Data & Systems Coordination

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Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the lead agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC).

Mission:
To provide solutions to end homelessness in Texas communities through education, resources, and advocacy.
The 215 counties in orange are in the TX BoS CoC.
Responsibilities of the CoC

- Establish a CoC and a CoC Board
- Conduct CoC Planning and Operations
- Administer and Operate HMIS
- Facilitate Application for Funds
What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

A CoC, as defined by HUD in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area.

- A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance.
- The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network.
- A program operated by the Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. (HUD)
HUD CoC Program Purpose

- Effectively Use Mainstream Resources
- Promote Community Commitment
- Provide Funding for Rehousing People
- Optimize Self-Sufficiency
Homeless Service System
End Homelessness

An end to homelessness means that every community 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, every community 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.

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

Source: https://www.usich.gov/opening-doors
A Systemic Approach to Ending Homelessness

Housing Crisis Response System

Housing Crisis Resolution System
Vision: No one homeless more than 30 days

- Shelter and Transitional Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing – Rental Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Rental Housing

Successfully Diverted to Housing
Coordinated Entry

• Entry Points
• Common Assessment
  – Focus on Housing Intervention Match
• Referrals
• Prioritization
• Common data system
Dead ends, closed doors ➔ Seamless connections
Endless intakes, applications, and wait lists ➔ 1 survey that connects to real-time housing opportunities
First come, first served ➔ Best fit, housing match
Each organization doing it all ➔ Each organization doing what they do best
Housing Crisis Response System
Data

“Since homelessness emerged as an issue in the United States, a broad group of dedicated individuals and organizations — from advocacy groups and shelters to local, state, and federal government agencies — have fought to help homeless persons find housing and remain stably housed. Data have become a critical component of these efforts. Documenting the number, characteristics, and needs of homeless persons in American communities, as well as the number of people receiving services and the capacity of these services, is essential to identifying the proper strategies to tackle the problem; it’s very difficult to manage what you can’t measure.”
Unduplicated Number of People by Household Composition
The Salvation Army of Denton
Denton, TX
2013-2016

Number (#) of People

Years

2013 2014 2015 2016

Individual

Family
Number of People Using The Salvation Army of Denton
Household Type: Individual
Denton, TX
2013-2016

Capacity: 45 beds

- # of Individuals using Emergency Shelter on Average
- # of Individuals Last Wednesday in October
- # of Individuals Last Wednesday in January
- # of Individual Last Wednesday in April
- # of Individuals Last Wednesday in July

2013: 37, 45, 36, 34, 34
2014: 61, 45, 50, 34, 20
2015: 56, 52, 66, 34, 20
2016: 56, 73, 58, 60, 60
Number of People Using The Salvation Army of Denton
Household Type: Family
Denton, TX
2013-2016

On average per night during the year
0

On the last Wednesday in October
6

On the Last Wednesday in January
0

On the Last Wednesday in April
0

On the Last Wednesday in July
3

Capacity: 4 beds

2013  2014  2015  2016
VI-SPDAT Scores
Denton, TX
2015-2016

- Diversion: 13
- Rapid Rehousing: 15
- Permanent Supportive Housing: 1
2015
Clients literally homeless: 558
Total: 559
Missing Data: 521
Q&A

“An end to homelessness does not mean that no one will ever experience a housing crisis again. Changing economic realities, the unpredictability of life, and unsafe or unwelcoming family environments may create situations where individuals, families, or youth could experience, re-experience, or be at risk of homelessness. An end to homelessness means that every community will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.”
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