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*A 10-year plan to end homelessness in  
Portland and Multnomah County*

## 2007 ANNUAL REPORT Results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 10-year plan

- **534** chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing – including more than **37%** directly from the streets
- **815** homeless families moved into permanent housing, including **243** families who were high users of resources
- **179** units of permanent supportive housing opened and **85** units were added to the development pipeline
- The City of Portland directed nearly **\$7 million** in FY 07-08 general fund resources to increase and stabilize efforts to reduce homelessness

### CUMULATIVE GOALS REACHED – 2005, 2006, 2007

	Cumulative result*	2005-07 combined goals	% achieved
Chronically homeless persons moved into housing	<b>1,286</b>	955	<b>135%</b>
Homeless families housed	<b>1,681</b>	750	<b>224%</b>
Permanent supportive housing units opened or in development pipeline	<b>1,008</b>	700	<b>144%</b>

*\*HMIS Reported numbers only. Not all providers began collecting HMIS data in 2005 and 2006. Other data collection took place and is not represented here. Individual yearly results may not add to total cumulative numbers.*

**2007 GOALS & OUTCOMES:** In order to achieve the Action Steps outlined in the 10-year plan, the community, with oversight from the Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness, identifies measurable annual goals. Goals below were to be met by the end of 2007.

	Goals	12-month results: January-December	Status
<b>1. Move people into housing first</b>	390 chronically homeless people will move into permanent housing with supportive services. 40 will be ages 24 & younger. 75% will retain housing after 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.	<b>534 chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing</b> with supportive services. Of these, 32 were ages 24 & younger. Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 89% were still in housing after 6 months, and 86% after one year.	★
	250 homeless families with children will move into permanent housing, including 125 high resource users. 75% will remain housed at 6 months, and 65% will remain housed after one year.	<b>815 homeless families with children moved into permanent housing</b> , of which 243 were high resource users. Of those contacted, 88% were still in housing after 6 months and 88% after one year.	★
<b>2. Stop discharging people into homelessness</b>	70% of homeless persons, assigned to Jail's homeless discharge planner's caseload, will move to stable housing upon discharge.	285 homeless persons received placement services from the Jail's homeless discharge planner. Of these, 145 (51%) were <b>placed directly into stable housing</b> upon discharge.	⊕

★ Exceeded goal    ✓ Achieved/On schedule    ⊕ Still collecting data or behind schedule

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<b>3. Improve outreach to homeless people</b>	Determine a site for an access center, with services focused on ending homelessness, such as housing placement.	Three possible sites were identified. After additional community input, a final determination is expected by March 2008.	🕒
<b>4. Emphasize permanent solutions</b>	Create community plan to increase the number of eligible persons who receive SSI/SSDI benefits and expedite approval process.	Central City Concern secured \$360,000 for a collaborative Benefits and Entitlement Specialist Team to assist 120-200 homeless disabled individuals in expedited acquisition of benefits and entitlements.	★
<b>5. Increase supply of permanent supportive housing</b>	120 new units of permanent supportive housing will be added to the development pipeline. (85 for chronically homeless people and 35 will be for homeless families)	<b>85 new units of permanent supportive housing</b> were added to the development pipeline. Of these, 17 are for homeless families. 68 are for homeless or at-risk individuals (54% of these are specifically for chronically homeless persons, who can also access the other units).	🕒
<b>6. Create innovative new partnerships to end homelessness</b>	Hold Portland Homeless Connect event in order to reach out to under-served homeless persons and attract new community resources – funds, services, and volunteers.	January's Portland Homeless Connect provided <b>950 homeless people with services</b> including dental, medical, vision, and employment. 600 volunteers and community leaders connected with people experiencing homelessness at this 3 <sup>rd</sup> PHC event. A September event specifically for families showed equally stellar results.	★
<b>7. Make the rent assistance system more effective</b>	500 households will be prevented from becoming homeless through provision of rent assistance. 75% will remain housed after 6 months, and 65% after one year.	<b>842 households were prevented from becoming homeless</b> through provision of rent assistance. After rent assistance ended, 92% remained housed after 6 months, and 82% remained housed at one year.	★
<b>8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people</b>	300 homeless individuals (adults, youth, parents with children) will receive job training, placement and retention services	309 homeless persons received job training and obtained jobs with the support of programs funded through Worksystems, Inc., City of Portland, and Central City Concern.	✓
<b>9. Implement new data collection technology throughout the homeless system</b>	Complete a coordinated, comprehensive One Night Shelter and Turnaway Count as well as a One-Night Street Count to re-establish a baseline of homeless persons.	A January count showed a <b>39% decrease, since 2005, of people on the streets</b> in Multnomah County. 1,438 people were counted. An additional 2,014 households (3,018 persons) were counted in shelter, transitional housing or receiving rent assistance. 311 households (575 persons) could not be served. Since 2005, this is a <b>44% decrease in shelter turnaways</b> .	✓

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