



Safe Camp & Emergency Shelter
on the Nevada Cares Campus:
Service Plan & Recommendations



background

Northern Nevada Continuum
of Care has seen an **875%**
increase in unsheltered
homelessness since 2017.



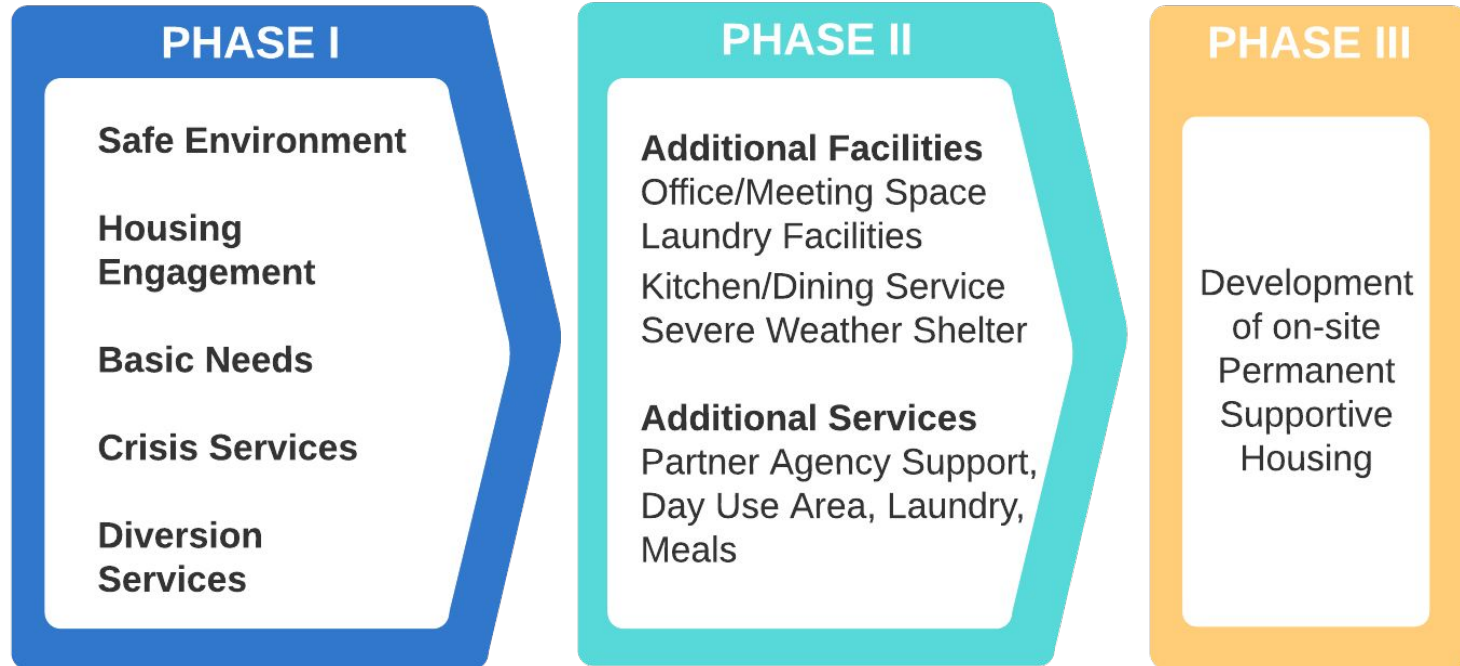
process

- Review of past efforts
- May/September site visits
- Policy & procedure development
- Meetings with leadership, program managers, frontline staff
- Interviews with unsheltered
- Three 4-hour training sessions

An aerial photograph of a large sports complex, likely a baseball stadium, featuring a curved seating bowl and a baseball field. The image is in grayscale with a dark overlay. In the background, there is a cityscape with various buildings and a highway. Mountains are visible in the far distance under a clear sky. The text "key recommendations" is centered over the stadium seating area.

key recommendations

phased implementation of Cares Campus





Phase I: Core Components

- Maintain a safe environment
- Eliminate barriers to shelter
- Focus on housing
- Implement diversion services



Phase II: Develop campus amenities

- Enhance safety and security
- Meet basic needs (meals, laundry)
- Create day use area
- Meeting spaces
- Severe weather shelter



Phase III: Incorporate housing options

- Permanent supportive housing
- Bridge housing



Focus: Staffing, safety, security

- Immediate need: More staffing
- Goal: 4 staff/shift for every 100 beds
- Implement easy-to-follow expectations
- Controlled entry/exit
- Ongoing training in conflict resolution, trauma-informed care, deescalation



Focus: Housing engagement and placement

- Implement a length-of-stay policy
- Align shelter/safe camp policies
- Coordinate case management activities
- Leverage coordinated entry and other resources



Implement project performance measures

- Housing placements
- Diversion rate
- Housing retention rate
- Reduce length of stay in shelter



decision points

An aerial photograph of a large sports stadium under construction. The stadium features a prominent semi-circular seating bowl and a rectangular field area. The seating bowl is divided into several sections, and the field area is marked with white lines. The stadium is surrounded by a parking lot and a road. In the background, there are mountains and a city skyline. The text "decision points" is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.



Shelter capacity

- Current environment is unsafe
- Goal: Four staff per 100 beds (each shift)
- Goal: Case management caseload 1:35
- Goal: Establish smaller zones



Use of additional funds

- Hire and retain quality staff
- Develop permanent supportive housing
- Flexible funds for diversion
- Support/subsidize



Next steps

- Overhaul case management process
- Implement diversion at every entry
- Establish baseline trainings
- Clarify employee expectations
- Implement a strong housing focus

