

# Statewide Homeless Priorities

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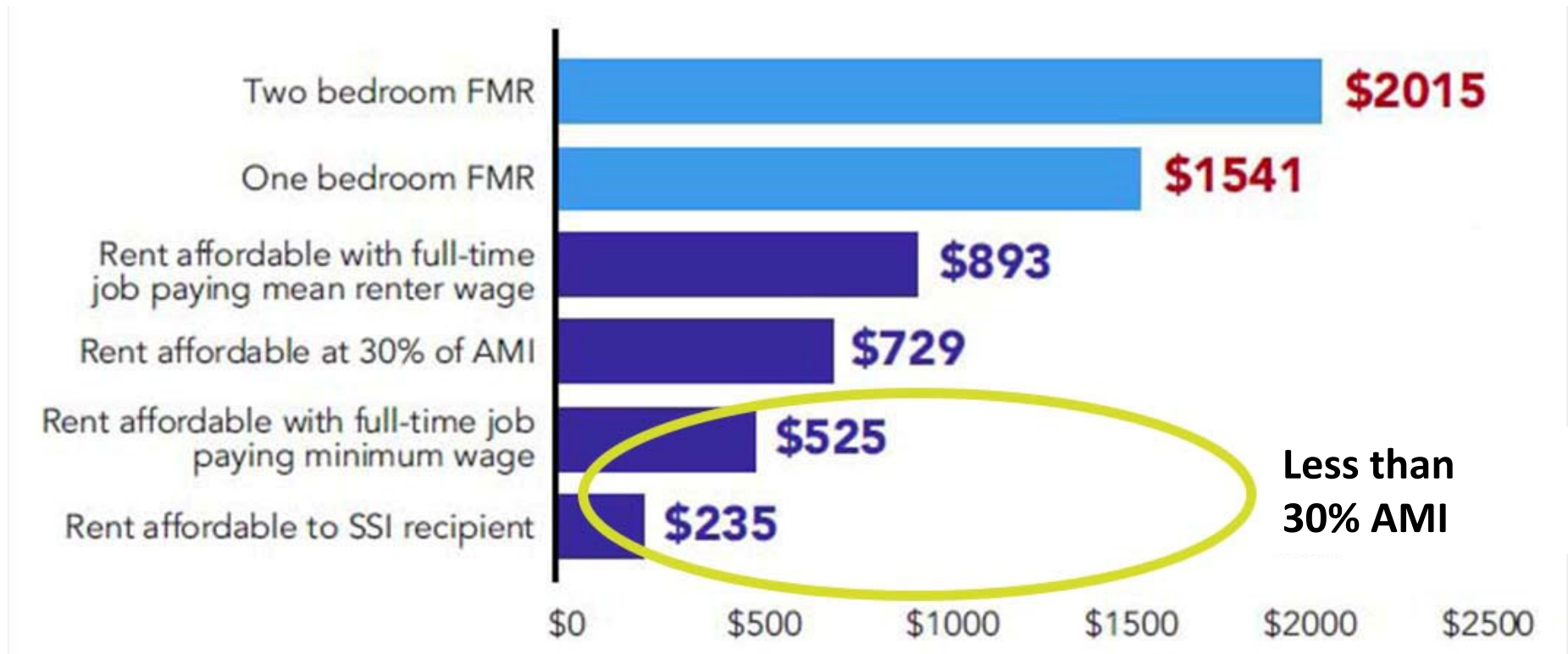
# Myths That Misdirect Us

1. Our people are “service resistant”
2. Rising mental illness and addiction is driving homelessness
3. More services alone will end homelessness

# Real Root Causes

1. Loss of family and community
2. Lack of deeply affordable space to rebuild family and community
3. Overflowing safety net for those with special needs

**Root cause: lack of “deeply affordable” space  
...for housing, healing, and building community.**



# Five Priorities

1. Deeply Affordable Space – Conventional Housing Models
2. Deeply Affordable Space – Kauhale (Community Housing)
3. Space for Mental Health & Substance Use Healing
4. Clear Bottlenecks in the Continuum of Care
5. Flip NIMBY to YIMBY to Support all of the Above

## #2. Deeply Affordable Space – Kauhale

**Kauhale – lasting affordability, rooted in community and *kuleana***

- Demonstrate new, cost-effective models of housing and healing
- Intentionally designed and operated to build community
- Shared spaces for cooking, dining, recreation, gardening, agriculture
- Common property is managed and maintained by community members: *e.g., security, groundskeeping, maintenance, improvement projects*
- **Not just tiny home villages – repurposed hotel, office, dorm, apartment**
- **Not traditional services – build resident capacity, reduce need for services**

Phase 1  
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# #2. Deeply Affordable Space – Kauhale

## Puuhonua O Waianae – Waianae





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## Hui Mahiai Aina – Waimanalo





# #2. Deeply Affordable Space – Kauhale

## Middle Street Kauhale – Urban Honolulu Houseless



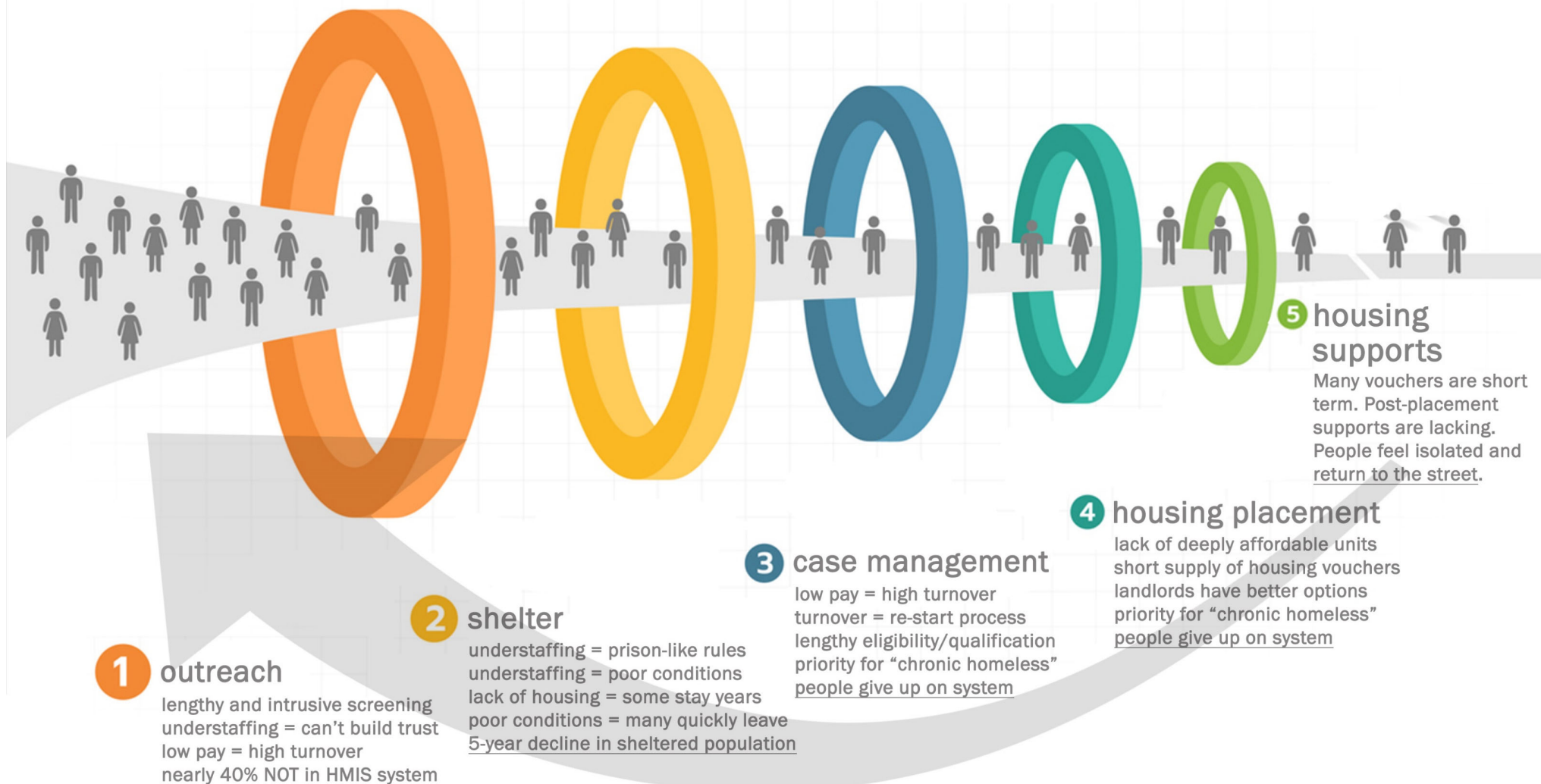
# Kauhale: Current Tools & Resources

- **Kauhale Initiative Funding FY23** **\$15M**
  - 12 village in the next 3 years
  - 6 Oahu, 2 each Neighbor Isle County
  - Operating costs decrease as community takes *kuleana*
  
- **Kauhale Initiative Funding FY24** **\$33M**
  - TBD



# #4. Clear Bottlenecks in Continuum of Care

a system with many hurdles and one big bottleneck



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Need to increase front-line staff and clear away hurdles...

- No increases in homeless services budget for 10+ years
- Underpaid front-line staff (Outreach, Shelter, Case Managers)
- High staff turnover and large staffing shortages

<b>Core Homeless Services Budget</b>	<b>\$25.8M</b>	<b>DHS Homeless Programs Office</b>
Shelters	\$13.00M	90-day emergency shelters
Outreach	\$3.95M	screen for services and housing
Housing First	\$3.75M	vouchers, case management
Rapid Rehousing	\$3.75M	short-term vouchers, 3-24 mos
Family Assessment Centers	\$1.55M	navigation, placement
Civil Legal Services	\$0.25M	vital docs replacement
Homeless Emergency Grants	\$0.35M	clothing, medical bills
Housing Placement Program	\$0.35M	linked to TANF, includes COFA



# No Ending Homelessness Without Homes



We need to ask...

*“Transition to where?”*

*“Diversion to where?”*

*“Discharge to where?”*

Too often, the answer is:

***“Back to the street.”***



# No Home Without Community

