

Home Again

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

1ST QUARTER UPDATE: JANUARY - MARCH, 2008

In December 2004, the City of Portland and Multnomah County launched a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The plan is built on three principles: focus on the most chronically homeless populations, streamline access to existing services to prevent and reduce other homelessness, and concentrate resources on programs that offer measurable results. The three principles are inherent in each of nine action steps. In order to achieve them, the community, with oversight from the Coordinating Committee to End Homelessness, identifies measurable annual goals. Goals below are to be met by the end of 2008.

2008 GOALS & OUTCOMES:

	Goals	3-month results: January-March	Status
1. Move people into housing first	400 chronically homeless people will move into permanent housing with supportive services. Of these, 30 will be ages 24 & younger. <u>Retention:</u> 75% will remain housed 6 months after placement and 65% will remain housed after one year.	115 chronically homeless people moved into permanent housing with supportive services. Of these, 7 were ages 24 & younger. Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 85% were still in housing after 6 months and 78% after one year.	✓
	300 homeless families with children will move into permanent housing. Of these, 150 will be high resource users. <u>Retention:</u> 75% will remain housed 6 months after placement and 65% will remain housed after one year.	115 homeless families with children moved into permanent housing. Of these, 40 families were high resource users. Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 95% were still in housing after 6 months and 90% after one year.	✓
	550 homeless households, in couples or unaccompanied, will move into permanent housing (neither chronically homeless nor accompanied by children.) <u>Retention:</u> 75% will remain housed 6 months after placement and 65% will remain housed after one year.	164 homeless households, unaccompanied adults or couples, moved into permanent housing (neither chronically homeless nor accompanied by children). Of those contacted who were placed in housing more than 6 months ago, 83% were still in housing after 6 months and 78% after one year.	✓
2. Stop discharging people into homelessness	725 persons will successfully transition from psychiatric institutions or corrections into stable housing, reducing mental health discharge to streets or shelter.	Results will be listed in June report.	🕒
3. Improve outreach to homeless people	Expand outreach and scope of 2008 Portland Homeless Connect events to connect more people to services and engage the community in funding and volunteering.	February's PHC event was a success, serving more than 1,000 people and engaging more than 400 volunteers and donors. The next event will be in August.	✓
4. Emphasize permanent solutions	600 households will be prevented from becoming homeless through provision of rent assistance. After rent assistance ends, 80% will remain housed after 6 months, and 70% at one year.	136 households were prevented from becoming homeless through support from multiple agencies and funding from the Short-Term Rent Assistance (STRA) fund.	✓
5. Increase supply of permanent supportive housing	120 new units of permanent supportive housing will be added to the development pipeline (85 for chronically homeless persons and 35 for homeless families). 75 units will be added to the pipeline through rent and operating subsidies.	Results will be listed in June report.	🕒

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6. Create innovative new partnerships to end homelessness	130 homeless adults who are chronic street crime offenders will be offered comprehensive services including chemical dependency treatment, permanent housing placement and other supports.	Results will be listed in June report.	⌚
	Create Home Again Fund to be overseen by the Home Again Commission and develop funding plans and goals.	Results will be listed in June report.	⌚
7. Make the rent assistance system more effective	The Schools Family Housing Initiative will prevent homelessness for 80 families in neighborhoods with increasing housing prices and declining school enrollments.	Schools Family Housing prevented homelessness for 95 families during the first quarter of 2008 -- 48 families in Jan-March and 47 families that received continuing rent assistance from the end of 2007.	★
8. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people	120 chronically homeless people will be qualified for Social Security disability, Medicaid and other benefits, enabling them to secure permanent housing, healthcare, and more.	Results will be listed in June report.	⌚
9. Implement new data collection technology throughout the homeless system	Ensure that 75% of beds for homeless persons are included within community-wide HMIS.	Results will be listed in June report.	⌚

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

ADDITIONAL OUTCOMES JANUARY-MARCH, 2008

HOUSING PLACEMENT

In the first quarter, a variety of nonprofit agencies helped nearly 400 households – families, couples and individuals – move into permanent housing. One agency, JOIN, helped 58 households, including 13 families, move from the street to permanent housing.

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

The February 2008 event was a success – a day of service and support for people experiencing homelessness in the Portland area. More than 1,000 homeless persons, in families or individuals, were served by more than 400 volunteers. The next event is scheduled on August 22, 2008 at Waterfront Park. For info visit www.portlandhomelessconnect.com.

BRIDGES TO HOUSING

Bridges to Housing, a 4-county initiative for high-need homeless families, was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. In Multnomah County, 77 formerly homeless families are now in their own homes. For more information, visit www.bridgestohousing.org.

RECUPERATION CARE PROGRAM

Central City Concern's RCP served 54 persons without homes who were discharged from the hospital and connected all with primary care at Old Town Clinic. Of these, 38 people (70%) moved to stable housing.

FOSTERING INDEPENDENCE PROJECT

Fostering Independence Project (FIP) prevents youth from transitioning out of foster care prematurely and becoming homeless. It is a group effort of the Oregon Department of Human Services/Foster Care, Portland State University's Child Welfare Partnership and New Avenues for Youth. After identifying youth most at-risk, FIP uses an intervention focused on healthy interdependence, life skill building and transition to adulthood. In the 1st quarter, 10 foster care youth were enrolled and participating in full-spectrum services, 70% had received essential documents including birth certificates and social security cards, and 4 had established savings accounts.

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