

Journey to Social Inclusion (J2SI) Pilot Project

Breaking the cycle of homelessness



Social Exclusion

- “The process by which individuals and groups become isolated from major societal mechanism, which produce or distribute resources”
- Homelessness should be seen as one expression of social exclusion and the solutions to it must be much more comprehensive than if homelessness was seen solely as a lack of housing.
- We must work with people in a way that equips them with the skills and confidence to reconnect with the mainstream community.

Why “Journey to Social Inclusion” was developed

- 106,000 Australians are homeless on any given night (ABS 2006)
- 30-40% are cycling in and out of homelessness
- 44% of SHM clients have been cycling in and out of homelessness for more than 3 years
- Current homelessness service system is crisis orientated, ineffective and expensive for this group



Goals of J2SI

1. To demonstrate that a well resourced, intensive and long term service model can end a persons chronic homelessness
2. It makes economic sense to do it



The J2SI Service Model

3 year program with the following components:

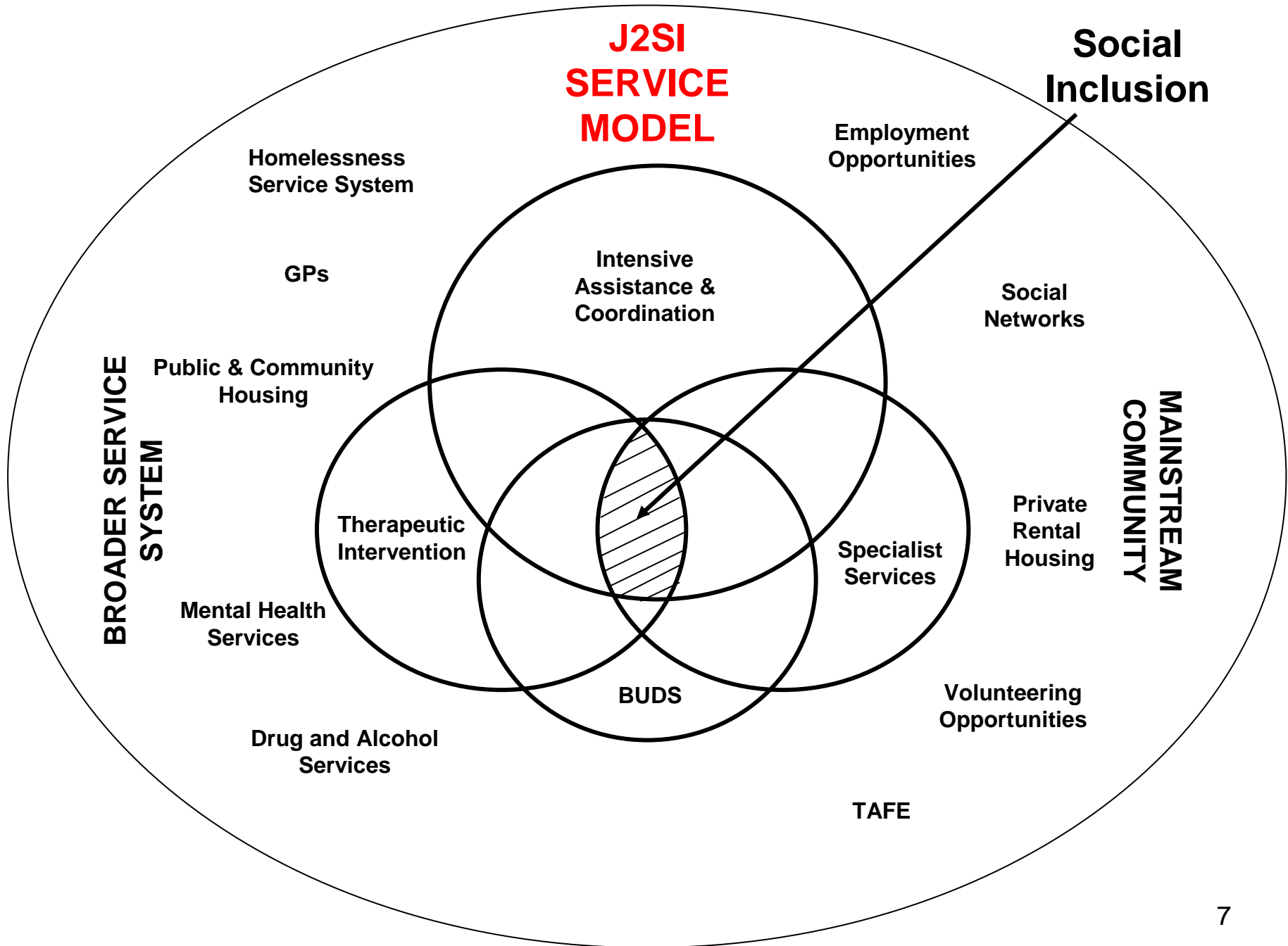
- Intensive Assistance - 1 day per week
- Therapeutic Response
- Building Up & Developing Skills
- Access to specialist services through partnerships



Why we believe J2SI will work

- Long term and intensive
- The relationship between worker and participant
- Addressing the underlying causes of a persons homelessness
- Recovery from trauma
- Dissociation from the homeless subculture
- Developing life skills and building alternative social networks





Piloting J2SI

- 40 participants
- Eligibility Criteria – in the cycle of homelessness for more than 3 years OR 12 months continuously homeless
- 3 year program
- Budget of \$3.8 million
- Goal is for 80% of participants to complete 3 year program and to have successfully exited the cycle of homelessness



Measuring the Impact of J2SI

1. Individual Participants – RMIT

Recovery from trauma, mental and physical health, identification with homeless subculture & social inclusion

2. Service Model - RMIT

Use of control group

3. Economic

Economic analysis by Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research



Key Dates

6 month establishment phase begins	April 2009
J2SI Manager starts	July 2009
Participants selected	Sept - October 2009
Project start	Nov 2009
Year 1 of Service Delivery	Nov 09 – October 2010
Year 2 of Service Delivery	Nov 2010– October 2011
Year 3 of Service Delivery	Nov 2011 – October 2012

