### SAFE PARKING LA



# SAFE PARKING: AN INNOVATIVE SOLUTION TO VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS

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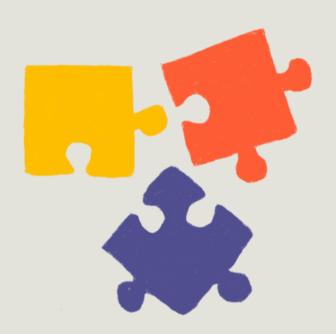
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## Our Why

#### Need

Today, over 25% of LA County's homeless population, of over 66,436, live in their vehicles.

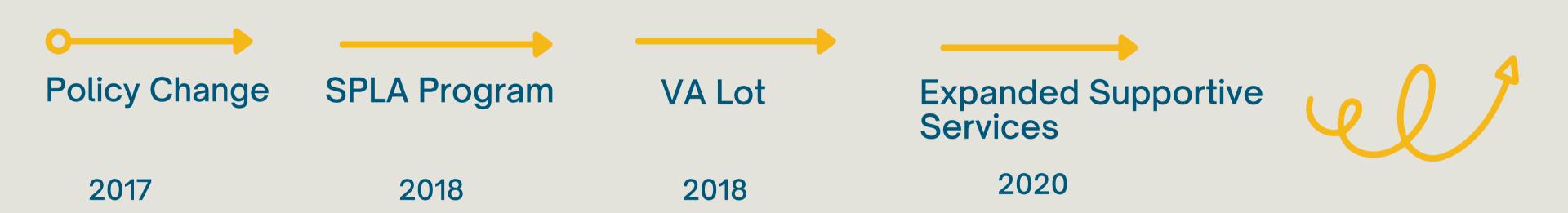


#### **Secret Sauce**

Safe Parking LA bridges a gap in services by employing underutilized parking lots to address the unique needs of residents whose only source of shelter is their car or van.

As we face the future in a pandemic, the number of people living in their vehicles is growing.

# **Our History**



# **Our Capacity**



10 Safe Parking Lots



365

Days/Year
The need is critical



8 Case Managers



66,436

No. of people who are homeless in Los Angeles today



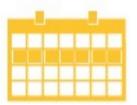
**229** 

Vehicles



**25%** 

Percentage of homeless Angelenos who live in their vehicles



Nights/Week



**12.7%** 

Increase in homelessness from last year



# Safety & Dignity

#### **Values**

- Connection
- Individual Choice
- Dignity, Respect, & Compassion
- Urgent Impact



- Running Water
- Security Guards
- Undisclosed Locations

#### **Services**

- Access to Local Resources
- Case Management
- Financial Assistance
- Goals Assessment



### Dignity

- Reduced Isolation
- Foster Connections
- Trauma is Addressed
- Build Healthy Communities
- Fair and Equitable Treatment





# Case Management

A tool used by service professionals that engages clients to help them reach their optimum level of wellness by centering their needs.



#### Support

- Individual Service Plans
- Assessment of Needs
- Linkages to Services
- Continuous Monitoring
- Client Advocacy
- Education
- Financial Assitance

#### Strength Based

- All clients possess strengths
- Motivation can be fostered
- Autonomy/Empowerment
- Trauma Informed
- Options & Resources
- Encourage Proactivity

#### **Positive Effects**

- Stabilization
- Pathway to Housing
- Increased medical services
- Improved mental health status
- Self Sufficiency
- Improved quality of life

### Financial Assistance

#### **Auto Assistance**

**Car Repairs** 

**Gas Cards** 

**Auto Insurance** 

**Car Titles and Registration** 

### Other Assistance

**Credit Repair** 

**Employment Certification Support** 

**Employment Authorization Cards** 

**Storage** 

**Food Support** 

**Car Payments** 

**AAA Memberships** 

#### **Housing Assistance**

**Rental Assistance** 

**Housing Essentials** 

**Application Fees** 

**Utilities** 

**Grocery Gift Cards** 

### Our clients

### **VA Clients**

- employed

-unhoused

- RV Parking

- seniors

living in their vehicle

- pathway to housing/VASH

- families

-isolated

- service animals

- first time experiencing homelessness

needsupportiveservices

-history of homelessness



### Veteran Safe Parking

Safe Parking LA operates the VA lot at the U.S Department of Veteran Affairs, West Los Angeles campus. Veterans receive comprehensive supportive housing services to help them maintain stability and strive towards independence.

#### **Supportive Services**

- 7, 300 Nightly hot meals
- Access to laundry
- VASH Vouchers
- RV Parking
- Efund
- Showers

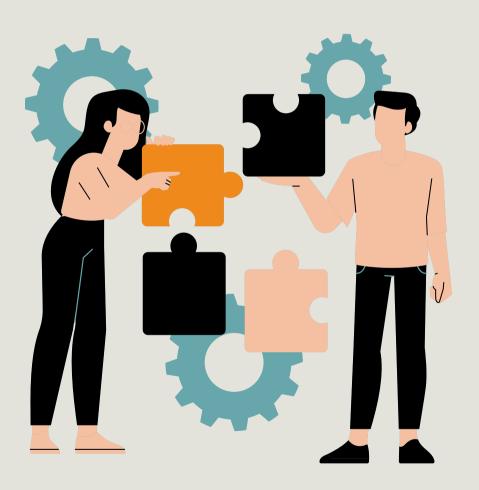
- Clothing
- Health screenings
- Pet Care
- VA and Social Security Benefits
- Counseling
- Legal Services

#### **Continuum of Care**

Outreach		Case Mana	gement	After Care
Referrals /intake	Intake	Case Planning	Monitoring/Follow Up	Retention Services
-Identify Potential Clients -Education - Safe Parking programs - Problem Solving	<ul> <li>- VAGLAHS Community Partner Collective</li> <li>- GLA Community Partners Collective - Veteran Engagement Working Group</li> <li>- UCLA Mobile Clinic</li> <li>- Stand Down</li> <li>- Village for Vets/Brentwood School Collaboration</li> <li>- Welcome Center - Warm transition</li> <li>- Practice TIC/ Veteran Knowledge</li> <li>- Meet the client where they're at</li> </ul>			-Move-in Assistance - Ongoing Support for 90 days

## Success Story

D.B is a 61-year-old Veteran who began experiencing homelessness in January 2021 and enrolled with SPLA on 07/21. During D.B's stay, his vehicle stopped working and the repair was estimated at \$2,509 and the cost became a burden for the client. It was critical to get the client's vehicle operating as that was his connection to SPLA and his only form of shelter. D.B's Case Manager connected with his VA Case Worker to see how they could best support the client. Thanks to the financial assistance from EFund at Village for Vets and SPLA's flexible funds the vehicle was repaired. Once the client was no longer concerned about his safety, he was able to focus on transitioning into stable housing - his VASH voucher. D.B moved into his own unit on 11/2021 and received assistance with furniture and appliances through SPLA.



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