**Definations**

**Homeless persons**
- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence.
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary night time residence.
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, but who are moving from residence to residence or couch to couch.
- Any individual or family who are fleeing domestic violence or other abusive conditions.

**Housing Assistance Tools**

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As of January 2013 there were 479 homeless persons in Arlington County. Of these, 266 were single adults, 211 were families (adults and children), and 2 were children in a household without an adult.

While the number of homeless persons has increased 6% over 2012, it has decreased by 6% since 2009.

Arlington County has established targets for providing housing assistance to families with children, persons with disabilities and the elderly. The targeted distribution is:
- 65% for families with children
- 20% for elderly
- 15% for persons with disabilities

The chart to the right shows the actual distribution of assistance among these three identified groups.

**SERIOUS HOUSING NEED**

Providing housing assistance to households earning under 40% of the Area Median Income ($3,583/month for a family of four) generally involves a combination of housing constructed through the county’s development assistance administered by the Housing Division and direct rental assistance provided through the Department of Human Assistance.

- 80% of persons receiving Housing Grants live in Committed Affordable Housing (CAF).
- 100% of all eligible households that request Housing Grants receive a Housing Grant.
- The average monthly subsidy is $561
- 48% of households are in the program for less than 2 years.