

1. Please describe the types of housing services your agency currently provides for individuals returning to east Contra Costa County.

Allen Community Development Corporation (Allen CDC) Anvil House, and California Portsmouth Square Association (CPSA) do not currently operate any housing facilities in east Contra Costa County. The two transitional housing facilities are located in Richmond.

While our residential programs are not located in east Contra Costa County, we would be open and available to serve individuals who are homeless and returning to east Contra Costa County. Allen CDC Anvil House and CPSA will work closely with CCC Probation and the Continuum of Care agencies and other referral partners to identify individuals returning to east Contra Costa County and connect them with our transitional housing programs, where needed, and where appropriate, to meet the needs of the individual. We recognize that there is a significant lack of housing options for returning citizens throughout Contra Costa County, including in east Contra Costa County, and will work collaboratively with the County, Probation, and other service provider partners to connect individuals returning to east Contra Costa County to the vital open beds we are able to provide.

2. If your agency does not currently provide services within the region, what plan would you put in place to service this area? And what would be your estimated timeline for service start-up?

To enhance our ability to provide services for individuals returning to east Contra Costa County, Allen CDC's Anvil House and CPSA will work with CCC Probation and Continuum of Care agencies to identify those returning to east Contra Costa County in need of housing and connect them to the available beds we are able to provide.

We will work within the strategic plan of East County to facilitate appropriate referrals with a variety of governmental and nonprofits partners. This will include close coordination with Central-East County Reentry Network lead HealthRIGHT360, Housing lead Shelter, Inc., and Hope Solutions, with whom we will coordinate to serve clients in need of housing in East County. Allen CDC's Anvil House and CPSA will work together with HealthRIGHT360, Shelter, Inc., and Hope Solutions to facilitate referrals, including providing transportation to our housing programs in Richmond where needed.

We also have established relationships with Rubicon (Reentry Success Centers, Employment Services), Men & Women of Purpose (mentoring), LAO (housing), and other non-profit organizations to facilitate referrals of the individuals who are homeless that we serve (including returning citizens) to supportive services as needed based on the participant's case plan. We also maintain partnerships with nonprofit organizations to support document retrieval (SSI, GA, etc.), substance abuse counseling, and other supportive services to ensure clients have access to the services they need while reducing duplication of services.

We will support and partner with all East County Network Agencies to make and accept the appropriate referrals as necessary. Part of our intake processes includes determining if an individual is already connected to wrap-around services, and providing assessments and ongoing

case management/wrap-around services for those who are not connected to such resources. Our ultimate goal – like those of the other East County Network agencies – is to facilitate successful re-entry for the individuals we serve, including connecting them to stable housing and additional resources, such as employment supports, to help them secure and sustain permanent housing and avoid recidivism. The Anvil House has an onsite computer lab set up for virtual training, interviews, and general use to further aid clients in moving forward with stabilizing themselves.

To further support collaboration, Allen CDC and CPSA will invite all East County providers to the Anvil House collaboration meeting we will hold with public and non-profit partners, including employers, nonprofits, and training programs, to discuss the housing and employment needs of the re-entry population.

Lastly, Allen CDC and CPSA will work with East County Network service providers, as well as providers throughout the County, to connect participants to vocational training and set-up opportunities for on-the-job training (OJT) to support employment opportunities, will pursue enclaves and other wraparound modalities, and support efforts for family reunification, all as part of the continuum of services that is needed to support re-entry participants and reduce recidivism in areas with high crime and arrest rates, that include cities like, Antioch, Pittsburg, and Brentwood.

All of the above services and collaborative opportunities would be available immediately. General information: The Anvil House has 2 homes on one property. Below you will see some photos of parts of the facility that includes 2 kitchens, 4 bathrooms, 7 bedrooms, computer stations, and many other amenities.







