

GOALS

- GOAL 1: Gather and maintain information about homelessness and resources within the state.
- GOAL 2: Provide affordable housing and supportive services for people who are homeless.
- GOAL 3: Encourage commitment from state leadership to use mainstream resources to end homelessness.
- GOAL 4: Facilitate local planning collaboratives to address community housing and homeless service delivery strategies.
- GOAL 5: Take the necessary actions to fully utilize federal, state, and other funds available to address the needs of those experiencing chronic homelessness.
- GOAL 6: Take the necessary actions to fully utilize federal, state, and other funds available to end generational homelessness among families.
- GOAL 7: Take the necessary actions to fully utilize federal, state, and other funds available to end homelessness among veterans and their families.
- GOAL 8: Take the necessary actions to fully utilize federal, state, and other funds available to develop housing for ex-offenders.
- GOAL 9: Assure that various state discharge policies do not increase the number of formerly institutionalized individuals that become homeless.

INITIAL STEPS

These steps were created in the early stages of the 10 Year Plan and have since been completed. The Committee was directed, and completed the following tasks on June 30, 2004:

- || The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness was composed of representatives from state departments and other homeless coordination service agencies. (Current member list included)
- || The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness pursued all available federal funding to support the implementation of the Missouri Action Plan.
- || Reviewed and recommended measures to improve access to state administered Mainstream Service Programs (Medicaid, TANF, SSI, CHIP, Workforce Investment Act, Food Stamps, and Veteran's Health Care and Benefits) by homeless individuals and families.
- || Reviewed and recommended measures to establish state policies that affect housing for families and individuals such as affordable housing, work-force housing, institutional discharge planning, and reentry programs.
- || Reviewed the State of Missouri Homeless Action Plan to End Homelessness annually and presented recommendations on the implementation strategy to state and federal policy makers.
- || Established the Homeless Missourians Information System (HMIS) to collaborate data.

These are steps the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness intends to accomplish in the coming years.

- || Support collaborative efforts of shared information between all continua in the state of Missouri
- || Gain support for ex-offenders being released and increase reentry programs
- || Reduce the stigma on homelessness by raising awareness about homelessness
- || Implement Project Homeless Connect
- || Increase housing stock and affordable housing
- || Increase housing options
- || Increase subsidies
- || Create a relationship between the Consolidated Plan, the 10 Year Plan and the Balance of State Continuum of Care grant administered by HUD
- || Collaborate with State leadership in the adoption of strategies, allocation of resources, and implementation of the recommendations of this report

"Homelessness is unacceptable in Missouri."

HISTORY AND OVERVIEW



Governor John Ashcroft established the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness in 1987. The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness has met continuously since its establishment. In the early years, the committee met quarterly to exchange information about programs and services, share funding opportunities, and discuss homeless needs in the state of Missouri.

In 1994, the committee began to meet monthly and take on a more active role in planning and developing services for homeless Missourians. Those activities include coordinating and facilitating a Balance of State Continuum of Care Plan, developing a plan to End Homelessness and providing technical assistance to non-profit agencies in accessing homeless assistance funds. From January through November 2003 Members of the Committee worked with the Governor's Office to gain official recognition. On November 7, 2003, the Governor's Committee to End Homeless received that recognition and was officially established with the Office of Boards and Commissions.

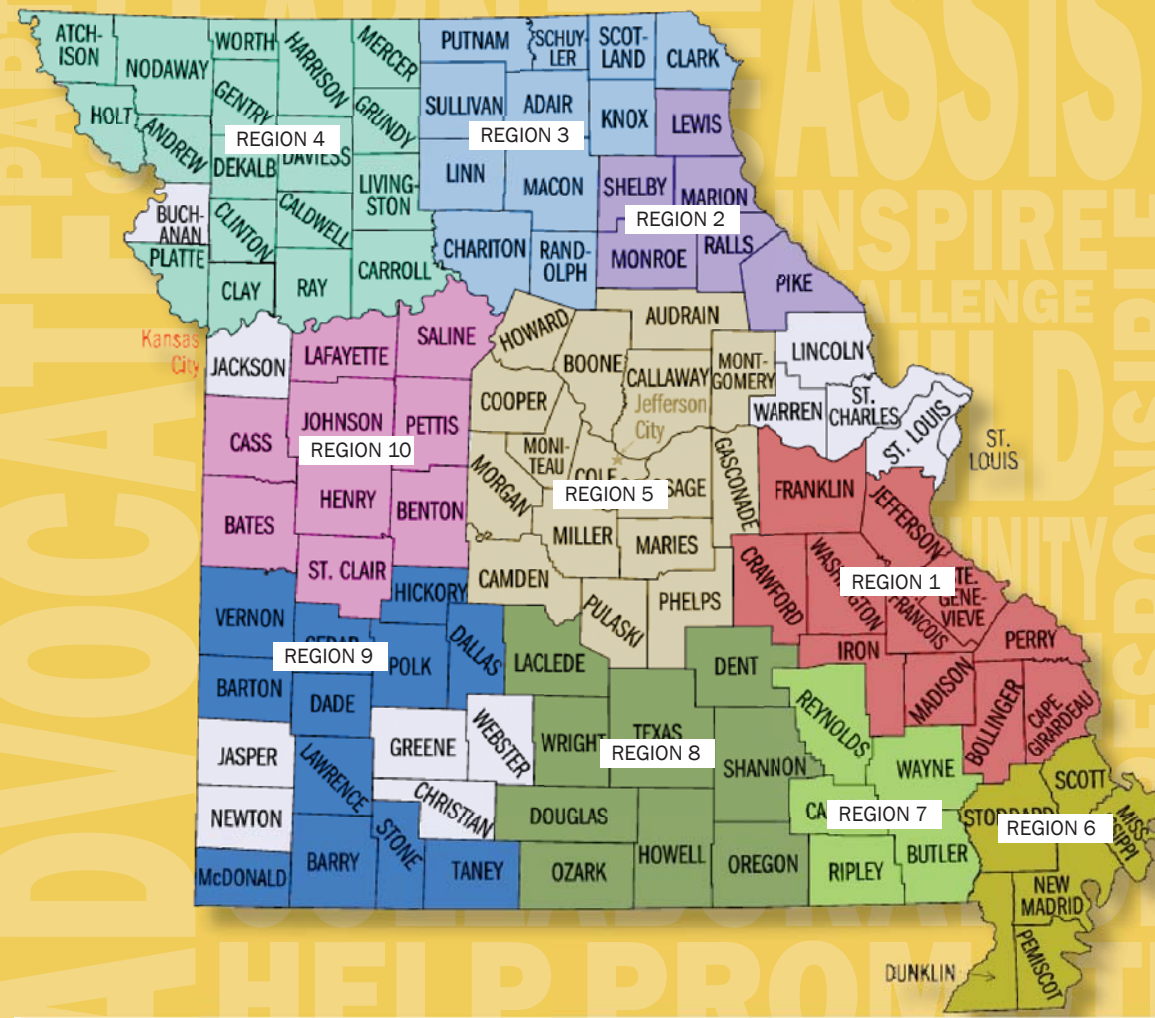
The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness has three primary responsibilities. First is facilitating the Balance of State Continuum of Care process. The second function of the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness is to raise awareness of homeless issues in Missouri. Third, the Committee maintains a list of resources and shares resources throughout the state. In addition, as part of our HUD requirements, the Committee ensures there is a valid Homeless Missourians Information System (HMIS) and conducts Regional Housing Team Meetings on a quarterly basis.

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NEXT STEPS

MISSOURI BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE MAP



HOUSING RESOURCES

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (ESG)

Help local communities to meet the basic shelter needs of those experiencing homelessness and their families. They also provide transitional housing and a variety of support services designed to move the homeless away from a life on the street toward permanent housing.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

The grants provide rental assistance and support services to individuals with HIV/AIDS and their families. The HOPWA program also helps many communities develop strategic AIDS housing plans and fill in gaps in local systems of care. Governed by DHSS.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

This grant awards money to state and local governments to target their own community development priorities. The grant rehabilitates affordable housing and is an important catalyst for job growth and business opportunities. Governed by DED.

SHELTER PLUS CARE (S+C)

Program funded through HUD that provides rental assistance and supportive services for people with mental health disabilities. The Department of Mental Health administers this program.

HOUSING TRUST FUND

Created by the State Legislature in 1994 to help meet the housing needs of very low-income families and individuals. The Trust Fund provides funding for homeless prevention, rehab or new construction of rental housing, rental assistance, and home repair. This is governed by MHDC.

PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS (PATH)

Through the federally funded PATH, the Department of Mental Health provides outreach services to homeless persons who have mental health needs. PATH is administered through DMH.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING/ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

This program provides leasing assistance for up to 24 months for individuals and families who are homeless. Only counties who do not receive HUD Supportive Housing funding directly are eligible (Balance of State Communities).

HOME

This program is designed exclusively to produce affordable housing for low-income families. HOME also assists with direct rental assistance. HOME is administered through MHDC.

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THE PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN MISSOURI

Created by the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness

Our Vision and Mission Statement

Homelessness is unacceptable in Missouri. Therefore, all individuals and families have the right to safe, affordable housing in healthy communities with access to a network of supportive services. It is our belief that housing is a right not a privilege.

Our mission is to end homelessness by:

- || Establishing strategies to promote public and private coordination and collaboration
- || Developing new strategies to evaluate and reallocate resources
- || Removing barriers to access
- || Meeting immediate support service and affordable housing needs
- || Implementing effective solutions to build economic security
- || Promoting and supporting activities that prevent homelessness
- || Bringing awareness to the citizens of Missouri