

Clackamas County 2009 Priority Actions Annual Report

Clackamas County believes in the principle that every person should have decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing and an opportunity to live in a community in peace and dignity. We understand that housing fulfills:

Physical needs by providing security and shelter

Psychological needs by providing a sense of personal space and privacy

Social needs by providing a gathering area and communal space for families, the basic unit of society,

Societal needs by providing a supportive base from which children can gain access to education and all family members can best fulfill their individual potential, including employment and personal development.

Clackamas County has adopted the following goals to address homelessness:

1. Preventing Homelessness
2. Reducing Impacts of Homelessness on Children
3. Transitioning from Homelessness to Stable Living Situations
4. Expanding Affordable and Supportive Housing
5. Reduce Impacts of Homelessness on Local Communities

	<u>2009 ACTION</u>	HOMELESS PLAN GOALS	ENTITY IN CHARGE	PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2009 ACTIONS
1	Advocate for passage of Document Recording Fee	Goals 1; 2 3;4;5	Leadership Committee (CAB)	Document Recording Fee has passed and will be law
2	Encourage all county systems to address homelessness in their strategic planning	Goals 1;2;3;4;5	Leadership Committee (CAB)	Much of this is done through the networking that the Homeless Plan coordinator does with various County networks and agencies. Networking has occurred at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Stakeholders Team • CHAI – Clackamas Health Access Initiative • After School Stakeholders Network • North Clackamas Social Concerns Roundtable • Office for Children and Families
3	Coordinate up to 4 “Clackamas Cares” events	Goals 1; 2; 3; 4	Outreach Committee	Clackamas County collaborated with a wide range of partners including members of the faith community, school districts, public and private agencies to conduct four “Health Resource Fairs” that served 513 people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Clackamas Compassion – 4/25 • Canby Cares – 7/18 • Welch’s - 9/19 • Clackamas Service Center Homeless Health Fair 10/6 • Molalla Cares – 10/10 • Canby School Health Fair 11/15
4	Secure Funds for Rapid Rehousing Program	Goal 1	NWHA and CWS	Secured Federal Stimulus dollars for rapid rehousing model. And eviction prevention - \$794,075. North West Housing Alternatives and Clackamas Woman’s Services have developed a rapid rehousing model that was activated on 10/1/09.

5	Increase supportive services for children who are homeless	Goal 2	Homeless Children's Committee and Office for Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Homeless Children's Committee has formed and began working in April. They are in the process of developing action steps that will address the needs of homeless children. • Timber Funds - \$20,000. County Commissioners awarded \$20,000 to support the work of the school district homeless programs. • Six School Districts have formed a consortium and been awarded a McKinney Vento Subgrant, • ARRA funds were allocated to increasing the Back Pack Buddy Program 50% during the 2009/2010 school year. • A new initiative of Clackamas RSVP/Volunteer Connection in cooperation with Clackamas County's 10 Year Plan for Addressing Homelessness was kicked off October 24, 2009. The goal is to empower and support 40 Mentor Volunteers to make a difference by providing one-on-one positive, supportive adult relationship for homeless youth.
6	Conduct 2009 Homeless Count and publicize results	Goal 5	Homeless Council and Clackamas County Social Services	<p>A presentation on May 21, 2009 with Donna Beagle as Keynote Speaker announced results of the January 2009 Count. Highlights of the results include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,614 homeless persons were counted • The count included 1,530 children (42%) and 2,084 adults (58%) • There were 2,534 persons in 662 families with children • There were 948 persons in 624 adult-only households • The count included 132 unaccompanied youth • Ten percent of those surveyed were veterans
7	Develop Speakers Bureau	Goal 5	CAB	<p>In Process – CAB (The Community Action Board) has agreed to be the responsible group for a new speaker's bureau that addresses poverty and homelessness. Currently work is being done to compile the supports that speakers would need with the plan of kicking this effort off in the Fall of 2009.</p>
8	Secure funding for foreclosure and eviction prevention	Goal 1	Homeless Council	<p>\$110,000 of United Way Community Relief Funds was distributed throughout the metropolitan area for eviction Prevention. Clackamas County as served 96 individuals with these funds.</p>