

LANE COUNTY’S TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

The following chart indicates the Continuum of Care’s future-oriented goals, and specific action steps to be taken to address homelessness in Lane County.

GOALS	ACTION STEPS
1. <i>Create new Permanent Housing (PH) beds for chronically homeless persons.</i>	Expand Lane County’s CoC (Continuum of Care) Permanent housing (PH) bed capacity. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide additional housing units for chronically homeless singles and families with mental health and/or substance abuse problems. b. Increase supply of permanent affordable housing for singles, families and youth who are homeless.
2. <i>80% of homeless persons remain in or exit to Permanent Housing (subsidized or unsubsidized).</i>	Work with all jurisdictions (cities and county) and Housing Policy Board to increase permanent housing inventory.
3. <i>55% of homeless adults in PH programs (rapid rehousing or PSH) will maintain or increase income from all sources (employment and/or cash benefits).</i>	Collaborate with other agencies within the Lane County CoC to increase employment opportunities. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Partner with St. Vincent de Paul to increase employment services to homeless individuals. b. Partner with Lane Workforce Partnership to increase support services for job search and retention. c. Partner with V.A. And Veterans’ Services of Lane County to increase job support services for homeless veterans.
4. <i>Ensure that the CoC has a functional Homeless Management Information System (HMIS system).</i>	Train 120 service providers to enter data into HMIS so that accurate data is available to better count the number of unduplicated persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, including the frequency, depth, and breadth of homelessness and risk. This system tracks the outcomes and service improvements for homeless people who access the system; and plan more effectively to serve people who are homeless or at risk. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use HMIS to manage the Coordinated Entry (CE) System for people who are homeless. Continue and improve CE System for Homeless households with children Add homeless households without children to CE System

Acronym Key:

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<p>5. <i>Coordinate regional efforts to end homelessness in Lane County.</i></p>	<p>a. Strategize with Poverty and Homelessness Board to orchestrate regional efforts. b. Educate Human Services Commission (HSC), City Councils, Board of County Commissioners re: best practices on reducing and ending homelessness.</p>
<p>6. <i>Improve continuum of homeless services.</i></p>	<p>a. Increase grants from existing sources, seek new funding streams, and explore restructuring of existing resources. b. Work with providers within local CoC to identify gaps in services. c. Work with providers within local CoC to reduce and/or remove barriers to homeless services. d. Collaborate with the local mental health services to increase opportunities for special populations.</p>
<p>7. <i>Increase permanent affordable housing in Lane County.</i></p>	<p>a. Identify local funding to supplement federal funds. b. Identify methods to add low-income housing in communities outside of the metropolitan area. c. Acquire property for future housing development.</p>
<p>8. <i>Discharge vulnerable homeless populations into permanent housing.</i></p>	<p>a. Implement a structure to coordinate discharge planning among publicly funded institutions and other system(s) of care (e.g., local hospitals). b. Review agreements on a comprehensive discharge planning.</p>
<p>9. <i>Increase services to homeless youth to prepare them for independent living.</i></p>	<p>a. Increase the number of Housing First units with strong “wraparound supportive services” (such as substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, youth mentoring, job shadowing, etc). b. Increase outreach activity to engage youth to access housing services. c. Support “15th Night” Initiative to prevent runaway youth from becoming homeless youth/adults.</p>

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