

District of Columbia's Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness Report on the FY 2012 Annual Work Plan

In April 2010, the District of Columbia's Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) adopted the Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness (Plan) to guide the District's activities to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness over the next five years.

The FY 2012 Annual Work Plan demonstrates the ICH's commitment to measurable outcomes through strategies the Plan considers essential to success: (1) more permanent housing; (2) increased collaboration between agencies; (3) public and private funding; and (4) monitoring of outcomes. Despite an unexpected and unprecedented number of families seeking shelter, the District was able to meet or exceed all of the 2012 goals to implement the ICH Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness.

Goals	Outcomes, Strategies & Partners	FY 2012 Achievements	FY 2013 Goals	FY 2014 Goals
#1 Reduce length of homelessness for families, women, men, veterans, and youth.	Identify and house at least 570 homeless individuals and families through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRSP program • DCHA housing programs • DMH housing programs • VASH program • DHS Rapid Re-Housing • DHS Permanent Supportive Housing 	<u>1181</u> individuals and families were housed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH <u>100</u> households housed. • DCHA <u>100</u> households housed through LRSP. • DCHA <u>80</u> households housed through VASH, <u>30</u> are actively searching for housing. • TCP <u>119</u> households housed through HUD funded PSH. • TCP <u>214</u> veteran households housed through VA or HUD PSH (non-VASH). • DHS <u>260</u> new families housed with locally funded rental subsidies/rapid re-housing. • DHS <u>209</u> households with HPRP subsidy. • DHS <u>99</u> new households housed through PSH. 		

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#2 Reduce return to homelessness for families and individuals.	Create new permanent housing capacity for 0-30% AMI to meet identified needs of families and individuals.	<p>DHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHCD PSH Combined MOU and RFP to be issued by the spring of 2013. <p>DHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D.C. Federal Payment funds for La Casa PSH committed and development on track. D.C. Federal Payment funds for North Capitol PSH committed and development on track. Increased from 1024 to 1123 households housed through the DHS PSH Program (counted above): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families housed increased from 249 to 273, of which 26 are in a family site based program and 247 are in scattered site units. Individuals housed increased from 775 to 850, of which 35 are in single site based units and 815 are in scattered site units. <p>THC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Converted 14 Units at 935 Kennedy Street, NW from transitional housing to PSH. 		
#3 Increase income from employment.	<p>Through partnership with DHS' TANF program, DOES, provider employment specialists, and OSSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase exits from TANF due to more income from 5% to 7%. Increase those individual adults 	<p>DOES connected 5,000 residents to employment through the One City One Hire. At least 112 were self-identified as homeless. Working with DOES and TCP to increase ability to track or identify those residents connected to work through DOES who are homeless.</p> <p>Working with DHS, TCP, and OSSE to track data on exits from TANF shelter because of increased income.</p>		

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	<p>with income from 13% to 15% in temporary shelter; and 17% to 20% for those in transitional housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide at least 100 individuals with targeted adult education. 			
#4 Increase income and resources from benefits.	Identify and assist homeless families and individuals with SSI qualifying disabilities to apply for SSI benefits.	DMH trained <u>50</u> plus DHS, TCP, and Shelter staff to assist homeless and formerly homeless consumers to apply for SSI benefits. Working to track data on how many succeeded.		
#5 Prevent homelessness following institutional exit or release.	Identify shelter population that is coming directly from an institutional release to develop a shelter diversion initiative for FY 2013.	Identified discharge planning for returning citizens as a priority population; engaged the Reentry Network in Strategic Planning Committee; and met with Gretchen Rohr of University Legal Services.		
#6 & 7 Reduce number of families and individuals that become homeless through eviction and ejection; and Reduce second eviction prevention requests.	Target Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) and Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) resources to very-low income families to target those households most at risk for homelessness.	Through ERAP (\$7,388,996) prevention assistance and HPRP (\$2,083,000) prevention and re-housing assistance, DHS through its grantees, prevented <u>3,121</u> households from becoming homeless.		

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	Strengthen support for TANF families experiencing housing instability through the TANF redesign.			
#8 Increase stability in permanent housing.	Continue case management support to PSH recipients to maintain 95% or better PSH housing retention.	Maintained a 92% PSH housing retention rate in the DHS PSH Program.		
#9 Tenants experience improved quality of life.	Adopt and implement a Continuum wide Quality of Life assessment instrument.	The “Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix” was reviewed and approved by the ICH Strategic Planning Committee. TCP implement the Matrix in all family temporary shelter and transitional housing programs as a common quality of life evaluation tool.		

Appendix 1

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Full Name</u>
CFSA	Child and Family Services Agency
DCHCA	DC Housing Authority
DCHFPA	DC Housing Finance Agency
DCPCS	DC Public Schools
DHCD	Department of Housing and Community Development
DHS	Department of Human Services
DMH	Department of Mental Health
DOC	Department of Corrections
DOES	Department of Employment Services
DOH	Department of Health
DYRS	Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
ERAP	Emergency Rental Assistance Program
HPRP	Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
ICH	Interagency Council on Homelessness
OSSE	Office of State Superintendent of Education
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TCP	The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing