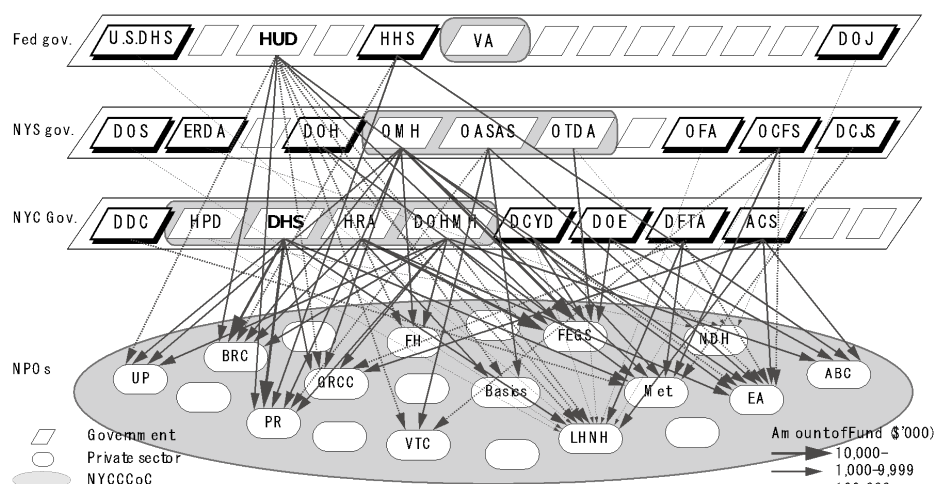


Support systems for the homeless in New York City

After several years of its initial response to homelessness, the U.S. government introduced the Continuum of Care (CoC) concept in 1993. The concept has formed a basis for federal homeless policy and has stimulated community-wide coordination of homeless service providers through a local planning body, or a CoC as an entity. A CoC also means a local system of homeless programs and services.

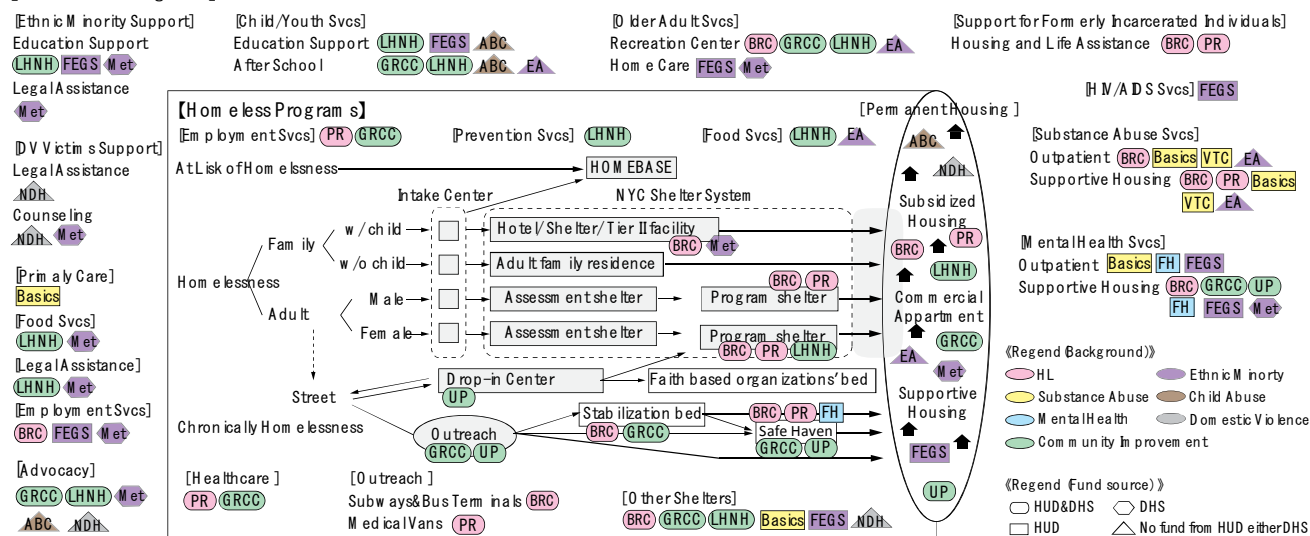
In the case of NYC, the CoC body called NYC Coalition on the Continuum of Care (NYCCCoC) covers the whole area of NYC and is comprised of federal, state and local government, NPOs, hospitals, businesses and also homeless individual. NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is the lead agency of NYCCCoC, which uniquely structures own shelter system with their budget 7 times as much as federal fund including CoC fund to NYC. The study of 13 out of 66 NPOs in NYCCCoC made it clear that the NPOs with different backgrounds provide a wide range of services for the homeless as well as other vulnerable

groups receiving funds from different government departments (fig.1 and 2). It shows that the CoC is an institutionally, geographically and disciplinary comprehensive support system to end homelessness.



(fig.1) Funding to 13 NPOs in NYCCCoC from government agencies

[Mainstream Programs]



(fig.2) Support programs providing by 13 NPOs in NYCCCoC (a shaded area shows DHS program)