

Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.

FL-509 CoC Goals and Objectives in Response to HUD's
"Opening Doors" Plan to End Homelessness

Goal 1:

Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 5 years

1. Continue to use Federal rental assistance dollars for housing and services to chronically homeless, disabled adults and families.
2. Continue to monitor performance and timeliness of the 143 legacy Shelter Plus Care Grant beds reserved for the chronically homeless to assure renewals on an annual basis, as needed.
3. Seek State and local funding for permanent housing assistance, case management and supportive services staff to house homeless disabled adults in the CoC.
4. Secure maximum entitlements for chronically homeless persons to support long term sustainability in housing and access to supportive services.
5. Collaborate with PATH Outreach staff to engage chronically homeless persons and families in housing, using a housing first model of service delivery.
6. Utilize HMIS capacity to monitor and report program performance to CoC member agencies and direct services staff of agency partners providing services.

Goal 2:

Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years

1. Collaborate with existing Veteran's Outreach programs and services to increase access to all homeless prevention services for Veterans in the CoC.
2. Improve coordination and communication with the Veteran's Administration program providers, including HUD VASH and Public Housing Authorities who administer HUD VASH.
3. Secure long term affordable rental housing for Veteran who are at or below 50% of area median income.
4. Generate community and financial support for the creation of legal shelter options for individuals who do not have access to traditional shelter beds in the CoC.
5. Secure funding to purchase or rehabilitate housing or to repair existing dilapidated housing for Veterans in the community who are living in substandard housing or who are in danger of becoming homeless due to the quality of their existing housing.

Goal 3:

Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 10 years

1. Sustain the CoC's capacity to operate safe and effective residential programs which and address the specific needs of homelessness residents in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent affordable housing.
2. Support operations, supportive services, and professional case management in residential programs in the CoC which serve homeless families with children.
3. Develop new housing readiness preparation programs for Transitional Housing and Neighborhood Stabilization Program residents.
4. Expand the capacity of the CoC's Housing Counseling Center to include a full range of financial management and budget counseling services, including homelessness prevention.
5. Assure that homeless programs serving children incorporate specialized services into their programs to assure appropriate enrollments in school and other programs serving school aged children.
6. Create alternative housing opportunities for youth ageing out of foster care and other systems of care, including runaway and homeless youth up to age 24 and homeless youth who are still in school.
7. Utilize HMIS capacity to monitor and report program performance to CoC member agencies providing services.

Goal 4:

Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

1. Increase capacity of the CoC to provide supportive services to homeless and near homeless individuals and families.
2. Secure additional housing and utilities assistance funding to prevent and reduce homelessness in the CoC.
3. Secure Federal, State and private funding to maintain Resource Center capacity to screen, qualify and assist eligible clients to secure housing and supportive services.
4. Provide access to SOAR training for CoC member agencies to support maximum entitlements for all eligible persons and families they serve.
5. Increase knowledge among public and private organizations about collaboration, the extent of homelessness and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness.
6. Work with Florida Rural Legal Services and pro bono attorneys to provide legal expertise to address non-violent legal issues which impede homeless and low income persons from qualifying for assistance, securing employment and passing background checks.
7. Utilize HMIS capacity to monitor and report program performance to CoC member agencies providing services to support civic engagement and legal advocacy efforts on behalf of preventing and ending homelessness.
8. Secure capital funding to create specialty housing or to repair existing dilapidated housing for non-disabled elderly persons and other vulnerable populations who are in danger of becoming homeless due to the quality of their existing housing.