Franklin County Homeless Continuum of Care
Strategic Community Planning, Homeless Hotline, Homeless Outreach Services, Prevention Services for Families, Shelter Services, Case Management, Housing with Supportive Services and Community Collaborations

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“No one should go homeless, for even one night, in Columbus.”
FOUNDING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

City of Columbus
Mayor Michael B. Coleman

Franklin County
Where Government Works

United Way
United Way of Central Ohio
Member Agency

COLUMBUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ADAMH
Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board

Metropolitan Area Church Council

THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION
PROVIDER NETWORK

Huckleberry House
Communities in Schools
The Salvation Army AIDS Resource Center of Ohio
Community Housing Network HandsOn Central Ohio
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio
Southeast Inc./Friends of the Homeless
Maryhaven Columbus Area Integrated Health Services
Lutheran Social Services/Faith Mission Access Ohio
YWCA Columbus Gladden Community House
Homeless Families Foundation
National Church Residences Amethyst
Concord Counseling YMCA
Goodwill Columbus
ACCESS: Community Plan
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Homeless Hotline for Single Adults & Families

1-888-4 SHELTR
(1-888-474-3587)
Stable Families Homeless Prevention Program

- Have at least one or more children (under age 18) in the legal custody of one or more adults in the home. Family can consist of 2 parents, 1 parent, same sex partners, intergenerational and/or extended family members, unmarried couples with children, and adults who are not biological parents of children;
- Family must be in their own housing and be at imminent risk of homelessness;
- Family income must be below 30% of the AMI;
- Family must have an income; only families currently residing in subsidized housing can be accepted into the program with zero income;
- Family must receive an overall barrier assessment level 2 (moderate barriers-able to obtain/maintain housing with moderate one-time or brief transitional support);
- Family must have, at minimum, 3 housing barriers listed on the Stable Families Screening form;
- Family has not utilized any homeless services within the last 6 months;
- Family has never used Stable Families resources; and
- Family must be willing to participate in case management services.
CRISIS RESPONSE: Community Plan
Family Shelter System

Eligibility for shelter

• Have at least one minor child in the custody of the head of household.
• Lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence, including those staying in a place or area not meant for human habitation;
• Currently reside in Franklin County;
• Cannot be more appropriately served by another prevention program or system or care;
• Have no other options or resources for emergency shelter;
• Are not currently under a system-wide service restriction;
• Once identified, victims of domestic violence are referred to a local domestic violence shelter; and
• Not a sex offender
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- Can not be a Tier III sex offender
CRISIS RESPONSE: Community Plan

• Service Restrictions
  – Based on “how” the person left shelter.

• Rule Violations
  – Based on behavior of the person.
  – Each shelter determines their program rules.
Maryhaven Collaborative Outreach Team
614-449-1530
CRISIS RESPONSE: Community Plan

FAMILY SHELTER SYSTEM

1383 Families

- 2668 children (75% below 5 years old)
- Men 23%
- Women 77%
- Young Adult Household 60% (ages 18 - 30)
- African Americans 68%
- Veterans 1%
- Disabled 16%

79% increase in shelter census over 3 years

Photo courtesy of The Columbus Dispatch
CRISIS RESPONSE: Community Plan

- 9809 individuals served
- Male 61%
- Female 39%
- Young Adults 35% (ages 18 – 30)
- African-American 58%
- Veteran’s 8%
- Disabled 42%
TRANSITION: Community Plan

FAMILY SYSTEM PREVENTION & DIRECT HOUSING PROVIDERS

- Prevention
  - Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
- Emergency Shelter
  - YWCA Family Center
- Move families quickly into housing and provide intensive services to keep them stably housed
  - Salvation Army
  - Volunteers of America Greater Ohio

STABLE HOUSING
TRANSITION: Community Plan
Direct Housing

• Address housing barriers
• Advocate with landlords
• Intensive Case Management Services provided in the home
• Limited aftercare services provided on a case by case basis
Direct Housing

The navigator program is entirely new to our system and is the first of its kind in the country.

CRISIS RESPONSE: Community Plan

Customized (individualized)
Housing Plans

Intensive Support Services

Aftercare

Access Ohio
Mental Health Center of Excellence
TRANSITION: Community Plan
Unified Supportive Housing System (USHS)
Supportive housing is an apartment with health care, employment and other supports. It’s for people who have a disability and have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness. There are over 1,700 units of supportive housing in our community for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Community Shelter Board funds the supportive services for these housing units.

Supportive housing is a very precious resource. Community Shelter Board coordinates the application and placement process using a vulnerability assessment to ensure that people with the greatest needs receive priority for housing.
Questions