



Louisville Metro Community Services and Revitalization and The Coalition for the Homeless have been working with community leaders on a comprehensive plan to eliminate homelessness titled, “Reducing Homelessness, A Blueprint for the Future: The Update.” Progress on the plan is evaluated annually and new short-term objectives are created each year as needed. Below are the objectives established for 2012-2015 which take into account the Federal Plan to Eliminate Homelessness published in 2010.

Plan

Goal: To create a strong CoC planning process and Blueprint to eliminate homelessness.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Develop a community plan to be reviewed annually to measure progress, which includes participation from private and non-profit sectors.
2. Engage the commitment of a wide range of participants (business leaders, foundations, educators, etc.) in the process of implementing the community plan.
3. Keep up with and follow “best practices” and proven strategies.
4. Improve coordination between Continuum of Care, Consolidated Plan and the “Blueprint.”

Data

Goal: The Homeless Management Information System data will be complete, accurate, and up-to-date and will include processes to capture other requested data needed to effectively manage the CoC system.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Maintain a minimum of 85% of homeless shelter beds in HMIS system.
2. Insure that at least 95% of HMIS homeless client records meet the minimum data set.
3. Commit to using HMIS as a CoC planning/management tool.



Emergency Prevention

Goal: Improve networking for agencies providing service to at-risk persons and determine funding needs.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Coordinate homeless prevention services citywide and make best use and referrals for prevention versus rapid rehousing.
2. Create homeless children's task force and develop recommendations to lower the number of homeless children in the public school system, family courts and the department of community based services.

Permanent Housing

Goal: Create permanent housing to eliminate the need for long-term shelter stays.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Develop 300 units of permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless by 2015 focusing on the "housing first" model.
2. Develop 150 units of permanent housing for homeless veterans by 2015 focusing on best practices for veteran housing and coordinate services with the VA Medical Center.
3. Develop 600 units of permanent housing for homeless families by 2020 focusing on best practices for families and coordinating with the Louisville Metro Housing Authority.
4. Increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over six months to 81% or higher.



Outreach

Goal: To create an outreach system that is coordinated, integrated, targeted, and knowledgeable of available resources, with open communication between teams.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Establish an outreach network of all street outreach teams and others who work with the street homeless.
2. Interview, rank and serve the most vulnerable homeless on the streets of Louisville.

Shorten Homelessness Through Services

Goal: Raise the percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional to permanent housing, and shorten the average length of homelessness through service provision.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Increase percentage of emergency shelter clients assessed by a case worker within a week to 90%.
2. Create centralized in-take and tie to rapid rehousing.
3. Increase case management resources from new resources.
4. Increase referrals to mainstream services including expanded Medicaid and community health centers.
5. Increase the percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional to permanent housing to 70% or higher.

Income

Goal: Of the people leaving the shelter system, 90% will have some kind of sustainable income.

Short-term Objectives

2012 Progress

1. Increase employment income among the homeless to 20% or higher.
2. Increase income among the homeless through benefits to 65% or higher.

