

10-Year Plan to Respond to Homelessness

Implementation Strategy Board

	Prevention	Engagement & Education	Single Portal of Entry	Support Services	Employment & Income	Housing
OBJECTIVE	Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless through targeted education to at-risk areas of the community, and through coordinated discharge planning from local institutions.	Engage and provide educational information to the broader community to increase awareness and understanding of homelessness and develop support for implementation of this initiative.	Develop a centralized starting place for families and individuals to find assistance in a crisis so that they may be able to retain their current housing or be referred for rapid re-housing or other housing assistance and support services.	Provide a broad range of coordinated support services to meet the needs of families and individuals, including those in special needs populations, to enable them to obtain and remain in housing.	Ensure that families and individuals have the opportunity to obtain employment and income supports that enable them to afford adequate housing.	Ensure that adequate housing and financial assistance is available to rapidly return those who become homeless to housing.
RESPONSE	Provide a system of targeted education to prevent homelessness.	Develop a system of community engagement and education on homelessness.	Create a 24/7 single point-of-entry for evaluation and referral.	Enhance coordination between service providers, increase capacity to meet the needs of special populations.	Obtain / Sustain Income to support Housing.	Identify and develop additional housing options to meet a wide range of needs.
ACTION STEPS	<p>Use GIS mapping to target high risk neighborhoods in the community. ●</p> <p>Coordinate existing education resources and work through neighborhood associations to provide data on resources to prevent at-risk families or individuals from becoming homeless. ●</p> <p>Create a "Handbook for the Streets" resource guide for community distribution. ●</p> <p>Meet with local institutions and providers to create a collaborative system for identifying appropriate housing and service options to access for discharge planning. ●</p> <p>Implement a pilot program using the collaborative model and services identified. ●</p>	<p>Utilize existing sources to provide education by developing a "Homelessness 101" program to share with community groups. ●</p> <p>Use Project Homeless Connect for outreach by engaging community members as volunteers to meet and work with homeless persons. ●</p> <p>Develop landlord outreach to encourage landlords to participate in leasing their properties to homeless families and individuals as part of Housing First and Rapid Re-Housing programs. ●</p> <p>Continue to convene and promote Pathways to Housing trademark events such as the Homeless Summit, Faith-Based Summit, and other community gatherings on homelessness. ●</p>	<p>Continue and expand outreach through the established seasonal warming center to make referrals to appropriate providers for expanded services. ●</p> <p>Select or develop a physical site to locate the permanent single point-of-entry. ●</p> <p>Design and implement a transportation system for access to the single point-of-entry to ensure that families or individuals in need are able to get to the entry point. ●</p> <p>Hire staff or contract with an existing community agency to operate the single point-of-entry. ●</p> <p>Establish street outreach to assist in getting those in need to the single point-of-entry. ●</p>	<p>Recruit providers and faith-based groups not currently engaged to participate in CACH and 10-Year Plan implementation. ●</p> <p>Create a CACH committee to participate in and report on 10-Year Plan implementation so all providers are informed and engaged. ●</p> <p>Create a Service Providers Memorandum of Agreement to collaborate through a highly coordinated "No Wrong Door" philosophy. ●</p> <p>Increase the capacity of current non-profit, faith-based and governmental providers to expand services from short-term to permanent housing solutions. ●</p> <p>Create and sustain an Assertive Community Treatment Team to provide mental health services in York County. ●</p>	<p>Use models such as Partners in Achieving Independence in Recovery through Self-sufficiency (PAIRS) to develop income assistance. ●</p> <p>Reconvene UWYC Workforce Development Impact Team to collaborate on implementation of the 10-year Plan. ●</p> <p>Establish collaborative alliances with the business and educational communities to create an Employment Program for homeless persons. ●</p> <p>Offer accessible and affordable retraining courses to assist in re-entry to the job market. ●</p> <p>Fund and advocate for services that support employment. ●</p> <p>Collaborate with local Community Action agency initiatives increase family and individual income. ●</p>	<p>Begin implementation of the "Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing" program (HPRP) with collaborative partnerships. ●</p> <p>Identify available rental property and work with landlords to utilize existing housing options. ●</p> <p>Develop needed additional emergency, transitional and permanent housing based on outcomes of the pilot program. ●</p> <p>Develop staffing capacity for permanent supportive housing. ●</p> <p>Develop funding for housing subsidy and staff through creation of a York County Housing Alliance Trust Fund. ●</p> <p>Develop funding for housing and services through expanded participation in Federal funding. ●</p>