

## *Collaborative Standing Committees*

### **Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee is a working group of interested and appropriate agencies formed to evaluate the feasibility of applying for funds and other issues. There are representatives from nonprofit organizations, cities and the county. The Steering Committee effectively serves as the Board of Directors.

### **Jobs & Income Committee**

This committee focuses on encouraging and developing relationships with employers to create transitional or permanent employment for homeless people including pre-employment services and support.

### **Housing Now Committee**

The Housing Now Committee strives to maintain strong relationships with developers of affordable housing and to advocate for issues that positively affect the lives of the homeless.

### **Technology Committee**

This committee regularly assesses how changes in technology may improve services to the homeless and makes recommendations for further development in achieving these goals.

### **Wellness Committee**

This committee focuses on developing relationships with mainstream agencies and others who provide a broad range of support services which are key to reducing homelessness.

# *Additional Resources*

## **HousingSCC.org**

The searchable website for subsidized housing in Santa Clara County

## **HelpSCC.org**

Information & Referral Database for Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties

## **CollabSCC.org**

The official website for the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues

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HOUSING &  
HOMELESS ISSUES

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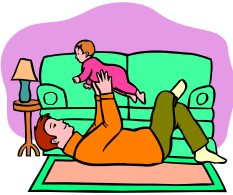


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## *Who is The Collaborative?*

Comprised of over 100 agencies in Santa Clara County, the Collaborative is a partnership of representatives from the County, cities, service and shelter providers, affordable housing providers and developers, employment and training agencies, businesses, labor, funding sources and other interested parties throughout Silicon Valley.

Organized in 1992 by five Santa Clara County organizations, the Collaborative was formed with the goal to obtain



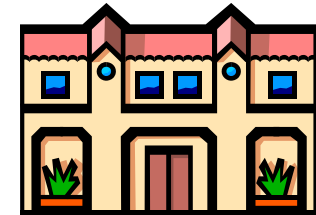
more federal funding to increase the supply of affordable housing and to ultimately improve the homeless situation in the County. Through the efforts of these organizations and others, the Collaborative has grown to over 100 agencies working together toward a common goal.

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established the Housing Trust Fund Committee to create ongoing funding for homeless shelters and services.
- Worked collectively to gain voters' approval of California's Affordable Housing Bond
- Improved services delivery to decrease homeless people's over-utilization of hospital room services
- Created a universal intake form
- Successfully advocated for Proposition 46 and the National Housing Trust.
- Participated in planning the structure of the County's new Office of Affordable Housing
- Expanded our ability to house homeless families through a Housing First for Families collaborative
- Sought funds through the Collaborative Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness to implement the Off the Streets Project
- Created a Rental Assistance Program universal referral form to facilitate ease of obtaining rental or deposit assistance
- Worked collaboratively to assist with developing and implementing a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to link homeless shelter and service providers

## OUR VISION

The members of the Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues are cooperating to end homelessness in our community.



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to increase the supply of affordable housing and reduce homelessness in the county.



The Collaborative is a coordinated effort to meet the housing and supportive services needs of homeless and very low-income people,

and to this end it seeks to position the region to attract appropriate funds.