



Opening Doors

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness :: 2010



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USICH Mission

Coordinate the federal response to homelessness and create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the federal government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

HEARTH Act of 2009



Purpose of the Plan

- Targeted, solutions-driven goals
 - Cost-effective/strategic use of government expenditures
- Roadmap for joint action by 19 Council agencies
 - Guide development of programs and budget proposals
- Set of priorities the federal agencies will pursue over the 5-year period: FY 2010 - FY 2014



Vision



- **No one** should experience homelessness.
- **No one** should be without a safe, stable place to call **home**.



Core Values

- Homelessness is unacceptable.
- There are no “homeless people,” but rather people who have lost their homes who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Homelessness is expensive – it’s better to invest in solutions.
- Homelessness is solvable – we have learned a lot about what works.
- Homelessness can be prevented.
- There is strength in collaboration – and USICH can make a difference.



Developing the Plan

USICH Full Council

Council Policy Group

Strategy Group

Workgroups

Chronic
Veterans
Families
Youth
Community

Public Input

Expert Panels
Regional ICHs
Community Forums
Online Input
Hill Staff



Goals & Targets



Finish the job of ending **chronic homelessness** in **5 years**



Goals & Targets



Prevent and end homelessness
among **Veterans** in **5 years**



Goals & Targets



Prevent and end homelessness for
families, youth, and children in
10 years





Goals & Targets



Set a path to ending all types of
homelessness





The Plan

Increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement

1. **Provide and promote collaborative leadership** at all levels of government and across all sectors to inspire and energize Americans to commit to preventing and ending homelessness.
2. **Strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations** by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness and successful interventions to prevent and end it



The Plan

Increase access to stable and affordable housing

3. **Provide affordable housing** to people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness
4. **Provide permanent supportive housing** to prevent and end chronic homelessness



The Plan

Increase economic security

5. **Increase meaningful and sustainable employment** for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness
6. **Improve access to mainstream programs and services** to reduce people's financial vulnerability to homelessness



The Plan

Improve health and stability

7. **Integrate primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing** to reduce people's vulnerability to and the impacts of homelessness
8. **Advance health and housing stability for youth** aging out of systems such as foster care and juvenile justice
9. Advance health and housing stability for people experiencing homelessness who have **frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice**



The Plan

Retool the homeless crisis response system

10. **Transform homeless services to crisis response systems** that prevent homelessness and rapidly return people who experience homelessness to stable housing



Signature Initiatives

- Veterans
- Families with Children
- Chronic Homelessness
- Youth



Measures

- Annual changes in the **numbers experiencing homelessness** from HUD AHAR point-in-time count:
 - Chronic homelessness
 - Veterans
 - Families with children
- Increase in the **number of permanent supportive housing units** from HUD annual housing inventory charts
- Increase in **employment** and **participation in mainstream assistance programs** among those exiting HUD homeless assistance programs



Transparency and Accountability

- Annual report card
- Annual update to Plan
- Annual report to Congress
- Evaluation of Signature Initiatives



Implementation

- USICH Next Steps
- Activities Underway
- FY2011 Budget Proposal
- FY2012 Budget Development