Regional Alignment on Homelessness

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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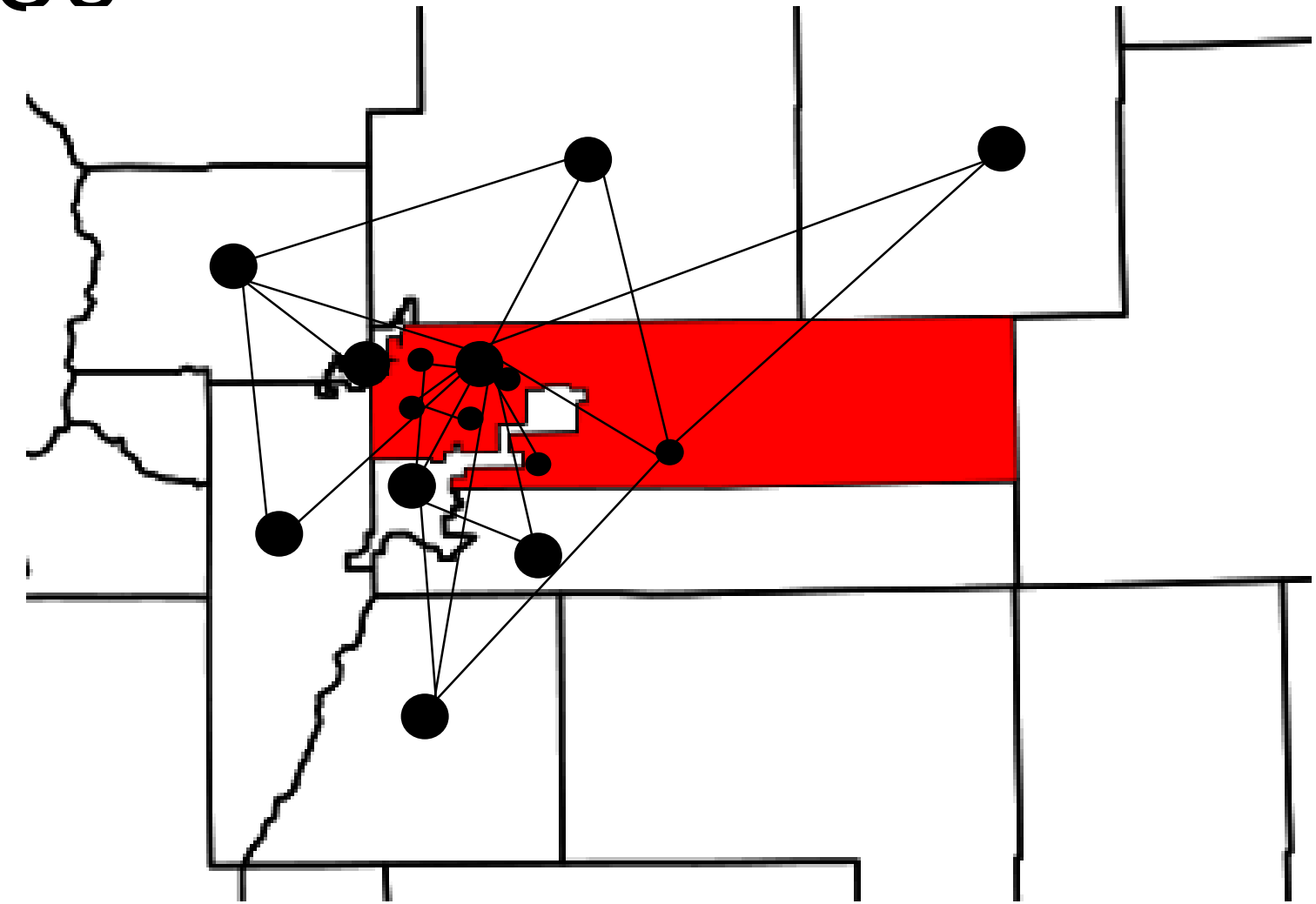
OVERVIEW

- Began in August to align on homelessness and housing
- Leadership and staff from Adams County, its municipalities, and Broomfield
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Homelessness

PURPOSE OF MOU

- Shared vision
- Strengthen regional coordination
- Improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
- Evidence-based approach



KEY COMPONENTS OF MOU

- Three-year term that can renew annually
- Share data and create a central hub to analyze root causes and best solutions to homelessness
- Use data to identify opportunities
- Work with Core Team to deliver outputs and outcomes

COLLABORATION OUTCOME: TRANSPORTATION ACCESS

Outputs:

- 911 rides
- 460 unique riders
- 7,974 miles driven
- $21 per ride
- 151 trained dispatchers

Eligible Riders:

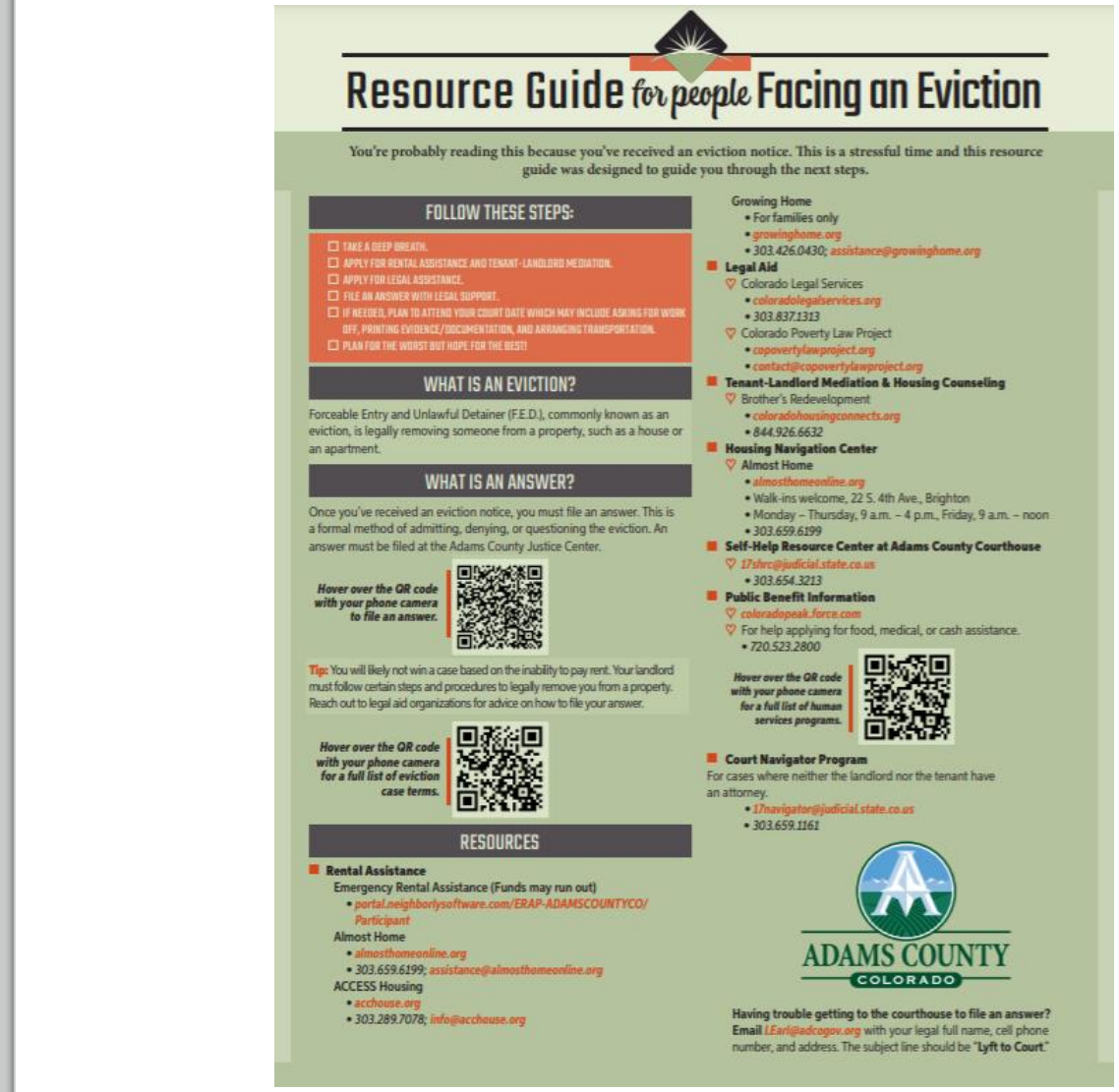
- People experiencing home lessness
- People facing an eviction
- People fleeing domestic violence

Ride Purposes:

- Shelter
- Food pantries
- Medical appointments
- Housing appointments
- Communication

COLLABORATION OUTCOME: EVICTION RESOURCE GUIDE

- SB21-173
- Input from 15 professionals from 10 agencies
- Front page of every eviction packet
- On the state website



Resource Guide for people Facing an Eviction

You're probably reading this because you've received an eviction notice. This is a stressful time and this resource guide was designed to guide you through the next steps.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- ☐ TAKE A DEEP BREATH.
- ☐ APPLY FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND TENANT-LANDLORD MEDIATION.
- ☐ APPLY FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE.
- ☐ FILE AN ANSWER WITH LEGAL SUPPORT.
- ☐ IF NEEDED, PLAN TO ATTEND YOUR COURT DATE WHICH MAY INCLUDE ASKING FOR WORK OFF, PRINTING EVIDENCE/DOCUMENTATION, AND ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION.
- ☐ PLAN FOR THE WORST BUT HOPE FOR THE BEST!

WHAT IS AN EVICTION?

Forceable Entry and Unlawful Detainer (F.E.D.), commonly known as an eviction, is legally removing someone from a property, such as a house or an apartment.

WHAT IS AN ANSWER?

Once you've received an eviction notice, you must file an answer. This is a formal method of admitting, denying, or questioning the eviction. An answer must be filed at the Adams County Justice Center.

Hover over the QR code with your phone camera to file an answer.

Tip: You will likely not win a case based on the inability to pay rent. Your landlord must follow certain steps and procedures to legally remove you from a property. Reach out to legal aid organizations for advice on how to file your answer.

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RESOURCES

- **Rental Assistance**
  - Emergency Rental Assistance (Funds may run out)
    - *portal.neighborlysoftware.com/ERAP-ADAMSCOUNTYCO/Participant*
  - Almost Home
    - *almosthomeonline.org*
    - *303.659.6199; assistance@almosthomeonline.org*
  - ACCESS Housing
    - *acchouse.org*
    - *303.289.7078; info@acchouse.org*
  - Growing Home
    - For families only
    - *growinghome.org*
    - *303.426.0430; assistance@growinghome.org*
- **Legal Aid**
  - ♡ Colorado Legal Services
    - *coloradolegalservices.org*
    - *303.837.1313*
  - ♡ Colorado Poverty Law Project
    - *copovertylawproject.org*
    - *contact@copovertylawproject.org*
- **Tenant-Landlord Mediation & Housing Counseling**
  - ♡ Brother's Redevelopment
    - *coloradohousingconnects.org*
    - *844.926.6632*
- **Housing Navigation Center**
  - ♡ Almost Home
    - *almosthomeonline.org*
    - Walk-ins welcome, 22 S. 4th Ave., Brighton
    - Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. – noon
    - *303.659.6199*
- **Self-Help Resource Center at Adams County Courthouse**
  - ♡ *17shrc@judicial.state.co.us*
    - *303.654.3213*
- **Public Benefit Information**
  - ♡ *coloradopeak.force.com*
  - ♡ For help applying for food, medical, or cash assistance.
    - *720.523.2800*

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- **Court Navigator Program**

For cases where neither the landlord nor the tenant have an attorney.

- *17navigator@judicial.state.co.us*
- *303.659.1161*

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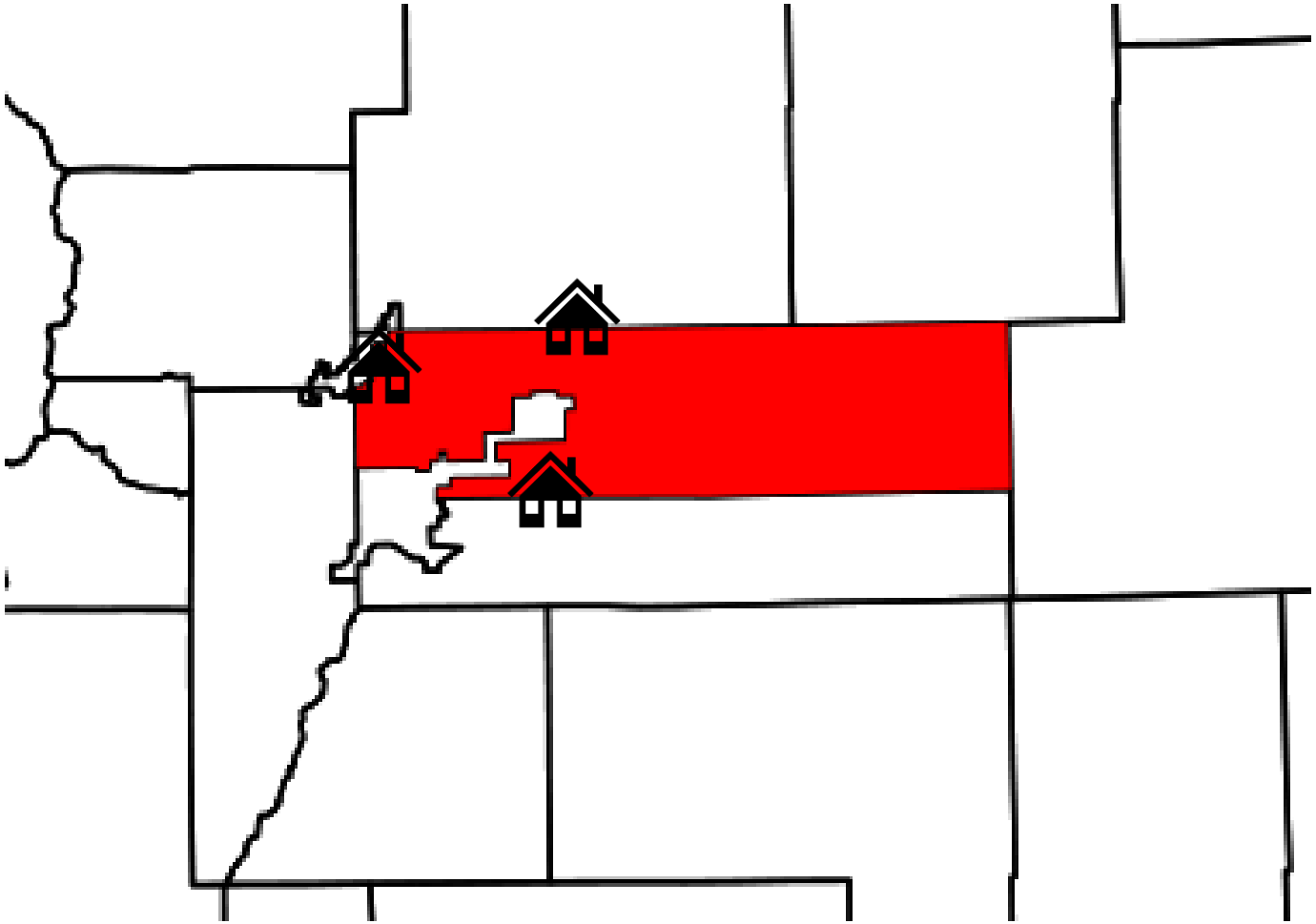
Having trouble getting to the courthouse to file an answer? Email *LEarl@adcogov.org* with your legal full name, cell phone number, and address. The subject line should be "**Lyft to Court**."

COLLABORATION OUTCOME: BUILT FOR ZERO

- **Total cases: 83**

- Housed: 27
- Literally homeless: 18
- Could not be contacted for 90+ days: 14
- Moved to list in another community: 9
- Determined not to be a veteran: 8
- Vouchered but not yet leased: 5
- Incarcerated: 1
- Deceased: 1

COLLABORATION INNOVATIONS: THINKING REGIONALLY



Municipality 1: Money
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Municipality 2: Property & Political Will
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Municipality 3: Staff Time
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Housing/Shelter Intervention

PIE METAPHOR

Aurora – Permanent Supportive Housing for People in Re-entry

Northglenn – Shelter for Single Adults

Adams County – Cold Weather Hotel Vouchers

What slice of pie can Brighton bring to the table?

NEXT STEPS AND REQUESTS

- Commitment to aligning efforts through the MOU
- Data sharing to help analyze root causes
- Assign team member to Core Team

Questions?

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