Denver Day Works

City Council Housing and Homelessness Working Group

October 26, 2017
Denver Day Works Goals:
Basics

- Collaboration between Denver Human Services (DHS), Denver Parks & Recreation (DPR), Denver Public Works (DPW), Denver’s Road Home (DRH), and other city agencies, contracted through Bayaud Enterprises

- Launched Nov 2016: $400k contract
Denver Day Works Goals: Homeless Engagement

Recruit 300 (174%)
Engage 150 on a worksite (176%) for 4320 hours (224%)
  • 71% of whom have been “homeless” at program entry

Needs assessments for 65 (307%)
  • 83% receiving public assistance at program entry
  • 21% helped with existing, prior, or new assistance at program entry
Denver Day Works Goals: Permanent Employment

- Place 49 in permanent employment (231%)
  - 85 placements at 50 employers
- Retain 30 for 90 days (135% steady state)
- Hire 20 at City and County of Denver (80%)
Denver Day Works: Key Features

- No-, low-barrier to engagement
- Reliable work, cash/equivalent distributed by 3 p.m.
- Engage participants while on the worksite – 3x success rate
Denver Day Works:
Key Features

- Expansion (6%) into 2018, learning from third-party evaluation mid-2018
- Waitlist of 70, expanding operations, worksites
- City hiring re-emphasis
- Goals re-evaluation