

Shelter siting + success

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Shelter Services

- ▶ Operate 8 year-round shelter programs across Multnomah County
- ▶ Serve 700+ people (pre-COVID), 400-550 during COVID
- ▶ Provide 24/7 services, including meals, transportation, housing case management and housing placement, health and wellness, and ID assistance.
- ▶ Severe Weather Shelter during inclement weather

Agency Services

- ▶ Resource Center (day center with hygiene, mail, lockers, info + referral)
- ▶ Street outreach and navigation
- ▶ Tenant education
- ▶ Housing placement and housing stabilization/retention

Shelter expansion + siting

Temporary

- ▶ Lead with an FAQ
- ▶ Stakeholder engagement
- ▶ Life safety partners at the table early
- ▶ Viability of the structure, major systems, accessibility
- ▶ Accessible and safe geographic location
- ▶ Designated point of contact
- ▶ Identify specific ways for productive engagement

Permanent

- ▶ Identify non-negotiables
- ▶ Early engagement with stakeholders
- ▶ Understand + evaluate neighborhood amenities, access, and needs
- ▶ Realistic expectations for all
- ▶ Reliable communication
- ▶ Provider engagement as soon as possible
- ▶ Identify specific ways for productive engagement

Laurelwood Center

6130 SE Foster, opened August 2019

Location

- ▶ Located at the intersection of 5 neighborhood associations and along 2 major corridors
- ▶ Across the street from an alternative high school
- ▶ Attached to a 7-11
- ▶ Lots of new/small businesses

Process

- ▶ Engagement work began in 2017 alongside design work
- ▶ Neighborhood meeting with hundreds of neighbors, and subsequent info sessions during the development
- ▶ Creation of the Foster Steering Committee - engaged neighbors, people with lived experience, business owners, community leaders with divergent perspectives on design, concerns, and neighbor engagement.
- ▶ Early and ongoing ways for engagement - meals, pet food drives, donation drives



Considerations as our communities and our region move forward

- ▶ Remove barriers - both real and perceived
- ▶ Set realistic expectations and identify non-negotiables
- ▶ Bring public sector partners to the table early, set the vision, and get their buy-in
- ▶ Identify and engage shelter champions and the most concerned neighbors
- ▶ Identify and engage a provider as soon as possible, and get them to the table
- ▶ Use data to inform decisions: population need, geographic equity, accessibility, transportation, duration

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