



PIMA COUNTY
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
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Update on County Initiatives to Address Homelessness and Public Safety

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Priorities of the Office of Housing Opportunities & Homeless Solutions



Inventory existing County and partner programs addressing homeless / at-risk populations.



Describe and illustrate the homeless response system and care coordination.



Maintain up-to-date County and public facing communication strategies to enable individuals to understand where and how to access information and resources.



Collaborate on strategic and continuous Improvement Plan with the goal of ensuring County programming is responsive, sustainable, and equitably distributed.



Track the efficacy of County assistance programs and work with departments and partner agencies and governments to develop attainable measure of success.

OHOSH is aligned with One Pima Priorities

One Pima Initiative

February Progress Report



Priority Area No. 1: Prioritize Loop Cleanup & Safety



Priority Area No. 2: Strengthen Public Health & Treatment Access



Priority Area No. 3: Expand Treatment & Diversion Programs



Priority Area No. 4: Stabilize Housing & Prevent Homelessness



Priority Area No. 5: Support Impacted Neighborhoods & Small Businesses



Prioritize Loop Cleanup & Safety

Regional Flood Control | Parks & Recreation

- Restoration / maintenance of The Loop pathways, County parks, and washes:

	December	January	Totals
Number of Jobs	12	15	27
Tons of Debris	37.07	17.75	54.82
Costs	\$37,298.29	\$52,095.20	\$89,393.49

- Develop a safety plan for additional Loop security including signage, mile makers & mobile public facing data / reporting tools:
 - 25th Anniversary Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan Celebration
 - Community User Survey
 - Continued discussions on reporting tools



Strengthen Public Health & Treatment Access

Health | Detainee and Crisis Systems

- Ongoing countywide overdose prevention programming
- Summer 2026 heat planning & cooling center coordination underway
- Exploring opportunities within current and / or future legislative session for expanded coverage for people in early and long-term recovery.



Expand Treatment & Diversion Programs

Health | Justice Services | County Attorney's Office

- Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center
 - Launched January 1, 2026
 - Voluntary low-barrier settings
 - Ongoing County & City coordination implementation and utilization



Expand Treatment & Diversion Programs

SAFR Center Metrics

1/18/26 to 1/24/26

5 patients referred

- Average stay: **59.7 hours**
- Equivalent to: **2 days, 11.7 hours**
- **CoT PD** – 3 of 5 referrals
- **Personal/Emotional** factors as discharge 2 of 5

1/25/26 to 1/31/26

33 patients referred (23 hr. unit referral inc.)

- Average stay: **26.1 hours**
- Equivalent to: **1 day, 2.1 hours**
- **CoT PD** – 19 of 33 referrals
- **Personal/Emotional** factors as discharge: 22 of 33 (~67%).

Awaiting data from 1/1/26-1/17/26 and 2/1/26-2/7/26

Key Pilot Take-Aways

- For patients who have a length of stay for over 24hrs. (n=12), the average is 86 hrs.
- SAFR is functioning primarily as a law-enforcement diversion endpoint
 - Action: Outreach to medical and community sources to increase referrals from alternate sources
- Majority of exits are non-clinical self-directed disengagement rather than treatment transition.
 - Primary referral source being law enforcement and 67% of the discharges being due to emotional factors,
 - Action: Need more data from reports to allow for analysis on associative factors for care
- SAFR may be stabilizing but not effectively converting to treatment continuation, reducing long-term overdose prevention impact.

Suggested Actions

- Increase and refine specificity of data to improve analysis
 - Analyze referral source with length of stay and likelihood of referral
 - Improve details on demographics for reporting to deepen analysis
- Include lived experience in the consultation of Quality Improvement through the SAFR Workgroup
- Examine the length of time experiencing homelessness and likelihood of Tx enrollment (HMIS Integration)



Expand Treatment & Diversion Programs (cont.)

Health | Justice Services | County Attorney's Office

- Expanded operations at the Transition Center
 - Justice Services planning to begin recruitment
- Discussions on enhancements to diversion programs ongoing



Stabilize Housing & Prevent Homelessness

Community & Workforce Development | Office of Housing Opportunities & Homeless Solutions

- Feb 17: FY2026 Gap Funding Recommendations
- March 3: Ten Year Housing Strategy & Funding Plan
- Regional real-time shelter dashboard
 - In development
 - TPCH, Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW)
- Continued dialogue on improved access / utilization of shelter

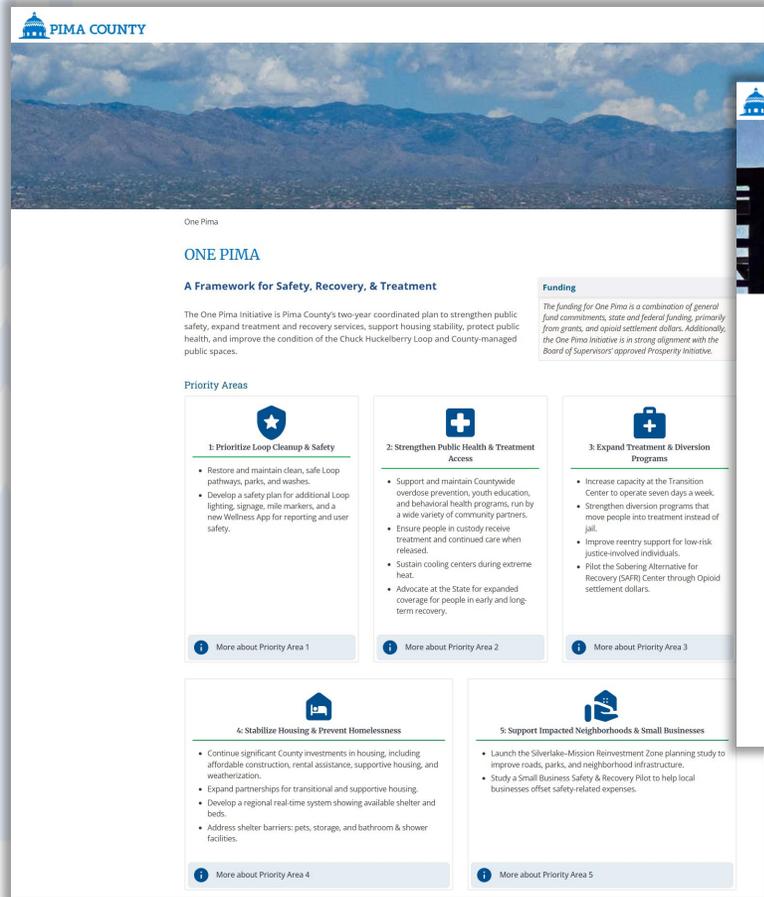


Support Impacted Neighborhoods & Small Businesses

Community & Workforce Development | Economic Development

- Launch the Silverlake-Mission Reinvestment Zone planning study to improve roads, parks, and neighborhood infrastructure.
 - March 3 Ten Year Housing Strategy & Funding Plan
 - March 28 Community Resource Event
- Study a Small Business Safety & Recovery Pilot to help local businesses offset safety related expenses.
 - Evaluation in early planning stages.

One Pima Webpage



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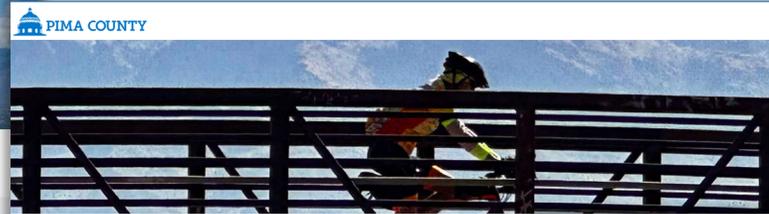
ONE PIMA

A Framework for Safety, Recovery, & Treatment

The One Pima Initiative is Pima County's two-year coordinated plan to strengthen public safety, expand treatment and recovery services, support housing stability, protect public health, and improve the condition of the Chuck Huckelberry Loop and County-managed public spaces.

Priority Areas

- 1: Prioritize Loop Cleanup & Safety**
 - Restore and maintain clean, safe Loop pathways, parks, and washes.
 - Develop a safety plan for additional Loop lighting, signage, mile markers, and a new Wellness App for reporting and user safety.
- 2: Strengthen Public Health & Treatment Access**
 - Support and maintain Countywide overdose prevention, youth education, and behavioral health programs, run by a wide variety of community partners.
 - Ensure people in custody receive treatment and continued care when released.
 - Sustain cooling centers during extreme heat.
 - Advocate at the State for expanded coverage for people in early and long-term recovery.
- 3: Expand Treatment & Diversion Programs**
 - Increase capacity at the Transition Center to operate seven days a week.
 - Strengthen diversion programs that move people into treatment instead of jail.
 - Improve reentry support for low-risk justice-involved individuals.
 - Pilot the Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SARF) Center through Opioid settlement dollars.
- 4: Stabilize Housing & Prevent Homelessness**
 - Continue significant County investments in housing, including affordable construction, rental assistance, supportive housing, and weatherization.
 - Expand partnerships for transitional and supportive housing.
 - Develop a regional real-time system showing available shelter and beds.
 - Address shelter barriers: pets, storage, and bathroom & shower facilities.
- 5: Support Impacted Neighborhoods & Small Businesses**
 - Launch the Silverlake-Mission Reinvestment Zone planning study to improve roads, parks, and neighborhood infrastructure.
 - Study a Small Business Safety & Recovery Pilot to help local businesses offset safety-related expenses.



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LOOP CLEANUP AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Goal
Make the Loop cleaner, safer, and easier to use for everyone.

Why it matters
The Loop covers more than 138 miles and connect neighborhoods across the region. Clean, safe public health, and protect shared public spaces.

What's happening now

- More frequent cleanup of paths, parks, and washes
- Removal of debris and safety hazards
- Planning for better lighting, signage, and mile markers

What's coming next

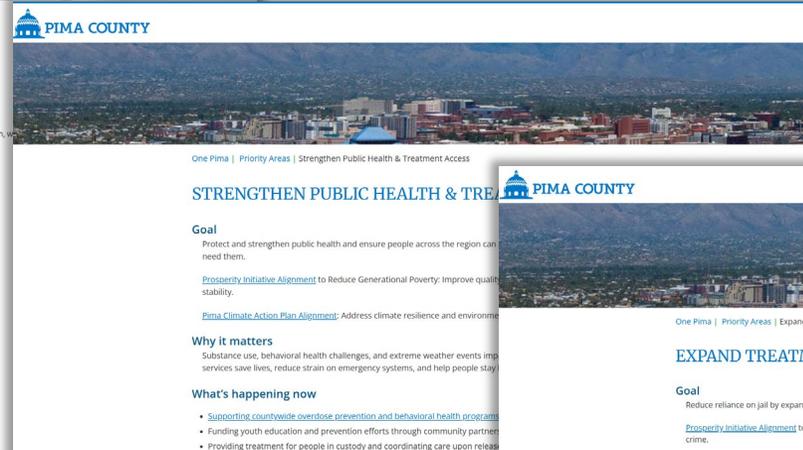
- New lighting and safety signs in priority areas
- A Wellness App to report issues and access safety information
- Expanded cleanup coverage across the park system

Current status

- Cleanup & maintenance: In progress
- Lighting & signage: Planning
- Wellness App: Planned

Get involved

- Use the interactive map to see improvements
- Report maintenance or safety concerns
- Share feedback to help guide future work



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STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH & TREATMENT ACCESS

Goal
Protect and strengthen public health and ensure people across the region can get the care they need.

Why it matters
Substance use, behavioral health challenges, and extreme weather events impact lives, reduce strain on emergency systems, and help people stay healthy.

What's happening now

- Supporting countywide overdose prevention and behavioral health programs
- Funding youth education and prevention efforts through community partners
- Providing treatment for people in custody and coordinating care upon release
- Operating cooling centers during periods of extreme heat

What's coming next

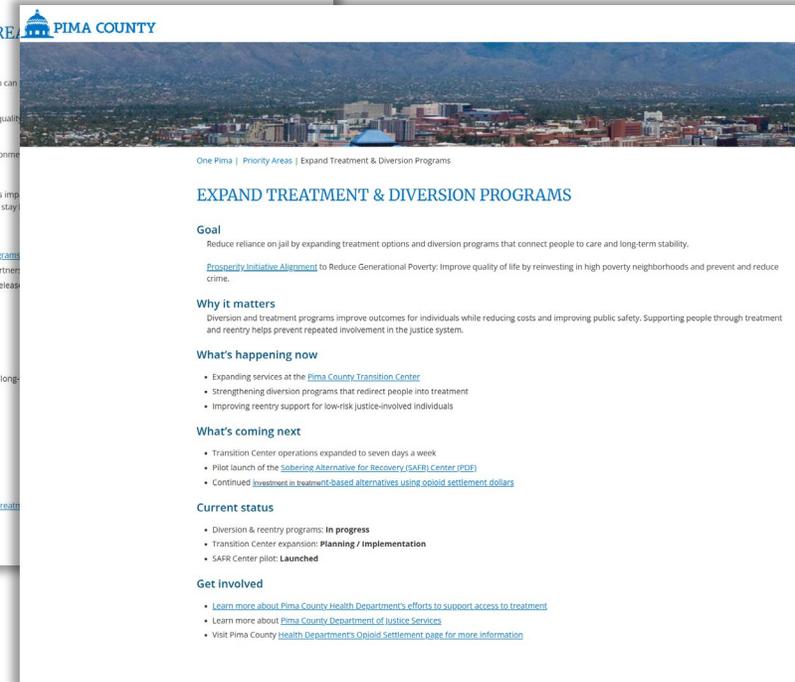
- Expanded continuity of care for people transitioning out of custody
- Continued investment in prevention and recovery programs
- Advocacy at the State level for broader coverage for people in early and long-term recovery

Current status

- Overdose prevention & behavioral health programs: **Ongoing**
- Cooling centers: **Seasonal / Active during extreme heat**
- State advocacy for recovery coverage: **Ongoing**

Get involved

- Learn about [Pima County Inmate Navigation, Enrollment, Support and Treatment](#)
- Learn about local prevention and treatment resources
- Learn about [Healthy Pima Community Health Needs Assessment](#)
- Stay informed about heat safety and cooling center locations



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EXPAND TREATMENT & DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Goal
Reduce reliance on jail by expanding treatment options and diversion programs that connect people to care and long-term stability.

Why it matters
Diversion and treatment programs improve outcomes for individuals while reducing costs and improving public safety. Supporting people through treatment and reentry helps prevent repeated involvement in the justice system.

What's happening now

- Expanding services at the [Pima County Transition Center](#)
- Strengthening diversion programs that redirect people into treatment
- Improving reentry support for low-risk justice-involved individuals

What's coming next

- Transition Center operations expanded to seven days a week
- Pilot launch of the [Sobering Alternative for Recovery \(SARF\) Center \(PDF\)](#)
- Continued [investment in treatment-based alternatives using opioid settlement dollars](#)

Current status

- Diversion & reentry programs: **In progress**
- Transition Center expansion: **Planning / Implementation**
- SARF Center pilot: **Launched**

Get involved

- Learn more about [Pima County Health Department's efforts to support access to treatment](#)
- Learn more about [Pima County Department of Justice Services](#)
- Visit Pima County [Health Department's Opioid Settlement page for more information](#)



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Questions