

**Comprehensive Health Assessment Team - Homeless**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY NURSING**  
County of Orange Health Care Agency

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***Our goal is to improve health outcomes for homeless individuals and families in Orange County***

The CHAT-H team includes Public Health Nurses and a Community Health Assistant.

**What we do:**

Public Health Nurses provide comprehensive health assessments for the homeless. We offer case management and advocacy including specific referrals and education based on the individual's needs. **Our primary goal is to link clients to health insurance and a primary health care provider.** CHAT-H staff collaborates with and refers to community partners to meet an individual's health and socioeconomic needs. We can assist individuals in applying for Medi-Cal and CalFRESH at any location.

**Who we serve:**

CHAT-H accepts referrals on any homeless individual or family that has a health or health access need. Individuals can be seen where ever they are: in shelters, soup kitchens, motels, and parks.

**The homeless in Orange County:**

*In Orange County, a person would need to make \$30.92 an hour or work 137 hours a week at minimum wage to afford a two bedroom apartment.*

Families with children are the fastest growing homeless population in Orange County, and CHAT-H prioritizes them, especially if they are living unsheltered (in cars, on the street), in emergency shelters, or are on the verge of being homeless. We also visit families with health needs in motels and interim housing programs. Homeless adults and youth without children are served if they have serious chronic diseases, are unable to manage their health conditions and/or are experiencing difficulties acquiring or maintaining health insurance and a medical home.

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**To refer an individual or family:**

Fax a referral to 714-834-7977 or call Becky Stone at 714-834-8498.  
Online referral access: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/phn/cn/homeless>

