



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

Amy Sawyer Regional Coordinator

Amy Sawyer currently serves as a Regional Coordinator at the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), a principal representative and bridge between the work of the full Council and states and communities. In this role, she is responsible for facilitating the strategic implementation of Opening Doors specifically in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. Regional coordinators convene stakeholders at every level of government and with the private sector, encouraging implementation of strategies that maximize the impact of Federal resources and supporting strategic planning efforts. Regional Coordinators also disseminate information about proven practices, bridge linkages among communities, and share practical resources to support community efforts and foster momentum through shared knowledge and cross-community collaboration.



Prior to joining USICH, Amy coordinated the Homeless Initiative for the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, NC over the past five years. Her work helped the community make a marked impact on chronic homelessness and apply lessons learned to rapid re-housing, minimizing the impact of housing crisis for the community. In 2012, the community reported a 75% decrease in chronic homelessness. This work, paired with her experiences in family and child social work and a Master's of Science in Human Development has allowed Amy to bring a unique mix of compassion, vision, collaboration, and evidence-based approaches to her work.

What are you most looking forward to in your work as a Regional Coordinator?

I look forward to learning about what people are passionate about, fostering creativity, and seeing what works in order develop meaningful housing crisis response so that, community by community, we can meet the goals of *Opening Doors*.