

# Impact Report

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West Valley Health Equity Health-Supported Housing promises Arizona a vibrant and more vital community that starts at home. Thank you for supporting us in creating a solution to drive change in addressing the intersection of health and housing

WVHE health-supported housing uses a scattered site model, providing housing services in health-supporting neighborhoods, promising a vibrant and more vital community that starts at home.

The Arizona Department of Health Services reports, "Almost Half of all pregnancy-associated deaths were related to mental health conditions or substance use disorder (SUD)... and **98% of those were preventable.**" Between 2017 and 2020, there were 406 opioid overdose deaths in our community (85031). Additionally, 1,382 newborns were hospitalized during the same time due to maternal drug use during pregnancy" (2022 FTF Regional Needs Report for the Phoenix South). Our health plus home innovative program model improves maternal-child health outcomes.

We provide onsite benefits enrollment services, of **86%** residents accessed healthcare coverage seamlessly. Our comprehensive services expand access to maternal health care, support moms experiencing maternal depression or other maternal health conditions, including substance abuse treatment with onsite medication-assisted treatment, and daycare for children birth to age 5, peer support, parenting, life skills, employment, and health education and wellness programs. Our comprehensive approach involves coordinating care across primary care, pediatric care, prenatal care, behavioral health, and health-related social needs. Our community-based services address critical maternal child health needs in areas of Arizona that have long faced inequities limiting their housing and health opportunities.

## Our First Six Months



## Since Opening

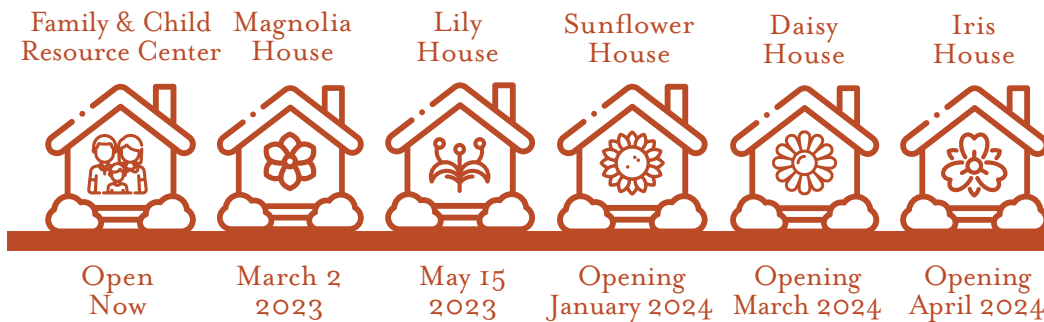
**23** pregnant or parenting women and **22** children have been provided health-supported housing

**0** maternal overdoses

**78%** of participants have maintained recovery

**78%** of residents accessed healthcare services before a minor health issue has exacerbated into a more severe or chronic condition requiring Emergency Department or hospitalization services and associated increased healthcare costs

Our moms pre-term birth rate is **38%** lower than our neighbors with care (HRSA 85031) and only **5%** of babies born required a NICU stay



The Magnolia House, Lily House, and Iris House address the prevalence and impact of special maternal and child health care needs and critical service gaps providing **7,196** housing bed nights to local Arizona families.

**95%** of residents have safely maintained custody of their children.

We have recruited 15 CDC Public Health AmeriCorps members. their 24/7 staff presence ensures children our homes provide all residents safe and healing environments. We work to keep children safe with their families instead of being separated from their families' offering participants onsite access to our Maricopa County Public Defense legal services.

**98%** of West Valley Health Equity residents are living **200% below** the federal housing poverty experience housing stress, parent stress, 93% are single-parent households, 64% of births are pre-term.



**Access to housing ensures everyone can reside in an affordable, safe, stable home and a neighborhood that fosters well-being where everyone can live a healthier life.**

The number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Phoenix has tripled since state's since 2014. As our city and state's housing problem becomes a crisis, today's opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history.