REGIONAL GOALS

Goal 1: Establish a Coordinated and Engaged Regional System of Care.
Develop a fully coordinated and transparent system that can help obtain greater funding, identify shared priorities, and establish a formal coordinated entry system to identify, assess, and connect individuals to housing and services.

Goal 2: Increase Access and Reduce Barriers to Homeless Crisis Response Systems.
Engage unsheltered individuals, provide safe places to stay at night, and connect people to public benefits, services, and housing opportunities.

Goal 3: Ensure Households Experiencing Homelessness Have Access to Affordable and Sustainable Permanent Housing.
Invest in the creation, rehabilitation, and expansion of affordable housing options; and provide the support and tools necessary for people to maintain their housing and optimize their self-sufficiency successfully.

The Regional Goals were established in the **Regional Homeless Action Plan**, with San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton, and the San Joaquin Continuum of Care (SJCoC), working jointly to promote the coordinated and impactful delivery of homelessness supports and services across the full continuum of care. Through this Action Plan, the three partners commit to a coordinated regional approach to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

The plan's purpose is to lay out how the region will build, deploy, sustain, and strengthen actions across the full array of homelessness programs and resources, leveraging federal, state, and local investments. It builds upon and continues the vision and legacy of the community's first strategic plan, A Community Response to Ending Homelessness. Five years later, it is time to update and advance our regional efforts and chart a continued path forward. We invite other local jurisdictions and community partners to join us.

Jointly, partners recognize the need for, and are committed to, fostering collaboration to further:

- A formal coordinated system that functions throughout the region,
- A focus on solutions that can be measured and impactful, and
- Significant investment in housing-focused services that increase successful transitions to long-term permanent housing.

The Action Plan is guided by the following vision statement, as developed through the 2019 community planning process:

We envision a future in which homelessness in San Joaquin County will be rare, brief, and nonrecurring, supported by a robust homeless crisis response system. People experiencing homelessness will be empowered through a responsive, nimble, housing focused system that provides effective, supportive, and humane services and housing, efficiently leveraging public and private resources.

This plan articulates regional actions to promote this vision, which are intended to:

- Increase coordination, strengthen cross-system partnerships, and improve the quality and use of data;
- Maximize the effective use of resources to support improved implementation and outcomes at every point along the continuum of care;
- Address disparities that underlie inequitable provision of services and outcomes for Black, Native and Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islanders, and other sub-populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness; and
- Expand access to housing and supports delivered in a low-barrier, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive manner.