

Building a Unified Homeless and Housing System in 2014

The Homelessness Task Force (HTF) is a regional coalition of community partners with an interest or concern about those who are served by or who serve in the homelessness system.

In 2014, the Kansas City region will work towards building a more unified system.

The expected outcomes include: community agreement and commitment to common principles, strategies, protocols, metrics and training; coordinated system entry and assessment tools; and a shared data information system.

Management Information System:
Web-based “cloud” technology will be necessary to effectively implement and monitor the metrics of a unified system at individual, agency, county and regional levels.

Rapid Re-Housing moves homeless persons into scattered site housing within the community before providing any services. It assists people with mid-range needs and is temporary.

Transitional housing provides programs and services to all levels of need, along with temporary housing in scattered site housing or congregate living. Upon completing programming, participants are assisted into permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing houses high- to severe-need persons in scattered site or congregate living before providing services. It is partnered with intensive case management or assertive community treatment.

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Services Ahead



Recovery



Employment



Life Stability



Education

HOUSING OPTIONS

Rapid Rehousing

Low- to mid-level needs



Transitional Housing

All levels of need



Permanent/Supportive Housing

High complexity of needs



← Services Ahead

Services as determined by the common assessment tool are still available for these at-risk individuals and families, even if they were diverted from the housing system.

Temporary Shelters

Diversion is a standardized strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking housing support by helping them stabilize their current situation or identify immediate alternate housing arrangements. If necessary, they are connected to services and financial assistance.

← Diversion and Prevention

- Street Outreach
- Schools
- At-Risk Families
- Foster Care
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Prisons/Jail

Coordinated Entry Point

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS
YOUTH
VETERANS
FAMILIES
CHRONIC HOMELESS

Housing Triage

A **common assessment tool** standardizes service prioritization, which allows for the most efficient use of resources and improves consumer access to support. Coordinated access makes the system easier to navigate by leveraging the strengths of individual service providers.

Housing Triage helps the community “yield” to more vulnerable individuals by focusing limited resources on the most appropriate people or families using a standardized assessment tool and set protocols. This tool assesses level of acuity (or vulnerability) and prioritizes the most effective housing option.