



CFTH

COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
OF HOUSTON/HARRIS COUNTY

Making the homeless response system work – better.



What we do



- Coordinate the work of the local homeless response system (The Way Home) for maximum impact.
- Fill gaps. Execute special projects to enhance homelessness response locally and nationally.
- Use the power of collective impact.

The Way Home

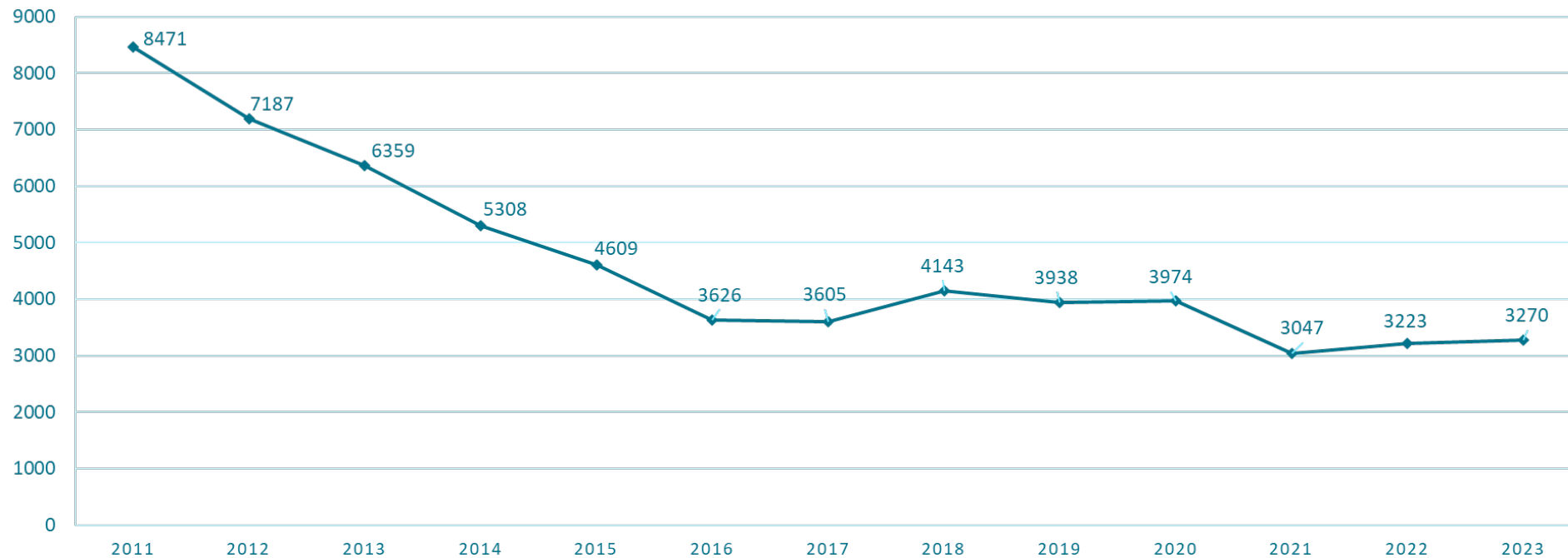
- The Way Home is the homeless response system for Houston and Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties in Texas.
 - A public-private partnership — a network of over 100 homeless service providers and other government, philanthropic, and business partners.
- It's a collective force working together toward a shared vision of making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.
- CFTH, a nonprofit, is the designated coordinator of The Way Home.



Homelessness Response Phases

- Phase 1 – Establishment of *The Way Home* (2012)
- Phase 2 – Encampment Decommissioning (2021)
- Phase 3 – COVID Response + Encampment Decommissioning (2022)

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System Before the Navigation Center

- Clients could not be found while awaiting placement and/or were seeking services
- A place was needed to provide:
 - Accommodations and services that bridge the gap between outreach and placement into permanent housing
 - Immediate, safe, and low barrier access to those living unsheltered
 - Case management services that include health and wellness resources and employment assistance
 - Emergency Disaster Shelter in times of severe inclement weather
- The Navigation Center fills in these gaps and it is used as a tool to support our homelessness response efforts



Navigation Center

- The Navigation Center is a low-barrier, safe place to live while individuals work toward obtaining permanent housing
- The center accommodates up to 100 individuals in semi-private rooms. Additional capacity can be added during times of disaster, to provide relief to those living unsheltered.
- As of September 2024, more than 460 people have been enrolled in the Navigation Center, and approximately 225 people were directly housed!



Harmony House

- Over the past 30 years, Harmony House has become a leading provider of services targeting the welfare and advancement of individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Established in 1993, the Harmony House Residence was the first program, still in operation today, that served extremely low-income working men who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



Partners Involvement

- Harmony House – Runs day-to-day operations at The Navigation Center
- The Harris Center – Provides mental health counseling onsite
- Harris Health System – Runs an onsite health clinic that serves the facility's clients and the entire community.
- The Way Home – The local homeless response system of more than 100 partner agencies working together to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring
- CFTH – Housing navigation services

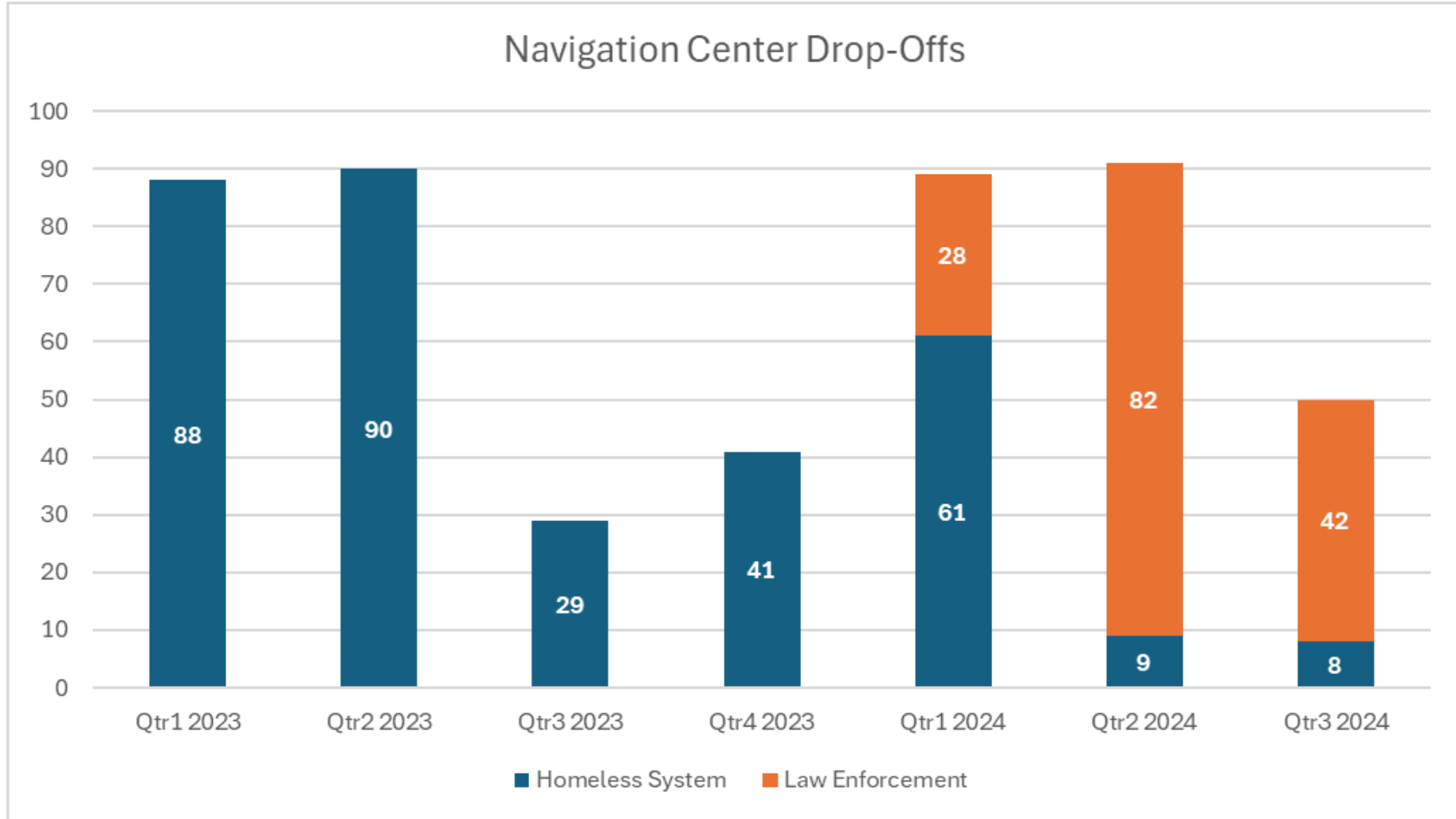


Goals and Objectives

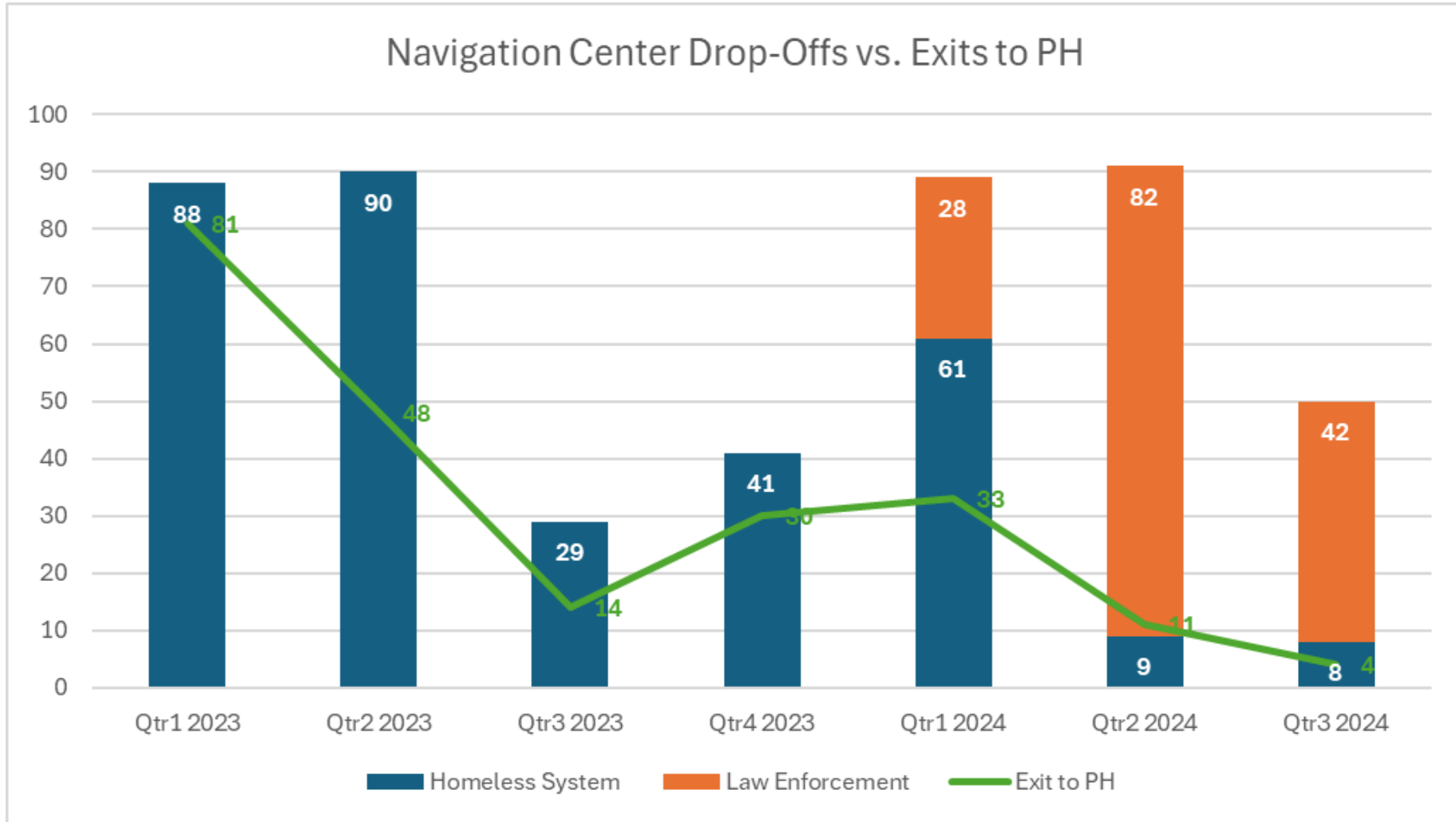
- Provide professional oversight and management of selected organization(s) operating at the Housing Navigation Center 24/7 to efficiently serve a minimum of 200 homeless individuals with shelter and services annually (12-month period).
- Coordinate the rapid and efficient placement of homeless individuals through service providers into a permanent housing placement.
 - May include a rental subsidy and will include housing stability case management services
 - Target to place client into housing is less than 90 days upon entry into the facility



Jan. 2023 – Present



Jan. 2023 – Present (Cont.)



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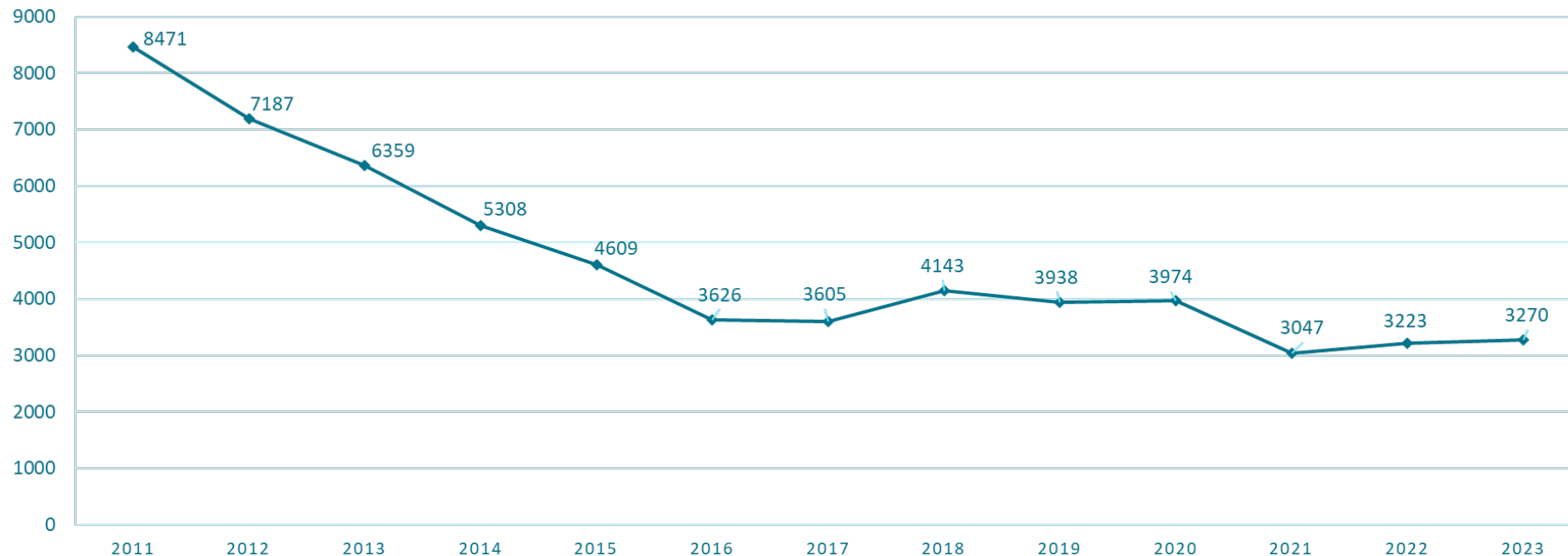
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Phase 4 – Individualized Approach (2024)

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