

Regional Plan to End Homelessness

Report Card

May 2010

Leadership and Community Support

	Implemented	In Progress	Not Yet Established
Launch implementation of the Regional Plan to End Homelessness with a regional summit.	X		
Identify successful practices in ending homelessness to present at the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness Annual Conference on October 27-28, 2008.	X		
Conduct a cost study to document the economic impact of homelessness in Maricopa County through.	X		

Community Awareness and Collaboration

	Implemented	In Progress	Not Yet Established
Participate in the Arizona Town Hall “Housing Arizona” event. Focus discussion on homelessness and how it relates to the Town Hall topic of affordable housing.	X		
Conduct cascading Appreciative Inquiry (AI) interviews with persons experiencing homelessness and with community leaders.	X		
Develop collaborative press releases, community awareness events and a comprehensive Web-based information source.		X	
Expand Project Homeless Connect to take place at least quarterly and to expand to at least one other city in the region per year.	X		
Host brown-bag trainings for stakeholders.	X		
Create a “Collaboration Corner” at the homeless street count volunteer trainings.	X		
Provide in-depth training, technical assistance and mentoring for Street Count Coordinators.	X		
Develop a tri-fold business card size community resource guide for persons who are experiencing homelessness.		X	

Create a User Guide for homeless behavioral health services to facilitate better communication and collaborating among providers.		X	
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Prevention

	Implemented	In Progress	Not Yet Established
Develop recommendations for local prevention strategies based on an assessment of best practices.			X
Develop a resource sheet that offers information about eviction prevention resources within the community and provide the sheet to property managers along with eviction notices.		X	
Hold housing stability and financing management trainings.		X	
Develop an interagency and community discharge planning model to eliminate the number of people being released from prisons and jails to homelessness.		X	

Housing and Services

	Implemented	In Progress	Not Yet Established
Increase the supply of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with a disability through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development McKinney-Vento funding.	X		
Improve coordination between homeless shelter providers and domestic violence shelter providers.		X	
Move 25 chronically homeless people from the streets into a housing first model and provide coordinated and effective wrap-around services to maintain housing stability.		X	
Expand the number of faith communities participating in Open Table and Circles of Support.	X		
Hold quarterly case manager trainings on assisting clients with obtaining SSI/SSDI determination.	X		
Stabilize funding for existing shelter beds.			X
Establish a public/private partnership to create a sustained funding pool for development, implementation and expansion of permanent affordable housing units and supportive services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. These funds should be directed to expanding permanent housing opportunities including rental assistance programs,		X	

new construction, or acquisition and rehabilitation of existing units as well as funding requisite supportive services.			
Create a local permanent supportive housing toolkit to be distributed to local service providers wanting to create additional permanent supportive housing units in the community.			X
Establish a Benefits Advocate position that will assist chronically homeless persons who are eligible for benefits to apply for and receive SSI/SSDI benefits.			X
Create five new regional interdisciplinary outreach teams.			X
Create follow-up and support services teams (ratio of 1 case manager to 20 families or individuals) to provide services to those in permanent supportive housing programs.			X

Education, Training and Employment

	Implemented	In Progress	Not Yet Established
Collaborate with homeless liaisons in the public school system to provide resources for homeless youth to complete and or obtain their education.		X	
Offer financial management classes to case managers.			X
Develop a Web-based resource page about employment and training opportunities.		X	