

MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness  
 Continuum of Care Strategic Planning Objectives  
 2010/2011

HUD Objective	Short Term (12 month) & Long Term (10 year) Plans
Create new permanent housing (PH) beds for chronically homeless persons.	<b>Short Term:</b> <i>The Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation and Community Bridges will create 67 new PH beds for chronically homeless persons with Permanent Housing Bonus project funding received in 2010.</i>
	<b>Short Term:</b> <i>The Valley of the Sun United Way will develop 250 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals as the first phase of implementation of a wider permanent supportive housing plan.</i>
	<b>Short Term:</b> <i>In February, 2011, the Corporation for Supportive Housing will conduct a training session on developing Housing First Projects in the region to aide non-profit providers in developing new PH beds.</i>
	<b>Long Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments will recommend at least \$1 million of HUD bonus funding each year for a total of \$10 million for PH beds for chronically homeless individuals and/or families throughout the region.</i>
	<b>Long Term:</b> <i>The Valley of the Sun United Way will provide 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals by 2020.</i>
	<b>Long Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will provide technical assistance to providers on developing high quality permanent supportive housing projects to compete successfully for HUD bonus funding.</i>
	<b>Long Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will work with local stakeholders to create a local permanent housing toolkit to be distributed to local service providers on how to create permanent housing units in the community.</i>
Increase the percentage of homeless persons remaining in PH over six months to at least 77 percent.	<b>Short Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will ensure that PH projects not meeting the goal of 77 percent develop an annual corrective plan on the steps that they will take that will improve their performance toward attaining and exceeding the national goal of 77 percent. The corrective plan will be evaluated on an annual basis.</i>
	<b>Short Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will identify local best</i>

	<p><i>practices among PH projects that are exceeding the 77 percent goal and hold a training session for permanent housing providers on the best practices.</i></p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will facilitate a discussion among PH providers on housing retention barriers and best practices and develop a plan to address the barriers.</i></p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will conduct annual training sessions for providers on housing retention best practices.</i></p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> <i>The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will recommend the reallocation of funding from permanent housing projects that are continuously unable to meet the goal of 77 percent and are not making progress on the agreed upon corrective plan (between the provider and the MAG Human Services Program Manager) to new permanent housing projects.</i></p>
<p><b>Increase the percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional housing (TH) to permanent housing (PH) to at least 65 percent.</b></p>	<p><b>Short Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will ensure that TH projects not meeting the goal of 65 percent develop an annual corrective plan on the steps that they will take to improve their performance toward attaining and exceeding the national goal of 65 percent. The corrective plan will be evaluated on an annual basis.</i></p>
	<p><b>Short Term:</b> <i>Maricopa Association of Governments Human Services Program Manager will identify local best practices among moving clients from TH projects to permanent housing and hold a training session for transitional housing providers on the best practices and for finding housing resources in the community.</i></p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> <i>The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will require low performing TH providers to routinely help their participants apply for subsidized housing and connect their clients with mainstream resources.</i></p>
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<p><b>Increase the percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 20 percent.</b></p>	<p><b>Short Term:</b> <i>The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will partner with Maricopa County Workforce Connections to conduct a workshop for homeless service providers on the skill sets needed to increase the percentage of clients employed at program exit.</i></p>

	<p><b>Long Term:</b> The MAG Human Services Program Manager will coordinate a training workshop on employment programs available in the region to ensure that service providers are aware of employment resources for their clients and know how to help their clients gain employment.</p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> MAG Human Services Program Manager will require low performing providers to develop a corrective plan to meet the goal of 20 percent. The corrective plan will be evaluated on an annual basis by the Human Services Program Manager to determine if the percentage of persons employed at program exit has improved.</p>
<p><b>Decrease the number of homeless households with children.</b></p>	<p><b>Short Term:</b> The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will partner with the AZ Department of Education State Coordinator to provide trainings to homeless and domestic violence service providers on the education rights of homeless children. Information on the rights homeless children have to attend school and the contact information for homeless school liaisons will be emailed to service providers by the MAG Human Services Program Manager. In addition, the homeless school liaisons will receive information on the homeless service providers and resources in the community to help families become housed.</p>
	<p><b>Short Term:</b> The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will invite local homeless school liaisons to attend Continuum of Care meetings and to serve as members of the Continuum of Care Planning Subcommittee.</p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will include homeless school liaisons in the Continuum's strategic planning process so that education issues can be part of the community needs assessments.</p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will partner with municipalities and homeless service providers to place homeless families with children in housing through the regional homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs. As a result of the programs, homeless families with children will stabilize and become self-sufficient.</p>
	<p><b>Long Term:</b> The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will partner with the AZ Department of Education Homeless State Coordinator to develop protocols for homeless school liaisons to refer families and youth to HUD programs.</p>