

Shorten Homelessness

Broward County, FL (pages 52-54)

Committee: Shortening the Time People Spend Homeless

Goal Statement: Shortening the time people spend homeless
 Committee Chair: Debbie Perry

Objectives	Action Steps	Responsible Party I.D. Decision Makers	Expected Outcomes	Resources	Target Dates
1. Providers adopt a philosophy statement acknowledging that people do not have to move from emergency to transitional and then into permanent housing. Rather, that a person, upon becoming homeless can move directly into permanent housing, or the most appropriate level of care, whenever possible.	1. Development of philosophy statement	1. Development of philosophy statement – Exec. Committee	1. Change from linear continuum applied to everyone to a more individualized approach.	Support from service providers Cost: Negligible	1. Philosophy statement development – 3/05
	2. Presentation of philosophy statement at Continuum of Care meeting. Revise as needed.	2. Approval of statement – 10 year plan Exec. Committee.			2. Approval by Exec Committee 4/05
	3. Adopt / approve statement. discussed in steering committee.	3. Endorsement of statement by providers and funders.			3. Presentation/endorsement done concurrently with adoption of 10-year plan. 9/05
	2. Encourage shelters to modify admission criteria to be as inclusive as possible.	2. Implementation by shelter providers	2. More people being served by existing resources		
	3. Promote team reviews at shelters, when considering discharges	3. Maximize bed usage	3. Maximized bed usage		

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3. Assist persons to exit homelessness as quickly as possible	<p>4. Build capacity within continuum to serve all sub-populations</p> <p>1. Assessment upon admission to identify those who can be rapidly re-housed</p>	<p>4. Shelter admission criteria should be published in Coalition Resource Guide.</p> <p>1. Shelter providers</p>	<p>4. Shelter admission criteria will be published in the Coalition Resource Guide.</p> <p>1. Average shelter LOS is reduced</p>	<p>1. Assessment tool</p>	<p>1. 2006</p>
	<p>2. Establish a central assessment center or a system of centralized assessment to provide consistent intake information and consistent analysis of the information</p> <p>3. All homeless transitional shelters should offer life skills training so persons served will be better able to sustain themselves in an independent living environment. Best and promising practices should be considered when developing curriculum</p>	<p>2. All transitional shelter providers</p>	<p>2. People will transition to permanent housing more quickly</p>	<p>2. Develop a standardized assessment process Cost: Medium</p>	<p>2. 2006</p> <p>3. 2007</p>
4. Refocus outcome measures to support objective of shortening time people spend homeless	<p>1. When appropriate, all funded shelters will have outcome measures that address: - # of persons placed in permanent housing - # of persons accessing mainstream resources</p>	<p>1. Funding sources 2. Shelter provide</p>	<p>1. Increase number of people discharged into permanent housing 2. Increased number of persons accessing mainstream resources 3. Decreased homeless recidivism rate</p>	<p>1. Quarterly outcome reports 2. Data collected from CSMS system Cost: Negligible</p>	<p>12/06</p>

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5. Reduce admission barriers to Section 8.	1. Eliminate barriers often faced by the homeless; poor credit history, criminal convictions for non-violent crimes, etc. 2. Invite Housing Authority/Section 8 Administrators to take part in development of 10 year plan. 3. Housing Authority should establish a local preference for the homeless.	1. Local Housing Authority 2. Executive Committee	1. Increased access to Section 8 housing by the homeless	1. Meetings with PHA's Cost: Low	1. 2006 2. 2006 3. 2006

Resources Consulted

1. National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Toolkit for Ending Homelessness. Website: www.naeh.org
2. Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness for the following cities/states/communities: Philadelphia, New York City, Contra Costa County, CA, Santa Clara County, CA, Rhode Island. Website: www.endhomelessness.org/localplans/
3. Housing First for Families report, March 2005. Conducted by LaFrance Associates, for the National Coalition to End Homelessness. Website: www.endhomelessness.org/pub/HousingFirstResearch.pdf
4. Focus Groups: Homeless Families, Homeless Individuals and Service Providers
5. The Governors Report on Homelessness, 2004

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Columbus/Franklin County, OH (matrix of goals)

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				<p style="text-align: center;">Authority)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing • Project based Section 8 • Section 8 certificates & vouchers
Open the Back Door				
<p>Continue providing financial assistance and housing resource services to assist households to exit shelters</p>	<p>Continue CSB funding for these services and implementation by satellite partners</p>	<p>CSB, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio Department of Development, United Way Housing Vision Council, satellite partners</p>	<p>Ongoing (1991 –2010)</p>	<p>CMHA (Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing • Project based Section 8 • Section 8 certificates & vouchers <p>City of Columbus & Franklin County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME • CDBG • Local Affordable Housing Trust Fund <p>Ohio Department of Development/Ohio Housing Finance Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME • Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program • Ohio Housing Trust Fund <p><i>Private Grants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Central Ohio • Columbus Foundation • Columbus Medical Association Foundation • Other corporate foundations and charitable giving.
<p>Continue providing financial assistance and direct housing services to assist households to exit shelters</p>	<p>Continue CSB funding for these services and implementation by the Family Housing Collaborative</p>	<p>CSB, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio Department of Development, United Way Housing Vision Council, Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army, Jewish Family Services, Catholic Social Services</p>	<p>Ongoing (1999-2010)</p>	<p>FCDJFS (Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid • State Children’s Health Insurance Program • TANF • Food Stamps • Workforce Investment Act • Social Services Block Grant <p><i>City of Columbus & Franklin County</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG <p>Ohio Department of Development/Ohio Housing Finance</p>

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				<p style="text-align: center;">Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME • Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program • Ohio Housing Trust Fund <p><i>Private Grants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Central Ohio • Columbus Foundation • Harry C. Moores Foundation • Other corporate foundations and charitable giving.
Continue providing operations and services funding for transitional housing	Continue Continuum of Care funding for these services and implementation by the transitional housing providers	Continuum of Care Steering Committee, CSB, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio Department of Development, United Way Housing Vision Council, Lutheran Social Services/Faith Housing, Friends of the Homeless, and Amethyst	Ongoing (1996-2010)	<p>FCDJFS (Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TANF • Social Services Block Grant <p><i>City of Columbus & Franklin County</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG <p>Ohio Department of Development/Ohio Housing Finance Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME • Ohio Housing Trust Fund <p><i>Private Grants</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Central Ohio • Columbus Foundation • Columbus Medical Association Foundation • Harry C. Moores Foundation • Other corporate foundations and charitable giving.
Transition the YWCA Interfaith Hospitality Network to a single site model	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YWCA to develop plan for new program and facility 2. Secure financial resources 3. Secure site and develop new facility 4. Implement program at new site 	YWCA, CSB, IHN congregations and other faith-based organizations, COHHIO Youth Empowerment Program, and other funders to be determined.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2000-2002 2. 2002-2003 3. 2002-2003 4. 2003-2004 	<p>FCDJFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TANF • Social Services Block Grant <p><i>City of Columbus & Franklin County</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG • General Funds <p style="text-align: center;">Ohio Department of Development/Ohio Housing Finance Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Housing Trust Fund

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Assure the homeless children have access to public schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess current compliance with federal and state laws regarding enrollment 2. Determine action plan if areas for improvement are identified 	Columbus Public Schools, Southwestern Public Schools, CSB, COHHIO Youth Empowerment Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2003 • July 2003 	<i>Columbus Public Schools</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Level • State Funding • Federal McKinney-Vento Assistance
Continue to improve access to CMHA programs	CSB and CSH continue technical assistance to developers and providers	CSB, CSH, & CMHA	Ongoing (2001 – 2010)	CMHA (Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing • Project based Section 8 • Section 8 certificates and vouchers