

# CACH MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023



## OUR MISSION

To provide strategic support through innovation, collaboration, education, and advocacy among community partners so that they may effectively and efficiently serve those who are experiencing and/or at risk of becoming homeless.





- Staff Updates
- Financial Updates
- Presentation: "The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in York County"
- Agency Updates
- Looking Ahead



## OUTREACH UPDATES

- Resource Distribution Team Outreach
  - 9/21/23
  - 10AM-12PM
  - Rock Hill Bus Hub (White St.)
- Street Outreach
  - 2x a month with York County's Sheriff's Department
  - Dates and Time TBD



For more information, email <u>chasy.hunter@sccach.org</u>



# OPERATIONS UPDATES

- Our first PIT Count Planning Committee meeting will take place on September 14th
  - If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email melissa.carlyle@sccach.org



## GRANTS UPDATES

#### Completed Applications

- Sisters of Charity
- Good Folks of York County

#### Applications In Progress

- Springs Close
- Atrium Health

If your agency would like more information on any of the above grants, please email <a href="mailto:melissa.carlyle@sccach.org">melissa.carlyle@sccach.org</a>.

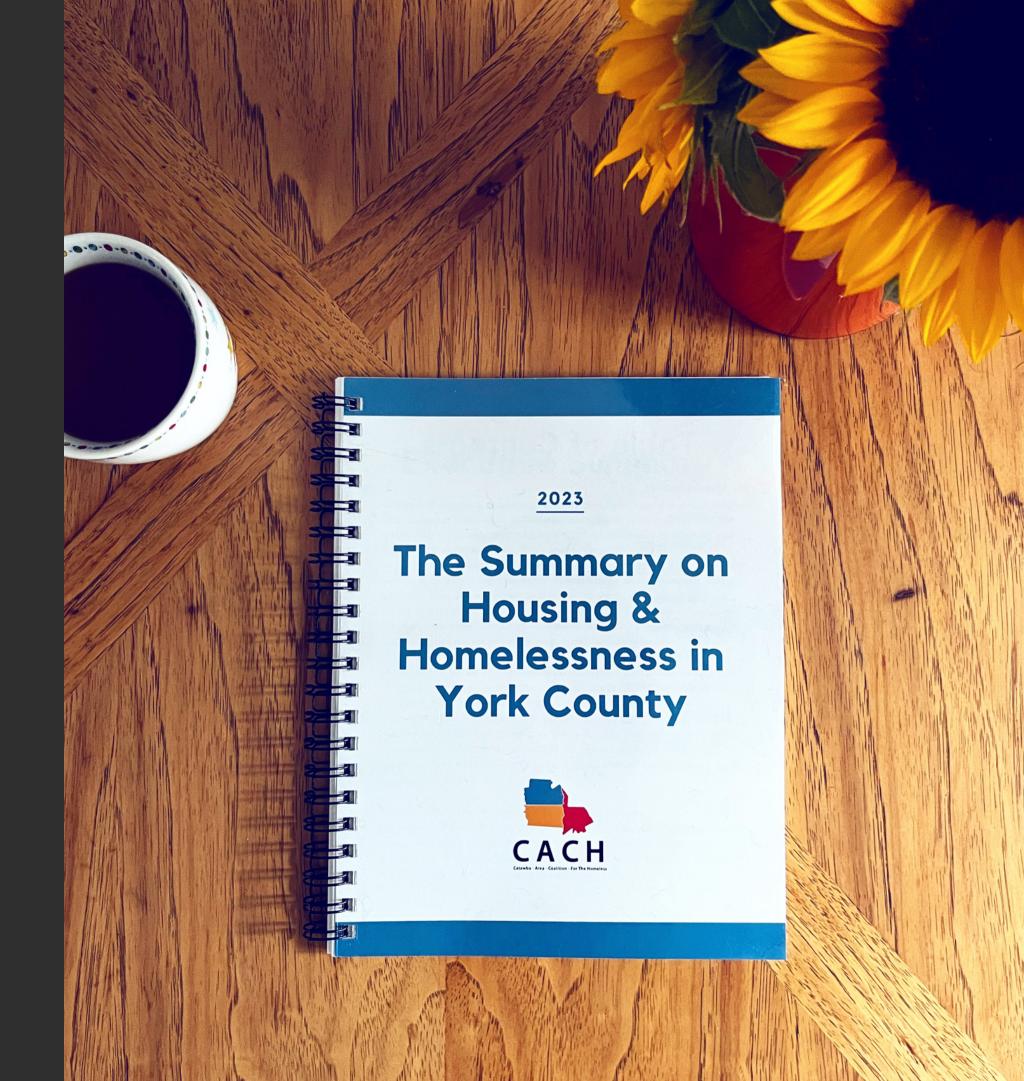




SC Opioid Recovery Funds

The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in York County









- Greenville Homeless Alliance (GHI)
- Action Workgroups: Innovate, Advocate, Educate, Collaborate
  - Innovate's Mission to collect and report on data, and promote evidenced-based pilot initiatives, including funding strategies.
     Research and present creative evidence-based solutions to issues surrounding homelessness.
  - Innovate's Goals
    - Conduct research
    - Survey CACH members
    - Complete interviews with housing providers on the CoC



#### **BACKGROUND**

- The Summary on Housing and Homelessness in York County (Modeled after Greenville's White Paper)
  - Link to their reports: <a href="https://www.gvlhomes4all.org/research">https://www.gvlhomes4all.org/research</a>
- CACH took a step back from workgroups because managing them without staff was difficult
- The Summary needed completion
  - Long processing time due to staff hiring and then PIT count data





To educate our community on homelessness, address common misconceptions surrounding the unhoused population, and advocate for long-term, sustainable interventions to homeless.

## CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS



- Lack of Accessible & Affordable Housing
- Income & Racial Disparities
- Lack of Accessible & Affordable Healthcare
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health, Trauma, & Substance Use Disorders



## LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### What is affordable housing?

- Housing should not exceed 30% of household income.
  - Housing costs include rent/mortgage and utility costs (water, sewer, electric).

#### What is affordable?

 Affordability varies among households and is dependent on household income.



#### LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

#### Lack of Accessible & Affordable Housing in South Carolina

- There are only 42 affordable and available homes per 100 extremely low-income renters (31-51% of AMI).
- 74% of extremely low-income renter households spend more than 50% of their income on housing.
- 45% of low-income households (51-80% of AMI) spend more than 30% of their income on housing.
- 16% of middle-income households (81-100% of AMI) spend more than 30% of their income on housing.



## LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In your experience, how has a lack of accessible and affordable housing contributed to homelessness?



#### INCOME & RACIAL DISPARITIES

#### What is income inequality?

 An unequal distribution of income among individuals or households in a society.

How does income inequality contribute to homelessness?

• When income inequality increases, it often means that the gap between those who can afford stable housing and those who cannot widens. As a result, low-income individuals and families may struggle to pay rent or mortgage, making them more vulnerable to eviction and homelessness.



## INCOME & RACIAL DISPARITIES

How does income inequality contribute to homelessness?

- High-income neighborhoods may become more expensive, leading to gentrification and displacement of low-income individuals and families.
- Can limit access to resources such as education, healthcare, and job opportunities, making it difficult for low-income individuals to improve their financial situation and maintain stable housing.



## INCOME & RACIAL DISPARITIES

#### What are racial disparities?

 Differences or inequalities in outcomes, opportunities, or treatment experienced by individuals or groups of different racial or ethnic backgrounds. These disparities can manifest in various areas, including education, healthcare, employment, criminal justice, and socio-economic status.





What systemic factors have contributed to racial disparities?

- Gerrymandering
- Mass Incarceration
- Predatory Lending
- Racial Discrimination & Exclusion
- Redlining





Are there racial disparities in York County?

- Yes, in 2022...
  - 43% of individuals who received homeless services in York County were Black.
    - Black individuals only made up 19.4% of the overall population of York County.
  - 29% of individuals who received homeless services in York County in were White
    - White individuals made up 73.7% of the overall population of York County.





In your experience, how have income and racial disparities contributed to homelessness?



## LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

#### Health & Homelessness

- On average, individuals experiencing homelessness die 12 years earlier than the overall U.S. population.
- Individuals experiencing homelessness are much more likely to have the following:
  - Diabetes
  - Hypertension
  - Heart attacks
  - o HIV
  - Hepatitis C



## LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

How does a lack of accessible & affordable healthcare contribute to homelessness?

- A lack of preventative care can lead to undiagnosed and untreated health conditions, which can become more severe and costly to treat over time.
- Limited access to medications can lead to complications or exacerbation existing health issues (including mental health issues).
- Increased risk of infectious diseases can lead to outbreaks within the unhoused population.
- Delayed treatment can result in more severe health problems that require more extensive and expensive treatment.



## LACK OF ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

In your experience, how has a lack of accessible and affordable healthcare contributed to homelessness?





#### What is domestic violence?

 Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in intimate relationships, involving physical, emotional, sexual, or financial control by one partner over the other



How does domestic violence contribute to homelessness?

- Escaping Abuse: Victims often become homeless while escaping domestic violence.
- Economic Control: Abusers' financial control hinders housing stability.
- Housing Disruptions: Incidents can lead to eviction or damage, causing homelessness.
- Isolation: Abusers isolate victims, reducing support networks.



#### Domestic Violence in South Carolina

- There are about 32,563 cases of intimate partner violence in South Carolina each year, according to data from the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- About 42.3% of South Carolina women and 29.2% of men will be physically or sexually abused, or stalked, by a romantic partner within their lifetimes.
- It's also important to note that domestic violence is often underreported, and the number of cases investigated by police is only a fraction of the state's reality.



#### Domestic Violence & Homelessness

• In 2022, 12% of adults who received homeless services in York County reported having a history of domestic violence.



In your experience, how has domestic violence contributed to homelessness?



# MENTAL HEALTH, TRAUMA, & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

#### Mental Health & Homelessness

- Individuals experiencing mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia may have difficulty maintaining employment or finding stable housing, leading to homelessness.
- Individuals experiencing homelessness may develop mental health problems due to the stress and trauma of living on the streets, such as the lack of basic needs like food, shelter, and safety, social isolation, and victimization.



# MENTAL HEALTH, TRAUMA, & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

#### Mental Health & Homelessness

- In our public health system, 10% of individuals who seek substance abuse or mental health treatment are experiencing homelessness.
- In York County...
  - 16% of adults who received homeless services in 2022 reported having a mental health disorder
  - Less than 8% of adults who received homeless services in 2022 reported having a substance use disorder



# MENTAL HEALTH, TRAUMA, & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

In your experience, how have mental health, trauma, and substance use disorders contributed to homelessness?



## CONTINUUM OF CARE

#### What is a Continuum of Care?

 A coordinated and structured system that offers a range of housing and support services, serving individuals and families at different stages of homelessness or housing instability. A CoC encompasses various housing options, from emergency shelters and transitional housing to permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs. The goal is to provide tailored solutions to address the diverse needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, guiding them towards stable and sustainable housing while offering the necessary supportive services to help them regain independence and self-sufficiency.





What is a Continuum of Care?

• A CoC works to prevent homelessness, assist individuals experiencing homelessness, and address homelessness.

## <u>CONTINUUM OF CARE</u>



#### Components of a CoC

- Prevention
- Intake, & Assessment
- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing & Rapid Exit
- Diversion
- Transitional Housing
- Community-Based Permanent Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing



## BARRIERS TO SHELTER & HOUSING

- What are barriers individuals might face when trying to access safe shelter?
- What are barriers individuals might face when trying to access safe, decent, and affordable housing?



### BARRIERS TO SHELTER & HOUSING

There are many barriers to shelter and housing including but not limited to the following:

- Shelters may have limited capacity, age requirements, gender requirements, geographic limitations, and time limitations.
- Permanent housing may have limited availability, a lack of affordability, insufficient support services, a lack of community support, and legal and regulatory barriers.





In the process of creating <u>The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in York County</u>, CACH identified the following gaps in services

- Street Outreach
- Mental Health Services
- Affordable Housing
- Permanent Housing

# <u>SOLUTIONS</u>



• What is needed to effectively address homelessness?



## <u>SOLUTIONS</u>

To make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring, we can...

- Increase the supply of affordable housing
- Enhance data collection systems
- Foster collaboration
- Educate our community on homelessness, breaking the stigma surrounding homelessness
- Advocate for evidence-based interventions to homelessness such as Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing



## <u>CONCLUSION</u>

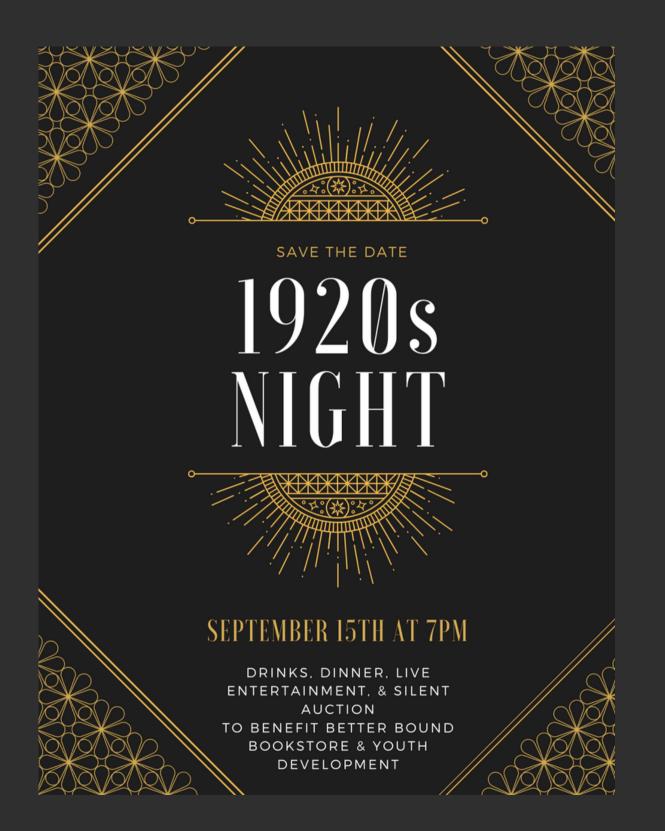
In 2022, 1,086 individuals in York County utilized homeless services. This statistic underscores the urgency of the housing and homelessness situation in our community.

By spreading awareness about the challenges faced by our neighbors experiencing homelessness, we can ignite meaningful conversations that lead to action.



Better Bound Book Store & Youth Development 1920's Night

- Friday, 9/30 from 7 PM 9 PM
- 742 North @ 742 North Anderson Road, Rock Hill SC
- Drinks, Dinner, Live Entertainment & Silent Auction to Benefit Better Bound Book Store & Youth Development



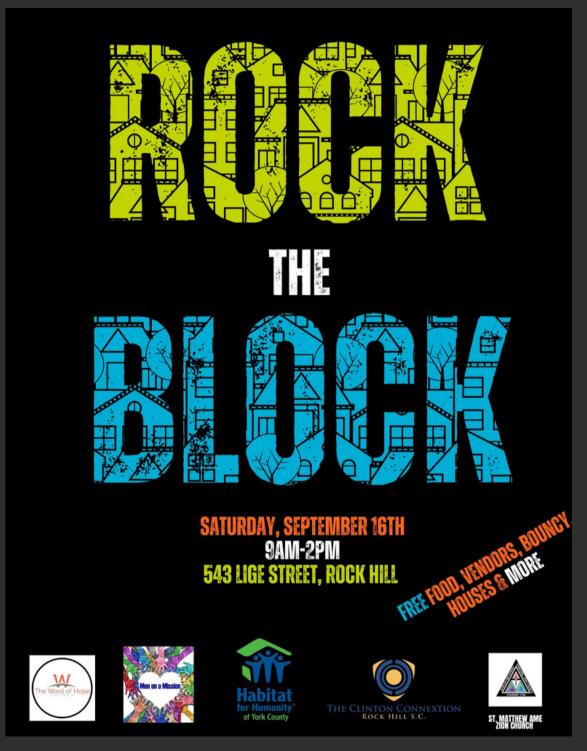






The Clinton ConNEXTion's We've Got Next Fest

- Night on The Town
  - Friday, September 15th from 6 PM to
     10 PM @ Fountain Park
- Rock the Block w/ Habitat for Humanity
  - Saturday, September 16th from 9 AM to 1 PM on Lige St.
- Unity in The Park
  - Sunday, September 17th from 2 5 PM@ Armory Park





Eagles' Wings Community Outreach Fall Fest '23

- Saturday, 9/16 from 9 AM 2 PM
- 1209 Eisenhower Road, Rock Hill,
   SC
- Festival & Craft Fair, Health &
   Wellness Clinic, COVID, Flu, TB
   Vaccine Clinic, Food Trucks, Live
   Music, Kidz Zone







Bethel Shelters Love Our Neighbor Community Event

- Saturday, 9/23 Saturday, 9/30
- 1232 Curtis Street, Rock Hill, SC
- This weeklong event includes daily restaurant fundraisers from Saturday, Saturday 23 - Saturday, September 30, and our annual BBQ sale on Saturday, September 30.







The Life House Women's Shelter Celebration Event!

- Sunday, 9/24 from 3 PM 4:30 PM
- Kenneth Monroe Transformation
   Center 745 Saluda St, Rock Hill, SC 29730
- A celebration to honor the 35 women that have transitioned from the shelter to a place of their own as well as the current women who are being served





The Housing Development Corporation of Rock Hill 2023 Annual Meeting

- Come join the HDC for their annual celebration!
- Date: Thursday, October 5th
- Time: 9 AM 11 AM
- Location: The Sports & Event Center 326 Technology Center Way, Rock
   Hill, SC







NAMI Piedmont Tri-County's 10th Annual NamiWalks!

- Date: Saturday, October 7th
- Rock Hill 9 AM @ Cherry Park
- Lancaster 2 PM @ Lindsey Pettis
   Greenway





No Sad Story Ministry's Sunday's Best Fundraiser

- Concert In The Park
  - Saturday, 10/14
  - Old Town Amphitheater 144 East Black
     Street Rock Hill, SC 29730
- Sunday's Best Brunch
  - Sunday, 10/15
  - Union Baptist Church 1195 Hands Mill Hwy Rock Hill, SC
  - Bingo from 2 3 PM; Service @ 3:30 PM





United Way of Lancaster County's 2023
Bed Race

- Saturday October 21st
- The United Way Bed Race pits 5
   person teams racing beds down Main
   Street to claim bragging rights for one
   of Lancaster County's favorite
   traditions!
- For more information, email Emily Price at <a href="mailto:lachhouse@uwaylcsc.org">lachhouse@uwaylcsc.org</a>.



# <u>WHAT'S NEXT</u>



- Upcoming projects
  - The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in Chester County
  - The Summary on Housing & Homelessness in Lancaster County
- Our next meeting in Thursday, October 5th at 11:30 AM
- Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week
  - November 11-18

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If you are experiencing homelessness or in danger of losing your home, call the

United Way of York County 866-892-9211

Available 24/7

Join the community effort to end homelessness and help people in need in Chester, Lancaster, and York counties.









