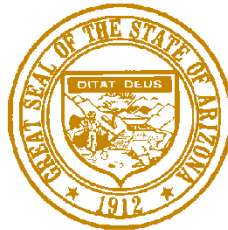




Arizona Commission on
Homelessness and Housing

ENDING HOMELESSNESS

ARIZONA PLAN TO END
HOMELESSNESS



MISSION

Arizona will develop housing options, service systems and prevention solutions in order that no one in the State of Arizona will have to sleep in places not meant for human habitation.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Encourage collaborations
- Emphasize shared information
- Communication at all levels
- Utilize National and local “Best Practices” to inform planning process

GOAL – End Chronic Homelessness by 2016

OBJECTIVES

- Move 300 chronically homeless individuals or families into permanent housing each year for the next 5 years
- Adopt and implement statewide use of a common assessment tool to prioritize housing placement based on vulnerability by December 2012
- Support, monitor and assess all pilots for Centralized Intake to prioritize chronic homeless individuals for placement and to evaluate outcomes by December 2013
- Develop a statewide shared database of Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing and Tax Credit supported housing options by July 2013

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Adopt and implement statewide use of a common assessment tool to prioritize housing placement based on vulnerability by December 2012



GOAL – Prevent and End Veteran Homelessness by 2015

OBJECTIVES

- Adopt and implement use of a common assessment tool to identify the most vulnerable and chronically homeless veterans by December 2012
- Insure all mainstream and community resources identify veteran status and connect veterans to additional veteran resources by July 2013
- Target and prioritize use of HUD VASH housing vouchers towards chronically homeless veterans

HOMELESS VETERANS

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GOAL - Continue Work to Prevent and End Homelessness for Families, Youth and Children by 2021

OBJECTIVES

- Develop common reporting standards for family units vs. beds to determine housing needs by December 2013
- Adopt common definition of “Homeless Youth” by July 2013
- Add 300 units of Permanent Supportive Housing to the housing system each year for the next 10 years
- Develop a statewide shared database of Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing and Tax Credit supported housing options by July 2013

HOMELESS FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Add 300 units of
Permanent
Supportive
Housing to the
housing system
each year for the
next 10 years



GOAL – Develop Measurement Standards, Data Collection and Accurate Reporting Systems by 2013

OBJECTIVES

- Organize comprehensive statewide street and shelter survey to establish baseline data for future comparisons and research by summer 2012
- Establish common definitions, methodology, measurement tools and reporting standards to be compiled into standardized reports to the Commission by the Continuums of Care by July 2013
- Develop a statewide shared housing stock database of Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing and Tax Credit supported housing options by July 2013

ACCURATE REPORTING

Organize
comprehensive
statewide street
and shelter survey
to establish
baseline data for
future
comparisons and
research by
summer 2012



GOAL - Move From the Current System of Homeless Management to a Homeless Prevention System by 2021

OBJECTIVES

- Expand Centralized Intake system to become Housing Options Centers with access to all forms of affordable housing, rental assistance and emergency housing solutions by July 2021
- Implement a statewide re-entry process for jail and prison inmate release to prevent release to homelessness by December 2015

HOMELESS PREVENTION

Expand
Centralized Intake
system to become
Housing Options
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housing, rental
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by July 2021



STRATEGIES

- Encourage use of common methodology, definitions and measurement tools throughout reporting systems
- Prioritize Housing First Model
- Encourage state and local Public Housing Authorities to prioritize a percentage of all housing vouchers for homeless individuals
- Focus on development of Permanent Supportive Housing
- Encourage development of Affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Fund “Bridge Housing” for immediate placement of most vulnerable veterans

STRATEGIES

- Expand available prevention activities through emergency assistance for rent, mortgage, utility payments, etc.
- Emphasize Centralized Intake for client centered triage and data quality
- Adopt an assessment tool to prioritize housing placement based on vulnerability.
- Prioritize prevention and/or permanent housing whenever possible
- Balance community resources across Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing
- Prioritize and/or develop funding streams for supportive services “Navigators” to include housing follow-up for stability and retention

Standing Committees to Oversee Plan Execution

- **Data Management Committee** – Ted Williams Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation
- **Housing Committee** – Michael Trailor, Director, Arizona Department of Housing
- **Homeless Services Committee** – Darlene Newsom, UMOM New Day Center
- **Studies and Surveys Committee** – Brian Spicker, Valley of the Sun United Way

ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Together
we can end
homelessness
in Arizona!



Data Management Committee

- Establish common definitions, methodology, measurement tools and reporting standards to be compiled into standardized reports to the Commission
 - Measurement criteria
 - Common definitions and measurement tools
 - Consistent reporting format and measurement criteria
 - Identify existing data resources
 - Identify gaps in information

Housing Committee

- Develop a statewide shared housing stock database of Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing, Public Housing, Vouchers and Tax Credit supported housing options
 - Identify targeted populations to be served through housing stock database
 - Assess housing options and availability goals by county
 - Identify housing needs by county for future development
 - Target and prioritize use of housing choice vouchers

Homeless Services Committee

- Adopt and implement statewide use of a common assessment tool for housing placement and to quantitatively track and measure homeless system outcomes
 - Explore national “Best Practices” and existing local tools to develop recommended model
 - Recommend tools for assessment, and measurement
 - Work towards Centralized Intake to monitor implementation
 - Develop data collection and reporting requirements

Studies and Surveys Committee

- Organize comprehensive statewide street and shelter survey to establish baseline data for future comparisons and research
 - Establish special street and shelter survey methodologies and gain commitment
 - Identify community organizations who can provide and coordinate volunteers, training and organization in each county
 - Reach out to businesses and philanthropy organizations
 - Recommend and plan additional surveys

THANK YOU



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