


BRINGING COMMUNITY  
HEALTH WORKERS INTO OUR  
COMMUNITIES IMPROVES  
LINKAGE FOR HIGH RISK  
HOMELESS AND RE-ENTRY  
PATIENTS



▶ In Transitions Clinic Network, Community Health Workers (CHW) are hired with lived experience.


▶ Valley Homeless Healthcare Program

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# VALLEY HOMELESS AT THE RE-ENTRY

# SANTA CLARA RE-ENTRY CENTER

- ▶ The transition from jail to the community
  - ▶ CHW developed a “warm hand-off” intervention where CHW meet with high-risk Homeless patients while still in jail to facilitate linkage .
  - ▶ Bringing CHW into Custody Clinics Improves Re-Entry Linkage for High Risk Homeless Patients
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# GOALS

- ▶ To improve linkage to medical care
  - ▶ Reduce Recidivism and Hospitalization
  - ▶ Help to stabilize clients through Housing options
  - ▶ Continue to follow up with social needs while promoting self-sufficiency
  - ▶ Improved Quality of Life
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# DATA

- ▶ 70% of clients connected to RRC
- ▶ 75 percent of all re-offenses were misdemeanor crimes. Drugs and alcohol offenses comprised 40 percent of that recidivism and were by far the most common type of recidivism. The next common, at 29 percent were related to property, theft and fraud, which often committed as a result of substance dependency.
- ▶ During the period (October 2011 to September) Recidivism decreased 11%