



**COUNTY OF VENTURA
HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

The County of Ventura Human Services Agency (HSA) has multiple departments, two of which are Adult and Family Services and the Community Services Department. The departments and programs within HSA provide for individual, family and community needs through assistance, aid, protection and help.

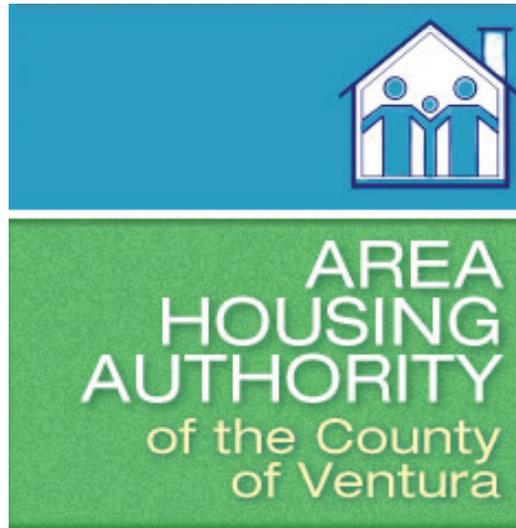
<https://www.ventura.org/human-services-agency>

**Speaker: MARCY SNIDER,
Senior Manager of Adults and
Family Services**

Adult and Family Services provides services to the public with employment and financial assistance programs like CalWORKs, homeless and housing assistance programs like Rapid Re-housing, and protection and help for adults and veterans.

**Speaker: AURORA ORTIZ,
HS Program Analyst for
Community Services Department**

The Community Services Department provides assistance with health care coverage through Medi-Cal which provides needed health services for low-income individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities, children and pregnant women. The department also administers the CalFresh program, which helps people who have little or no income to buy groceries.



**Presenter: LINDA FISHER-HELTON,
Community Relations Manager for Area
Housing Authority**

The Area Housing Authority of Ventura County is an independent, government agency serving the unincorporated areas of Ventura County and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks. AHA provides opportunities and assistance to people in need of affordable housing through development, acquisitions and partnerships.

https://www.ahacv.org/who_we_are.shtml



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**TASK FORCE
ON
HOMELESSNESS**



**Government Resource
Panel Discussion**

November 14, 2019

Speaker: TARA CARRUTH, VC CoC Manager

Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to promoting a safe, desirable and thriving community by ending homelessness in Ventura County.

<http://www.venturacoc.org>



The County of Ventura Health Care Agency consists of a wide variety of divisions and departments serving the community. Whole Person Care and Health Care for the Homeless fall within Ambulatory Care, while programs like RISE, ASSIST, Alcohol and Drug and Housing fall within Behavioral Health.

<http://www.vchca.org>

**Speakers: DEANNA HANDEL, Manager of Whole Person Care
HEATHER TE, Behavior Health Clinician**

Whole Person Care is an integrated system to help Medi-Cal recipients with multiple needs to navigate the county's medical and social programs. It provides comprehensive health care for those facing barriers by providing resources, education and medical case management.

<http://www.vchca.org/agency-divisions/ambulatory-care>

Speaker: JAMES BOYD, Program Assistant for Health Care to the Homeless

Health Care for the Homeless Transition Clinic and One Stop Program provides health assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for homeless or transitionally homeless persons at various community sites throughout Ventura County. <http://www.vchca.org/health-care-for-the-homeless>

Speaker: FELICIA SKAGGS, Clinic Administrator III over RISE/ASSIT

RISE, a program through Behavioral Health, is a field-based outreach team that assists people experiencing mental health problems get treatment and provides ongoing support in navigating challenges to accessing care. ASSIST is an outpatient mental health treatment program through Ventura County Behavioral Health and is intended for adults who are suffering from serious mental illness but have difficulty engaging in traditional mental health treatment. <https://vcbh.org/en>

Speaker: CRIS FORD, Clinic Administrator for Simi Valley Alcohol and Drug

The Behavioral Health Alcohol and Drug program helps promote recovery from substance use and mental health disorders by providing assessments for treatment levels and can provide referrals for detox, residential and outpatient treatment. <http://www.vchca.org/locations/companies/36>

Speaker: SUSAN WHITE WOOD, Behavioral Health Housing Manager

Ventura County Behavioral Health helps co-develop and coordinate housing for those with mental illness and currently has over 230 units of housing in the county for its clients. It is the lead agency in the voter approved No Place Like Home initiative to build more housing for those with mental illness.

<https://vcbh.org/en/about-us/news-and-updates/no-place-like-home-housing-rfp-now-available>