

Updates in Homelessness

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2015 Point-in-Time Count of the Homeless



Total Homeless in South Central PA = 1,741

Renewed Focus

Per the 2008 CoC NOFA:

- The purpose of CoC Homeless Assistance Programs is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families to move to **self-sufficiency** and permanent housing. CoCs that sustain current successful interventions and advance the goal of ending chronic homelessness will be scored higher.

Per the 2015 CoC NOFA:

- The Continuum of Care program is designed to assist persons experiencing homelessness by providing the housing and/or services needed to help individuals move into permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. Specifically, this includes promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

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An end to homelessness means that communities will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it can't be prevented, it is ***a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.***

- Specifically, communities will have the capacity to:
 - Quickly identify and engage people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
 - Intervene to prevent the loss of housing and divert people from entering the homelessness services system.
 - When homelessness does occur, provide immediate access to shelter and crisis services, without barriers to entry, while permanent stable housing and appropriate supports are being secured, and quickly connect people to housing assistance and services—tailored to their unique needs and strengths—to help them achieve and maintain stable housing.

What will communities need to end homelessness?

- Affordable Housing!!!
- Developers
- Property managers
- Public housing authorities
- Redevelopment authorities
- Landlords
- Employers
- Local/state/federal resources
- Foundations
- Cross-system Partnerships
 - Education
 - Criminal justice
 - Health care