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Columbus and Franklin County's community plan to end homelessness.

GOALS	DESCRIPTION	CONVENER	PROGRESS	REPORT
<b>Coordinate Emergency Aid</b>	Coordinate emergency aid from community-based assistance programs.	United Way of Central Ohio and Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services		Discussions are underway to align the Emergency Food & Shelter program and Franklin County's Prevention, Retention & Contingency dollars to assure those most in need receive resources.
<b>Increase Access to Benefits &amp; Income</b>	Provide immediate and systematic access to mainstream benefits and services for persons who are homeless and served by the homeless service system.	Community Shelter Board		This program has increased the number of approved Social Security applications and other benefits for persons experiencing homelessness, with the goal of helping them secure stable housing.
<b>Employment</b>	Coordinate and expand access to community-based employment assistance programs.	Community Shelter Board		The Donatos/Goodwill Transitional Work Program pilot achieved successful results, with 70% of participants attaining employment. The program will be expanded with additional funding.
<b>Single Point of Contact for Adult Shelter</b>	Develop a single point of contact system, with stronger linkage to community resources, for adults experiencing a housing crisis.	Community Shelter Board		The Coordinated Point of Access has been fully integrated into the single adult system. Increased diversion rates will be the focus going forward.
<b>Collaborative Outreach System</b>	Create a unified system to better respond to homeless persons who are not accessing shelter, including a coordinated call and dispatch system, common documentation, and shared outcomes for outreach programs.	City of Columbus		Coordination among providers and organizations serving those experiencing street homelessness has improved. Heating and cooling stations have been established.
<b>Unified Supportive Housing System</b>	Create a unified system for permanent supportive housing which includes centralized eligibility determination and placement, periodic review of tenant needs, and "move up" incentives to encourage tenants to be more independent.	Community Shelter Board		The Unified Supportive Housing System has moved into full implementation, and more than 300 of the highest need individuals were housed under this system during fiscal year 2013.
<b>Increase Supportive Housing Units</b>	Develop an additional 1,400 units of permanent supportive housing to reach a total inventory of 2,700 single adult/couple units.	Community Shelter Board		The focus has been on building project-based units with a goal of 240 units. To date, 246 units have been brought online or are in the pipeline.

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<b>Provide Rent Subsidies</b>	Develop longer-term rent subsidies for homeless single adults to meet annual need.	Community Shelter Board		CSB continues to provide limited rent subsidies to those exiting shelter. CSB does not have sufficient funding for long-term subsidies.
<b>Tier II Family Conversion</b>	Transition Tier II family shelter from a fixed unit approach to a flexible supply of housing with interim supports.	Community Shelter Board		All Tier II family shelter units have been converted to rapid re-housing.
<b>Affordable Housing Campaign</b>	Launch a campaign for increased resources for affordable and supportive housing as well as rent subsidies for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	Community Shelter Board		This strategy is still under development. Lack of affordable housing continues to be a barrier to exiting shelter.
<b>Re-Entry Housing Advocacy</b>	Advocate with other systems to improve and increase housing placements for people returning to the community from domestic violence shelter, institutional or residential settings.	Corporation for Supportive Housing  Community Shelter Board  ADAMH Board of Franklin County	    	<b>Incarcerated Populations:</b> The Bureau of Justice Assistance recently awarded a grant to fund services and supportive housing for individuals that are high users of jail, shelter, and mental health services.  <b>Domestic Violence Populations:</b> The program, implemented through Catholic Social Services, continues for families. Work is underway for single adults.  <b>Mental Health Populations:</b> A successful pilot was implemented in 2011/2012 using federal stimulus dollars. The strategy has been put on hold as the stimulus funds are no longer available.

 Goal is being met |  Goal shows improvement but challenges remain |  Goal made minimal progress or stayed the same

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