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Press Release

Arlington County Virginia Combats Homelessness

New Program helps the County intervene with speed and precision to prevent entry into homelessness.

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Today Arlington County announced that their “Functional Negative” program to address Homelessness has driven declines in homelessness for two quarters running. By leveraging a shared data lake comprising connected data sources from many different silos across the County and using this to address need and service gaps they have increased real-time reporting on daily services provided to the homeless or at-risk citizens across 70 disparate systems used by various county agencies. With improved analytics, the County is now able to pinpoint which citizens have engaged with what services more accurately. More importantly, the County is able to intervene faster and with greater impact for at-risk populations, preventing entry into homelessness at a higher rate.

“Amazon has been an excellent partner and was instrumental in helping us use Technology X to consolidate our data layer and enable clear key performance indicators on a real-time basis,” said Anita Friedman, Department of Human Services Director for Arlington County. “And our work continues. We are innovating and using predictive analytics to keep homelessness in our community functionally negative.”