



Western PA Balance of State Continuum of Care (PA-601)







Working to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring

The Western PA CoC has a new 5-Year Strategic Plan to reduce & end homelessness!

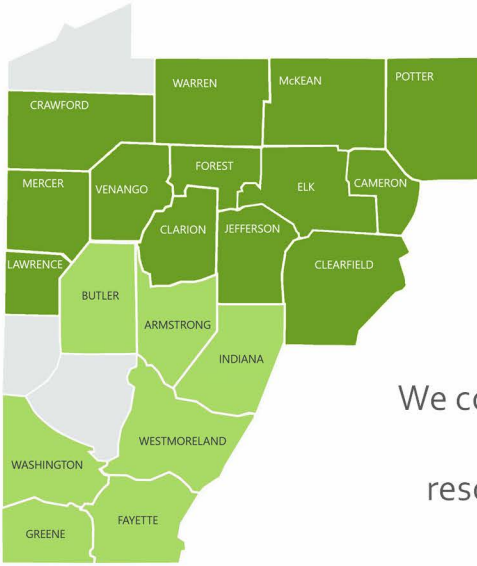
OUR GOALS

- ⇒ Reduce **ALL HOMELESSNESS** by 50%
- ⇒ End **CHRONIC** homelessness & homelessness among **VETERANS**
- ⇒ Reduce homelessness among **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**
- ⇒ Set a path to **END ALL HOMELESSNESS**

OUR STRATEGIES

-  Expand affordable housing options
-  Increase leadership & collaborations
-  Improve economic security & income
-  Expand & align resources
-  Retool the homeless assistance system
-  Improve our data

OUR CONTINUUM OF CARE



The Western PA CoC is a group of organizations and individuals working together to prevent & end homelessness across 20 counties in Western PA.

We coordinate activities, advance systems change and expand resources to end homelessness.

VISION

- ⇒ Homelessness will be **RARE, BRIEF & NON-RECURRING**
- ⇒ Our system will meet people where they are and offer **SUPPORT** in **OBTAINING & RETAINING HOUSING**
- ⇒ Our system will be **SUSTAINABLE**
- ⇒ Our system will **WORK WITH OTHER SYSTEMS**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ⇒ Ending homelessness is **POSSIBLE**
- ⇒ Homelessness **SHOULD NOT DEFINE** those who experience it
- ⇒ **HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL** to ending homelessness
- ⇒ We must **WORK TOGETHER**, engage the wider **COMMUNITY** & use resources **STRATEGICALLY**

OUR SYSTEM'S KEY ELEMENTS

Prevention & Diversion



Work with **MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS** & **HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK** of becoming homeless to **RETAIN OR IDENTIFY** viable housing options.

Housing First



IMMEDIATELY HOUSE those who experience homelessness because **PERMANENT HOUSING** is the foundation for regaining **STABILITY** & achieving **SUCCESS**.

Person-Centered



Provide a **CONTINUUM OF HOUSING & SERVICE** options appropriately **PRIORITIZED & MATCHED** to those who need them most.

Sustainable



Create a **SUSTAINABLE, DURABLE SYSTEM** of **HOUSING & SERVICE** options that engages a wide range of stakeholders from across **THE COMMUNITY**.

JOIN US!

To end homelessness, we need your help!
Learn more about how you can join the Western
PA CoC's effort to prevent & end homelessness:

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