned to Housed of 45 days

Veterans

No more than 7 Veterans experiencing homelessness (down from 10)

Other Adult-Only Households

Housed 350 individuals

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# 6-Month Milestones

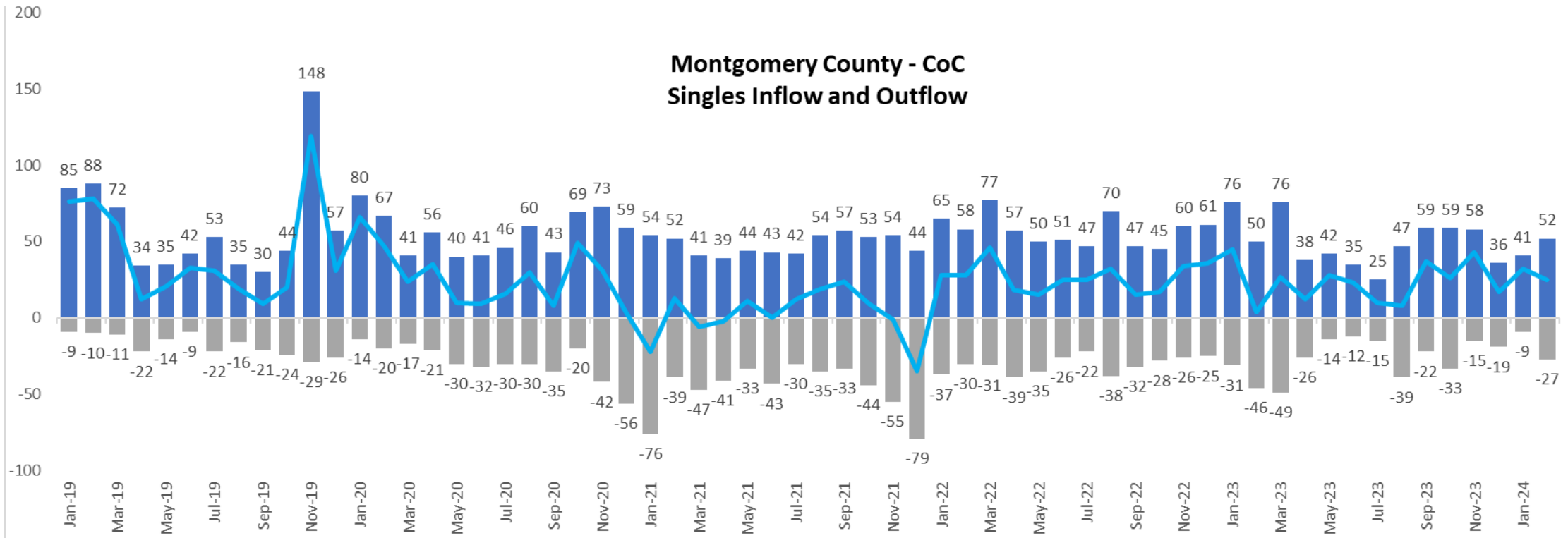
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Working Group	Goal	Baseline (12/15/22)	9/1/23	10/1/23	11/1/2023	12/1/23	1/1/24	2/1/24
Youth	A fully operational Coordinated Entry System for Youth	Youth Drop-In Center established TAY VI-SPDAT for youth. Currently working on matching assessments with appropriate housing intervention.						
Families	An average length of time from ID to Move-in of 45 days	61	237	147	112	328	157	154
Seniors 62+	Decreased the number of seniors entering homelessness by 50% (from 6 to 3)	6	7	4	9	1	3	2
Vulnerable Adults	An average length of time from Assigned to Housed of 45 days	200	80	165	114	178	N/A	114
Veterans	No more than 7 Veterans experiencing homelessness	10	12	12	12	13	10	10
Other Adult-Only Households	Housed 350 individuals (Cumulative from 12/15/2022. Exits to housed destinations)	Starting at 0	527 (+42 since previous month)	561 (+34 since previous month)	603 (+42 since last month)	652 (+49 since last month)	688 (+36 since last month)	756 (+68 since last month)

# How are we doing?

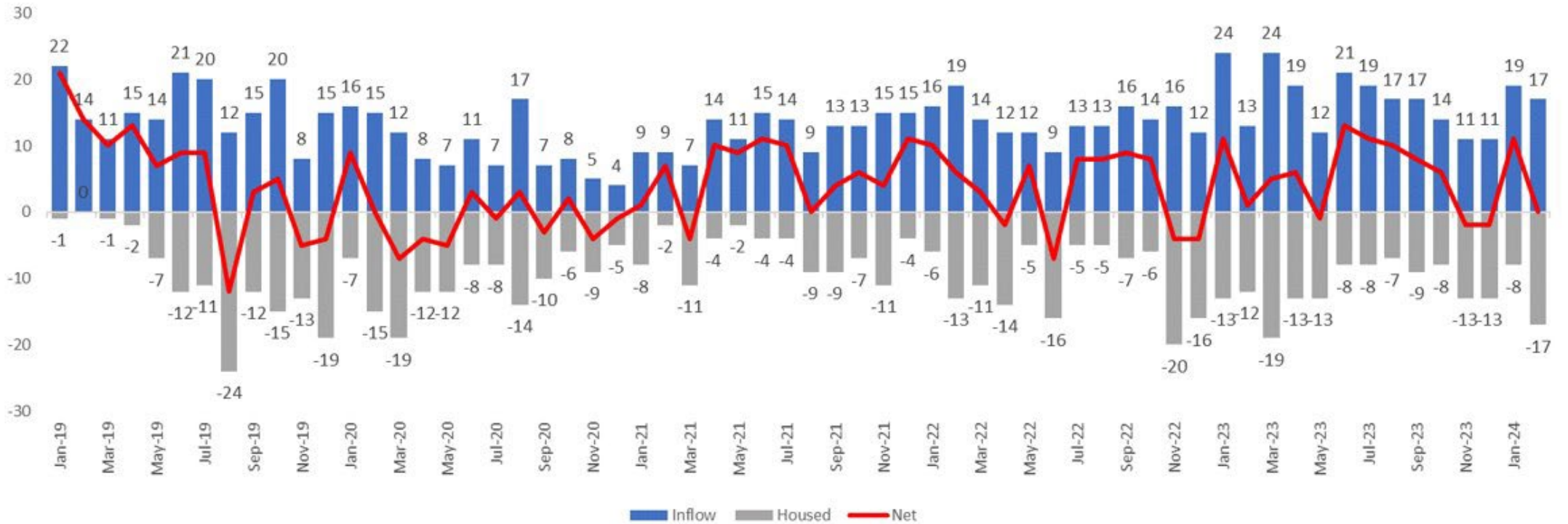
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Montgomery County - CoC  
Singles Inflow and Outflow



ADULTS WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN  
SYSTEM FLOW

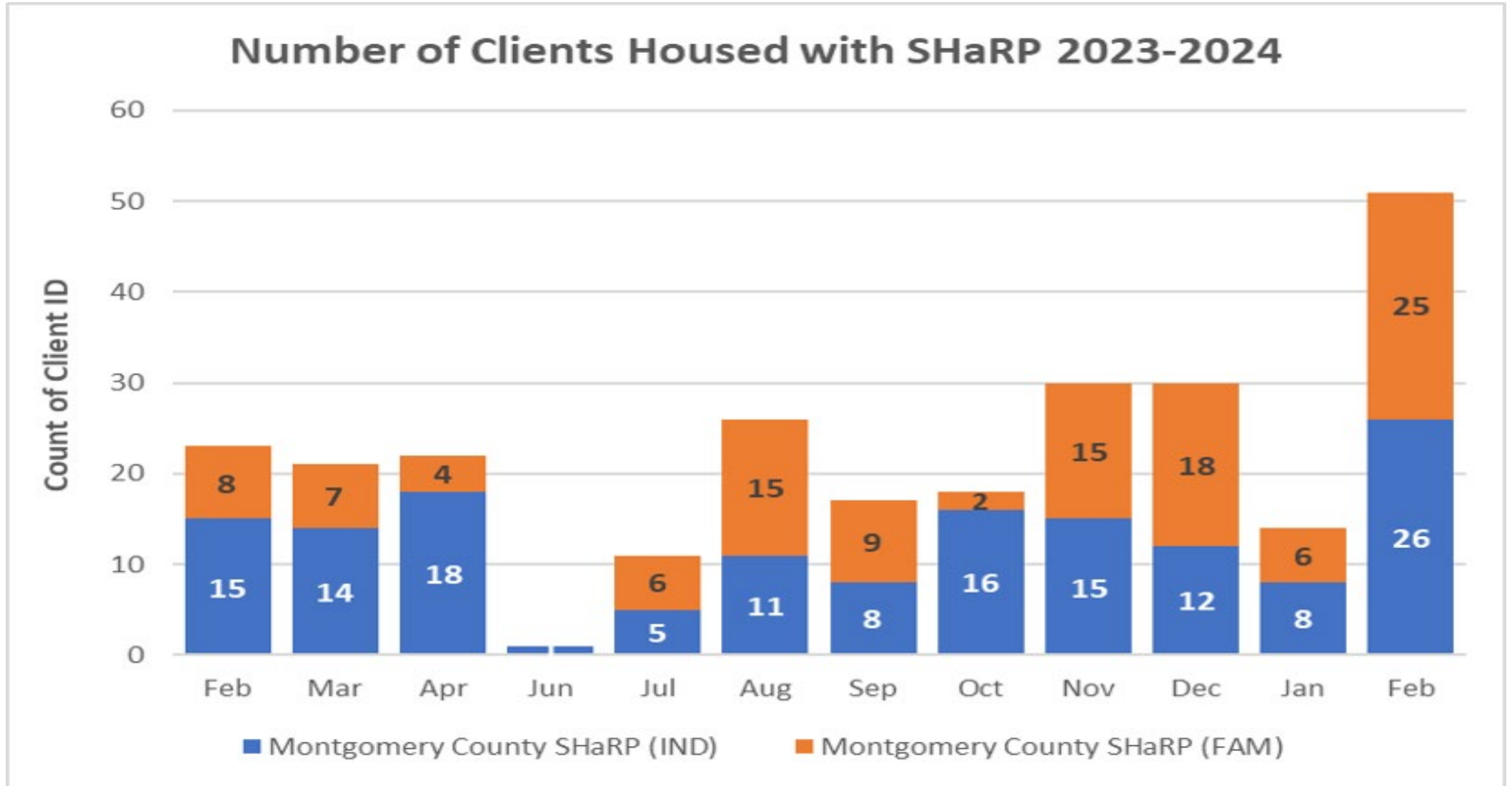
### Montgomery County - CoC HH with Minor Children (Families) Inflow and Outflow



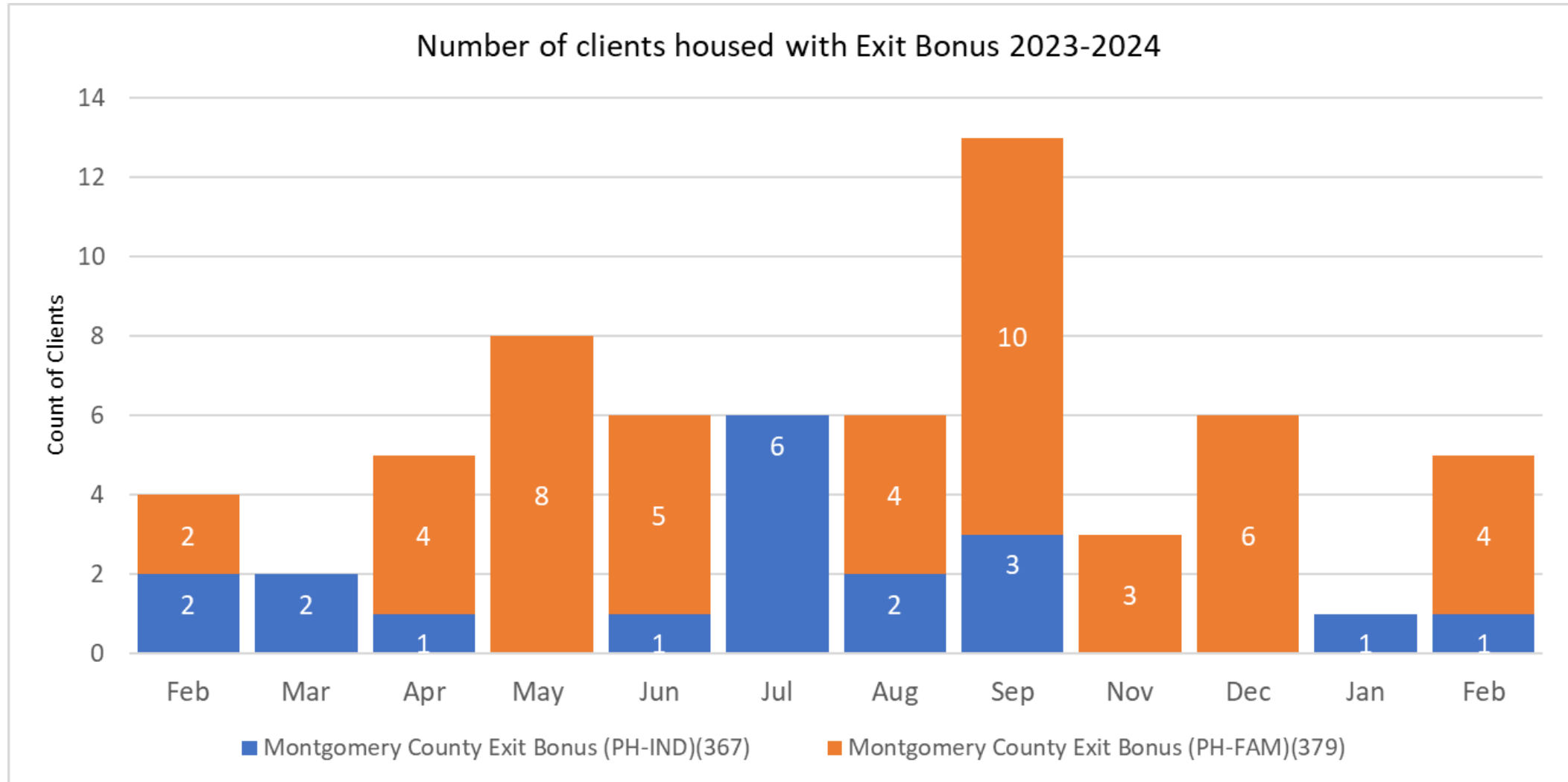
FAMILIES WITH MINOR CHILDREN  
SYSTEM FLOW



# SHARP



# Exit Bonus





# CoC Current Needs

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# Housing Stabilization Services

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In FY23, 44,000 households received late rent notices from the court.

To date, \$124.6 million in emergency rental assistance distributed, preventing more than 19,100 evictions (serving 16,326 households deduplicated).

As of last week SEPH is no longer accepting CRRP applications.



# Homeless Triage/Centralized Diversion

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There is no homeless triage down county.

People have to call or go to 1301 Piccard Drive in Rockville.

Centralized diversion is only available from 9am to 6pm.

People circumvent engagement with diversion in the evenings, overnights and weekends, leading to larger inflow into the shelters.

Shelters generally have few beds available.

# Inadequate Capacity for Families Needing RRH/PSH

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There are 94 families on the Coordinated Entry list.

The system does not have enough capacity among Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing partners to house these families.

In addition, housing for larger families is scarce often cannot be covered by the subsidies available.





# Racial Equity Work Group Presentation

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# Montgomery County Equity Review

Racial Equity Committee  
ICH Meeting March 20, 2023



# Operative Definitions for Our Work

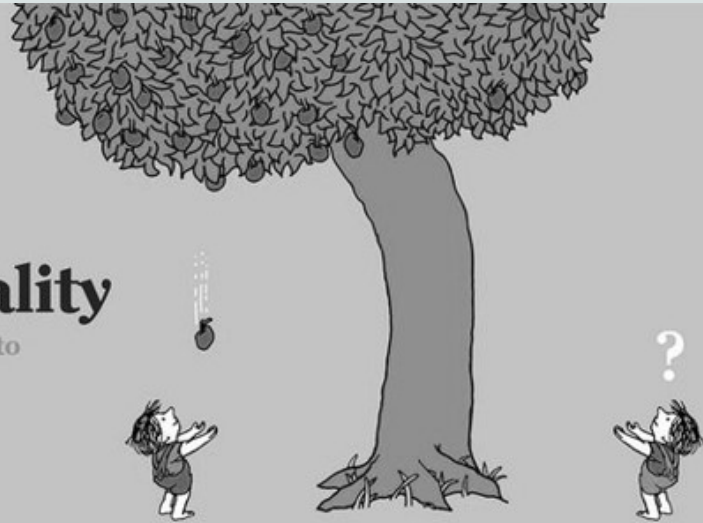
- **Race** - A social construct used to oppress and discriminate against group of people based on physical characteristics. Race is an identity that has been used to limit black and brown communities' access to freedom, education, housing, and the ability to build wealth.
- **Racism** – racial prejudice, or unfounded beliefs and irrational fears, that is present at the individual, institutional, systemic and structural levels of communities and government.

**Power-** The ability to help or harm, whether known or unknown.

- **Privilege** – unearned power, benefits, advantages, access and/or opportunities. It operates on personal, interpersonal, cultural, and institutional levels. Power and privilege are often implicit and distributed unevenly.

# Inequality

Unequal access to opportunities

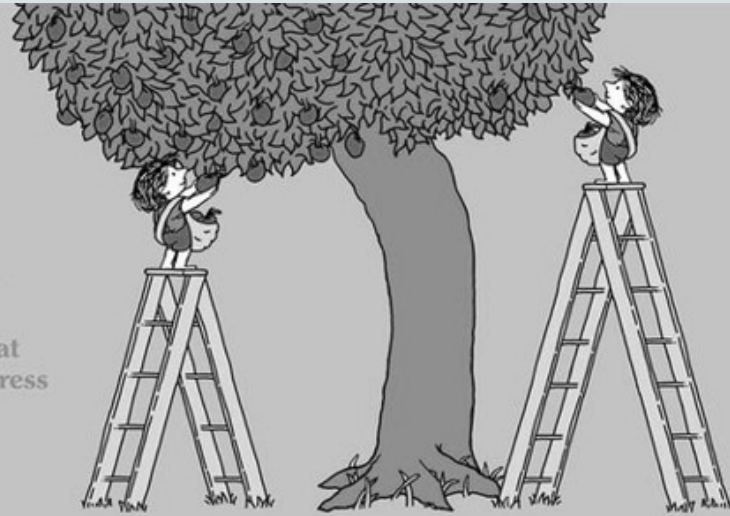


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# Equity

Custom tools that identify and address inequality

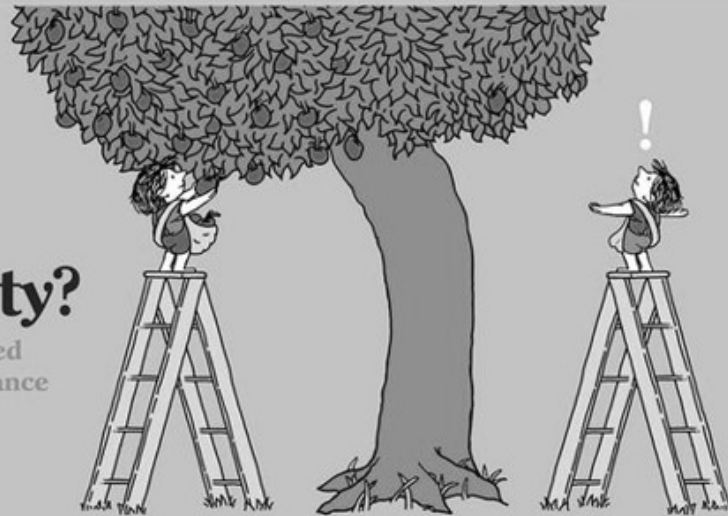


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# Equality?

Evenly distributed tools and assistance

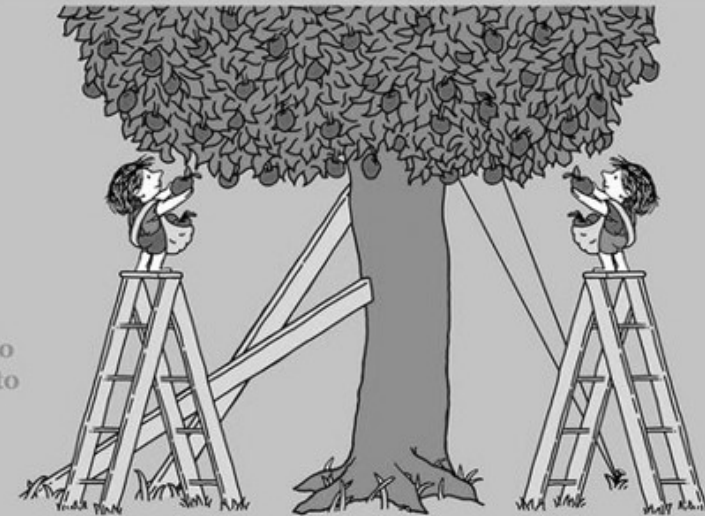


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# Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



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# Equity Design

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- This is the process to dismantle systems of oppression and (re)design them towards liberation and healing by centering the power of communities historically impacted by the oppressive systems being (re)designed.
- Equity Design ensures that those impacted by a decision / policy are part of / consulted in the decision-making process throughout from conceptualization to monitoring of the final product. The participation of these individuals should not be tokenized.



# Questions To Ensure We Are Inviting Diverse Co-Creators To Our Work

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1. Are we bringing together people with different perspectives, values, experiences and expertise to the decision-making table?
2. Have the community members most impacted not only been invited to but consistently included and heard at each stage of the decision-making process?
3. Do these individuals have the resources necessary to participate meaningfully and contribute to the conversation?



# Questions About Equitable Ideation and Collaboration

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- Are the impacted populations voice / lived experiences reflected, elevated or even amplified in in the final product?
- Using the framework of public participation, have we moved to empower those most impacted / those with lived experiences? As evidenced by:
  - Affording these individuals with final decision-making power; and
  - Deference to them on what should be implemented and how it should be implemented.

# Announcements

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COMMITTEE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS



COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING  
MAY 14



COMMUNITY HOMELESS  
MEMORIAL  
JUNE 13



**NEXT FULL ICH COMMISSION  
MEETING**  
JUNE 5