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Continuum of Care Federal Funding Update

The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) is a committee of the Partnership to End Homelessness. In the 2008 federal application for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), the CoC was successful in securing **\$375,686** to provide permanent supportive housing assistance to homeless individuals and families in our community. Funded agencies include Chrysalis Foundation and the OPC Area Program. The CoC has a proven track record of securing available federal funds, in fact, the CoC has brought more than **\$1,000,000** to Orange County since 2005. Federal HUD Homeless Program Funding by year:

2005 = \$150,000	2007 = \$278,000
2006 = \$275,000	2008 = \$375,686

UNC Student Initiatives—Leading the Way!



UNC students preparing for Box Out 2008

For several years, student organizations hosted by the Campus Y have been proactive in supporting the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Over the past two years, **HOPE** has conducted major fundraisers to support **Project Homeless Connect**. Low income and homeless working adults have received **free tax assistance** through student volunteer members of Student Poverty Reduction Outreach (**SPROUT**).

Student efforts bring much needed assistance to implementing the Ten Year Plan—efforts that utilize valuable funding resources in our community.

Student Initiatives to Combat Homelessness (SITCH), formed in the spring of 2008, brings together numerous UNC student led groups to share information, resources, and work together to address their common mission: to end homelessness and poverty throughout the Orange County community. The groups are engaged in a wide variety of activities such as educational forums and events, activism, fundraising, social justice activities, direct service and volunteerism. **The Annual Box-Out Event** during Poverty Awareness Week very visibly raises awareness while raising funds to help the homeless.

Orange County's Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness includes the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and Orange County



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Homeless Population in Orange County:

- ◆ 2006 = 237
- ◆ 2007 = 224
- ◆ 2008 = 195

In 2008, of the **195** people experiencing homelessness **58** were considered chronically homeless, meaning they suffered from mental illness, substance abuse, or physical disability in addition to long-term or frequent episodes of homelessness.

Note: These figures do not include numbers of people who are "doubled up" that is without a legal residence of their own and temporarily staying with another person.

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Annual Community Report

Homecoming

May 2009



A Message from the Partnership's Executive Team

In March 2007, Orange County's 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness was presented to the community. It outlined five goals and a host of associated strategies.

In March 2008, the Partnership hired a coordinator to facilitate the implementation of its strategies to end homelessness. Today, the Partnership offers its first annual Progress Report. As Chair of the Partnership's Executive Team, I invite you to share my pride in the accomplishments to date. The activities outlined here represent the dedication of hundreds of professionals and volunteers, united in their determination to make a difference.

Our first coordinator, Carson Dean, resigned in August 2008 to pursue a professional opportunity. He left big shoes to fill. As we continue to search for his permanent replacement, we're fortunate to have Jamie Rohe step in as interim coordinator.

Jamie is a community development and housing specialist with the Town of Chapel Hill. Her success in spearheading the county's Project Homeless Connect is the most visible sign of the passion and commitment that she brings to the issues. We are grateful to Chapel Hill for agreeing to contract with the Partnership for her services.

At this beautiful time of year, as the March winds have tossed the limbs of the pines and redbuds out my window this way and that, I have contemplated how my own best-laid plans may be buffeted about by winds of change unprecedented in my lifetime. I'm humbled to remember, though, that I have that crucial window between me and the world outside.

By February the recession had "hit home," ABC News reported: "Across the generations and income brackets, Americans say they are increasingly becoming homebodies." But retreating to the family room is not an option for everyone. With more bad news on the horizon, our work to prevent and end homelessness is daily more challenging.

The Partnership's successes are built on more than the work of the people directly involved in the projects described here: we benefit from the additional support of a most generous Orange County community. Thank you. As we move into the coming year of implementation of our 10-year plan, please stay involved and engaged.

Sally Greene, Chair

2007-2008 REPORT CARD

Grading Our Results

- Reduce Chronic Homelessness
- Increase Employment
- Prevent Homelessness
- Increase Access to Services
- Increase Public Participation in Ending Homelessness

Legend

- Goal has been implemented
- Goal is on schedule
- Not started or behind schedule

Goal: Reducing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless

The Definition
—has been homeless for more than one (1) year or has experienced homelessness four (4) or more times in the past three (3) years and has a disability.

Permanent Housing

Since 2008, approximately 27 individuals with disabilities have found permanent affordable housing because of the availability of federally subsidized rental vouchers.

Homeless Outreach

Since early 2007, Housing for New Hope has provided **Homeless Outreach** in downtown Chapel Hill. This program has engaged over **279** homeless people and enrolled **52** people in the PATH Program that provides ongoing case management to help them gain access to services.

Additionally, **ten (10)** homeless individuals have received housing to date.

Housing Support

In July 2008, Housing for New Hope began a **Housing Support Program** to help the chronically homeless obtain and maintain permanent housing.

Thus far, **32** people have been served by this program. They have received assistance with finding and maintaining housing, security and utility deposits and food purchases.



The Homeless Outreach and Housing Support Team

*From left to right:
Solomon Gasana, Ashley Brown
and Julie Leon*



Goal: Increasing Employment

When you're homeless, finding a job is more complicated than filling out applications and updating your resume. You need a place to sleep, proper clothing, transportation,... the list goes on.

The Partnership to End Homelessness Employment Initiatives Work Group spent roughly six months in 2008 to determine the most effective approaches to helping the homeless obtain and maintain employment and

make implementation recommendations to the Executive Team. To accomplish this they heard from service providers and held two business roundtables.

Special thanks to Meg McGurk for facilitating this work group.

Goal: Preventing Homelessness

The Partnership has endorsed several measures to increase access to needed services. **Discharge Planning** is now underway between the local hospitals and shelters to make sure no one is discharged from an institution to the streets. Sounds simple, right? Unfortunately, it's much more complicated.

Additionally, there are many homeless individuals who are entitled to social security benefits but have not been able to get approved. **SOAR** (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery) is a national best practice that greatly improves outcomes related to disability determinations. Orange County now has **22** SOAR-trained case managers outreaching the homeless and starting the application process for those who are eligible. There are future plans to work with UNC Hospitals to develop a formal case management system that incorporates SOAR techniques.



Goal: Increasing Access to Services



Source: www.cvm.org

The lack of phone service is a major barrier for homeless persons seeking employment, services, and general information. To address this need, **Community Voice Mail** a national non-profit organization provides voice mail services for homeless persons through partnerships with local social service agencies. Orange County service providers—Housing for New Hope, Inter-Faith Council, and the OPC Mental Health Agency—are providing this service to local homeless individuals in partnership with Wake County Human Services. A total of **50** voicemail boxes are being used in the County.

Goal: Increasing Public Participation

No Plan to End Homelessness can be effective without public support and participation. Thanks to the generosity of Mark Schultz of **The Chapel Hill News**, the Partnership has been invited to submit monthly guest columns since September 2008 to raise public awareness of homelessness in our community. Monthly topics have included: Project Homeless Connect, Mental Illness and Homelessness; and Partnership activities. Continue to look for the guest columns in the months to come.



Real Change from Spare Change has a two part goal: to raise funds to support the Orange County street outreach program administered through Housing for New Hope and to support community education to continue to teach people that there is a better way to help in our community. **Funds Raised since November 2007: \$28,106.92**

Real Change from Spare Change is a program of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership that works to educate the community on issues of homelessness. Real Change from Spare Change is a sponsor of 'Talking Sidewalks' the literary magazine composed of written work and photographs by local homeless community members. With wide-spread community support, Real Change from Spare Change continues to engage downtown businesses and the community to gain both financial support and understanding of the nature of homelessness. You can contribute to Real Change from Spare Change at www.realchangefromsparechange.org. For more information, please contact the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership at 967-9440 or partnership@downtownchapelhill.com.



Haircuts were one of many provided services.

The 2nd Annual Project Homeless Connect Orange County

Bobby decided to drop by **Project Homeless Connect** to get a haircut and lunch. He left with a clean cut, full stomach and much more—a job interview, peace of mind knowing his blood pressure was normal, clothing, and personal care items. On September 25, 2008, this one-day, one-stop event to provide services to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness was held at the Hargraves Center in Chapel Hill. Here are the results.

- ◆ Fifty (50) Service Providers
- ◆ 202 Individuals Served
- ◆ Nearly 300 Volunteers
- ◆ 400 Lunches of soup and sandwiches served

Goal #5: Increase Public Participation in Ending Homelessness

Project Homeless Connect 2009: Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is a one-day event that provides a wide range of services to people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness. The 3rd annual PHC was held on October 8th at the Hargraves Community Center and St. Joseph's CME Church in Chapel Hill, and each year the event gets bigger and better. This year 235 individuals were served, and over 50 service providers and 300 volunteers participated. New services included kidney function screening, vision screening, free reading glasses, photographic portraits, and a drumming circle.



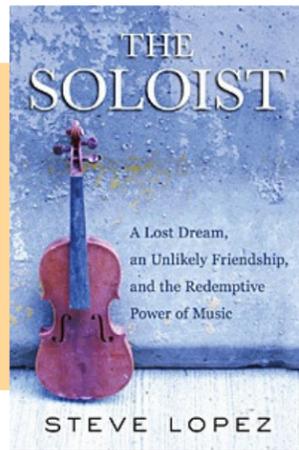
Photo by Catherine Lazorko



Photo by J.B. Cissell



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Community Read of *The Soloist*

The Soloist is a true story of the friendship between a gifted, homeless musician and a Los Angeles Times reporter. Dozens of copies of the book were purchased and loaned out by local libraries during the summer and over 70 community members and homelessness experts participated in facilitated discussion groups about the issues of homelessness and mental illness.

UNC Homeless Outreach Poverty Eradication (HOPE)

is a student group working to help people who are impoverished or homeless through initiatives including:

HOPE Gardens, an urban farm that employs homeless people, was constructed in 2009 in partnership with the Chapel Hill Department of Parks and Recreation and Active Living by Design.

The Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) began providing micro-loans, savings opportunities, job readiness assistance, and financial services in May 2009.

HOPE Community Dinners are held monthly and bring together as many as 100 people living on the street or in shelters with students and other community members.

Talking Sidewalks, a literary magazine composed entirely of prose and art by homeless individuals, released two issues and hosted two readings by the writers.

The HOPE Documentary Team produced a 24-minute film exploring the issues of substance abuse and homelessness that is being distributed and shown around the community.



Photo by Jonathan Young

For more information about the **Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness** contact the Homeless Program Coordinator, Jamie Rohe, 919-245-2496; jrohe@co.orange.nc.us; www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp

Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness 2009 Annual Report

April 2010

A Message from the Partnership's Chair



The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness is pleased to present its 2009 Annual Report highlighting the work of our community toward preventing and ending homelessness. These accomplishments come through the efforts of many community and faith-based organizations, nonprofit and governmental agencies, UNC students and other community members, often working in partnership to address the needs of our homeless. All of us should be proud of these community efforts while being mindful that there is still much to do. These difficult economic times with sustained unemployment have challenged our resources but not our resolve.

The Annual Report is an opportunity for the Partnership to present a snapshot of progress toward achieving the goals of the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. We encourage you to visit our website to gain a broader picture of efforts to prevent and end homelessness in our community, to read stories about members of our community who have ended their homelessness, and to learn about available resources: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp>. Sign up for our listserv to receive notices about our initiatives and activities and about how you can become involved in our coordinated efforts to help people experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

We want to thank all who have given so generously of their time and resources to address the needs of the homeless. There are many individuals and organizations who are working daily on their behalf that have not been mentioned in this report, yet their work is vital to this cause. Addressing and eradicating homelessness within our community requires ongoing support from each and everyone if we are to be successful. We invite you to join with us in this worthwhile endeavor.

- Sharon Coulter James, Chair

Progress toward achieving the goals of the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness

Goal #1: Reduce Chronic Homelessness

Chronically homeless individuals are defined as having a disabling condition (substance abuse disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic physical illness or disability) and having been homeless either continuously for one entire year or four or more times in the past three years.

Orange County Point-in-Time Count

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of Homeless Adults	173	171	129	149
Number of Homeless Children	35	24	27	32
Total Number of Homeless People	208	195	156	181
Number of Chronically Homeless People	46	58	42	38

Homeless people are counted each year on one night in January, including those spending the night in homeless shelters, transitional housing programs,

on the streets, in camps, etc. The count does **not** include people doubled up with friends or relatives nor those staying in institutions who were homeless upon entering, such as hospitals, jails, or detox facilities. The actual number of people who experience homelessness vastly exceeds these numbers, as indicated by other statistics in this report.

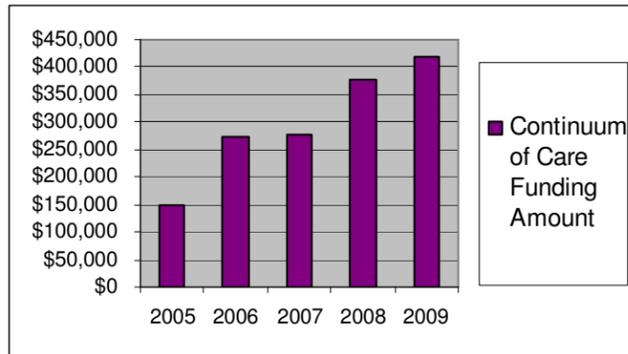
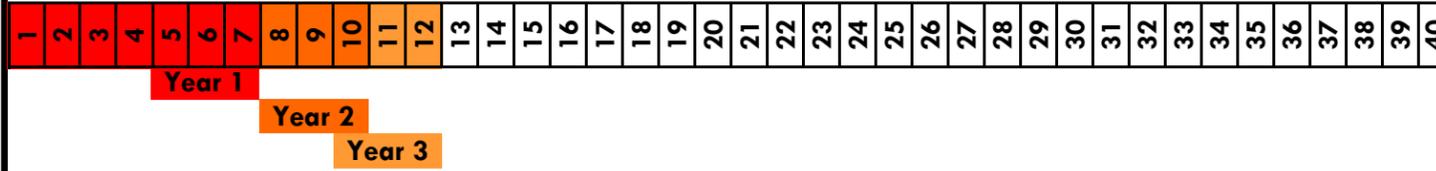


Photo by Eric Breit, Housing for New Hope

Street Outreach	2007 (6 mo.)	2008	2009
Homeless people outreached (contacted & offered assistance)	174	400	277
Homeless people enrolled in services	25	63	61
Homeless people housed	5	27	13

Housing for New Hope provides outreach services—called PATH—to homeless individuals and helps them enroll in services and obtain housing. The number of homeless people contacted and offered assistance in 2008 was unusually high because it was the first full year that Housing for New Hope operated in Orange County and making contact with individuals was a priority. The number outreached in 2009 was in line with the annual goal of 250, as staff focused on providing ongoing services and referrals.

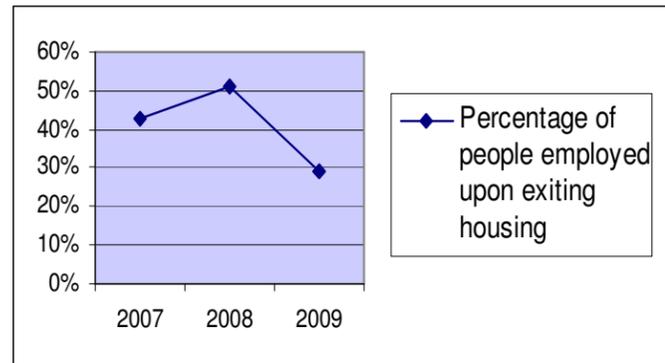
Permanent Supportive Housing units are apartments for people with disabilities where they receive the services they need for independent living that may include mental health care, health care, employment services, etc. The goal of the Orange County Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness is to create **40 units** of Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless persons; 12 units have been created so far in the first three years.



Continuum of Care Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) supports the development of Permanent Supportive Housing units for chronically homeless individuals. The Partnership anticipates receiving notification of our 2009 award this spring for the requested amount of approximately \$420,000, bringing the total amount of Orange County Continuum of Care funding since 2005 to almost \$1.5 million.

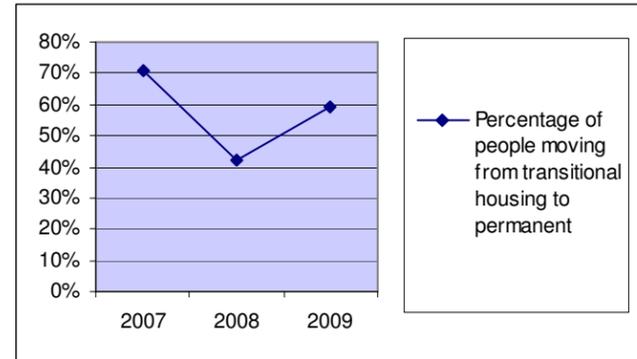
Goal #2: Increase Employment

One of HUD's five main National Homelessness Objectives is for at least 20% of people that exit Transitional Housing (where people may stay usually up to two years while receiving case management) and Permanent Supportive Housing programs to be employed. In 2009, 29% of people exiting these programs were employed. The Partnership speculates that the drop from 2008 is due to the small number of people exiting these programs (six individuals in 2009) and the economic downturn.



Goal #3: Prevent Homelessness

Another of HUD's five main National Homelessness Objectives is to increase the percentage of homeless persons moving from Transitional Housing Programs to permanent housing to at least 65%.



Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Orange County DSS, partnering with Housing for New Hope, received a grant of \$1 million in September 2009 from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) and began implementing the program last November—the Partnership to End Homelessness played a key role in applying for the grant. HPRP is a new HUD program that provides financial assistance to households that would otherwise become homeless and helps those who have lost their homes obtain stable housing.



Photo by Crystal Street

Emergency Assistance

The Interfaith Council for Social Service, Orange Congregations in Mission, Neighbor House, and Orange County Department of Social Services provide emergency shelter, financial assistance and food to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Photo by Michelle May

Interfaith Council for Social Service (IFC)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Meals served at the Community House Kitchen	80,172	78,460	85,136
Bags of groceries distributed	9,129	11,507	14,201
Households that received emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities	485	760	897
People provided with shelter (unduplicated count; numbers have decreased because clients are staying longer due to lack of employment & housing opportunities)	836	760	681
Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM)	2007	2008	2009
People that received food, clothing, or financial assist. for rent, utilities, or medications	5,254	6,812	7,777
Neighbor House of Hillsborough Food-for-All Program	2007	2008	2009
Dinners served Mondays - Thursdays	17,000+	18,000+	18,500+
Orange County Department of Social Services	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Households that received emergency financial assistance (duplicated count; maximum \$200 annually per household for housing, utilities, food, gas, and/or medicine)	3,357	3,969	4,963

Goal #4: Increase Access to Services

The Partnership hosted two **SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)** trainings by the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness in 2009, for a total of 33 case workers trained in the last three years. SOAR is a highly effective method of applying for disability benefits for homeless individuals that results in much higher approval rates and shorter waiting periods.

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2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Recruited nearly 100 community professionals and volunteers to form committees that refined and began implementing the Partnership's goals and strategies to end and prevent homelessness in the areas of:

+ Employment + Access to Services
+ Housing + Community Participation

- Hired a Homeless Program Coordinator to facilitate and coordinate the work of the Partnership.
- Held the 4th annual Project Homeless Connect that provided 131 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with over 1,600 contacts with service providers.
- Began full implementation of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) with a \$1 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EMPLOYMENT

- THE EMPLOYMENT WORK GROUP** of the Partnership to End Homelessness includes members from JobLink, Durham Tech, Employment Security Commission, UNC Community Empowerment Fund, Re-Entry Partners, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and community volunteers. The group formed in 2010 and achieved the following:
 - Researched best practices for employment programs targeted to the homeless.
 - Began developing the Job-Readiness Certification Program to help homeless people document their job preparedness for potential employers.
 - Launched a computer lab at the Skills Development Center in Chapel Hill to help homeless people learn basic as well as advanced computing skills.

+ 2011 EMPLOYMENT GOALS

- Implement the Job-Readiness Certification Program
- Recruit local employers to hire program graduates
- Begin holding job fairs for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

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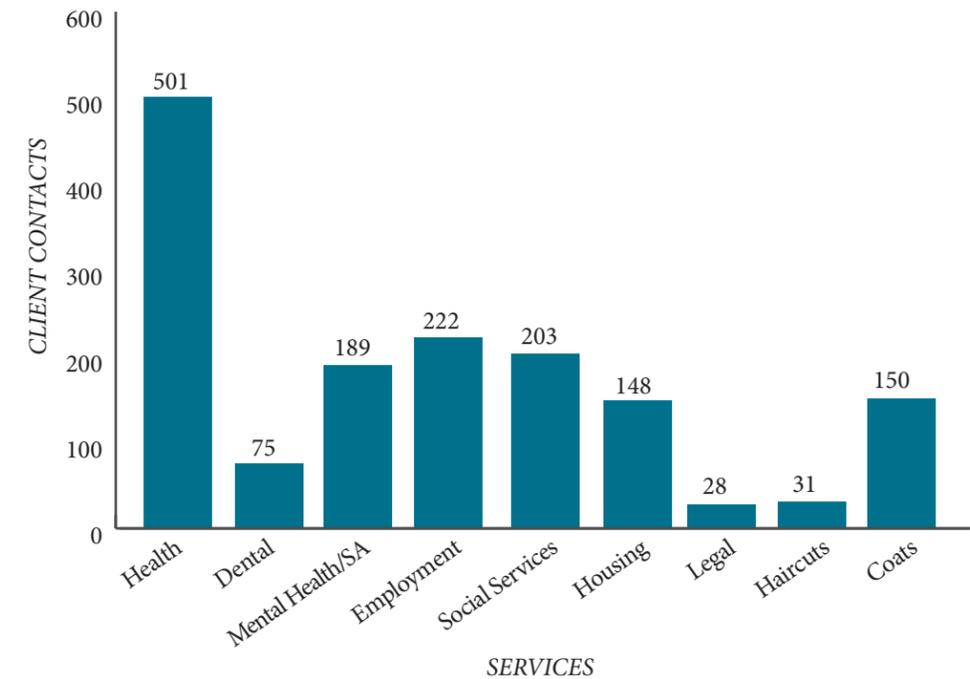
ACCESS TO SERVICES

- THE ACCESS TO SERVICES WORK GROUP** was formed with members from OPC Area Program, Piedmont Health Services (PHS), Carolina Health Net (CHN), UNC Schizophrenia Treatment and Evaluation Program (STEP), NC Legal Aid, Inter-Faith Council for Social Services (IFC), Veterans Administration, Freedom House Recovery Center and the Department of Social Services.
- THE SERVICES COORDINATION TEAM** brought together homeless service providers and law enforcement officers to identify and develop treatment strategies for chronically homeless individuals.
- Created and distributed approximately 5,000 Pocket Guides of Support Services to inform homeless people and services providers about the resources available in Orange County:
www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/documents/pocketguide.pdf

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SERVING THE HOMELESS AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Meals served at Community House	78,460	85,136	77,212
Meals served at HomeStart	9,093	6,763	10,076
Bags of groceries distributed at Community Services	11,507	14,201	15,701
Households that received emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities at Community Services	760	897	967
Adults and children sheltered at Community House (emergency shelter) and HomeStart (transitional housing and emergency shelter) (unduplicated count)	760	683	587
Adults and children sheltered (duplicated count: cumulative number of the nights people were sheltered)	31,852	33,508	33,781
Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM)	2008	2009	2010
People that received food, clothing or financial assistance for rent, utilities or medications	6,812	7,777	7,292
Neighbor House of Hillsborough Food-for-All Program	2008	2009	2010
Dinners served Monday-Thursday	18,000+	18,500+	19,500+
Orange County Department of Social Services	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Households that received emergency financial assistance (duplicated count: maximum \$200 annually per household for housing, utilities, food, gas and/or medicine)	3,969	4,963	4,926

- PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT:** The 4th annual Project Homeless Connect—a one-day event that provides a wide range of services to people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness—was held November 4, 2010 at the Hargraves Community Center and St. Joseph's CME Church in Chapel Hill. One hundred thirty-one guests were served by over 50 local service providers. The guests experienced a total of over 1,600 contacts with these agencies – an average of approximately 13 services provided per guest.



Photos by Laura Shmania

- CAROLINA HEALTH NET (CHN)** is a collaboration among Piedmont Health Services (PHS), UNC Health Care and the UNC Department of Family Medicine to provide a system of care for the uninsured. Carolina Health Net has enrolled 33 homeless patients in Orange County since it began operations in 2008 including 18 in 2010.

+ 2011 SERVICE GOALS

- Increase disability benefit applications and approvals for the chronically homeless.
- Publish and distribute educational materials on mental illness and substance abuse to homeless and at-risk people.

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The [Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness](#) is a collaboration among service providers, local governments, faith-based and other community groups, local businesses, the UNC-CH community and volunteers to end and prevent homelessness in Orange County. We are working together to increase access to:

Housing ❖ **Employment** ❖ **Services**

HOUSING

2011 Accomplishments:

- Five (5) disabled, homeless individuals were housed in [CASA](#) apartments and received needed services;
- Three (3) disabled, homeless individuals received Shelter Plus Care rental vouchers through the [OPC Area Program](#) and found apartments with private landlords;
- The [Inter Faith Council for Social Service](#) provided emergency shelter for 368 men and women and transitional housing for 67 women and children;
- Through [Housing for New Hope](#):
 - 263 homeless people were “outreached,” or engaged by case managers;
 - 126 mentally ill homeless people were enrolled in the PATH program; 44—including 10 families with children—were housed and 90 were referred to mental health, substance abuse and/or healthcare providers.



Housing for New Hope Outreach Nurse Marigny Manson with client

A Life Changed

“I don’t want to die outside,” my friend said as he lay on a gurney in the emergency room. I had grown accustomed to visiting him here. When I could not find him in his usual spots in downtown Chapel Hill, my first call was to the hospital. For nearly a year, we talked about him getting off the streets. We filled out applications for housing programs with waiting lists longer than his life expectancy. Everything was a long shot. I was not sure it was possible; he expected nothing.

It was about four months ago when we stood a few steps back as he unlocked the door to his apartment for the first time. He was overwhelmed; we all were. A widespread collaboration of friends, service providers and community partners brought together the housing, rental subsidy and supportive services that made this possible. His gratitude for even the most basic comforts puts things in perspective. To him, a pillow is an unnecessary luxury and, when it rains, he reminds me that just having a place to stay warm and dry is a blessing.

- Emily Clark, December 2011

100,000 HOMES

For 100,000 homeless Americans by July 2013

100,000 Homes Campaign

The Orange and Wake Partnerships to End Homelessness and the United Way of the Greater Triangle participated in this national initiative to provide housing and services to chronically homeless people who are likely to die on the streets.



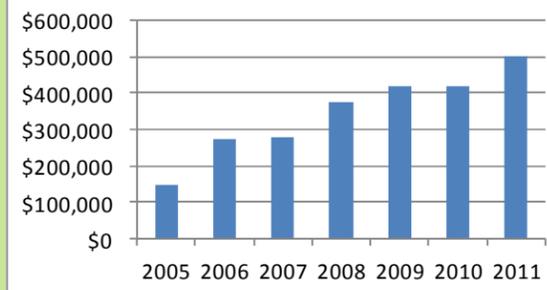
In 2011 the Partnership—including law enforcement, Emergency Management Services, Veterans Affairs, affordable housing providers, service providers & others:

- Mapped locations where homeless people sleep outdoors;
- Began lining up a supply of housing and health, mental health and substance abuse services;
- Planned “Registry Week” (January 2012) to survey the homeless in shelters and on the streets and to prioritize the most vulnerable for housing and services.

HUD Continuum of Care Grant

Orange County was awarded nearly \$500,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to house those who are homeless and have a disability, including a new grant awarded to the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health for two (2) additional units.

Continuum of Care Funding



Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP)

The [Orange County Department of Social Services](#) (DSS) received a HPRP grant from HUD in 2009 for preventing homelessness and providing rapid re-housing assistance to people experiencing homelessness; high demand resulted in all funds being committed by the end of 2011.

- \$611,557 in assistance prevented 131 adults and 142 children from becoming or remaining homeless.
- The overwhelming majority of the funds (75%) was spent on rent; the remaining 25% was spent on utilities, security and utility deposits, moving costs and motel rooms.
- Two-thirds of recipients needed assistance for nine (9) months or less.

2012 Housing Goals:

- 100,000 Homes Campaign: house eight (8) of the most medically vulnerable chronically homeless people in Orange County;
- Engage private landlords to be flexible on rental criteria and reduce rents for people at risk of homelessness.

EMPLOYMENT

2011 Accomplishments:

- Implemented the Job Partners job-readiness program for people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness;
- Recruited nine (9) local employers to hire Job Partners graduates;
- Extensively researched social enterprises for employing the homeless;
- Developed a “Ban the Box” proposal to local governments to eliminate questions about criminal convictions from initial employment applications.

2012 Employment Goals:

- Establish a Job Partners Steering Committee to oversee the program;
- Graduate ten (10) people from the Job Partners job-readiness program;
- Recruit fifteen (15) Job Partners employers;
- Help six (6) Job Partners graduates find employment;
- Develop a feasibility study for a social enterprise to employ the homeless;
- Build community support & petition local governments to “Ban the Box.”

A Life Changed

Reggie Thomas was released from Orange Correctional Center (OCC) in December 2011 after serving a 5-year sentence. Reggie would most likely have become homeless if not for the help with housing, furnishings, food and medication he received from members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. They also connected Reggie with the OCEPH Job Partners program where he developed an Individualized Employment Plan, took the Work Keys assessment tests through JobLink and completed a Job-Seeking Skills Workshop at Durham Technical Community College.

Reggie had a background and interest in food preparation and was hired in February 2012 at Mama Dips Restaurant in Chapel Hill. He is now preparing Mama Dip’s famous cobbler and under her tutelage is learning to make her other wonderful dishes.

Reggie says, “It was a real struggle transitioning back into society and trying to find work in this tough economy. A lot of guys end up going back to prison because they don’t have family support or the help I got from agencies, sponsors and volunteers.”



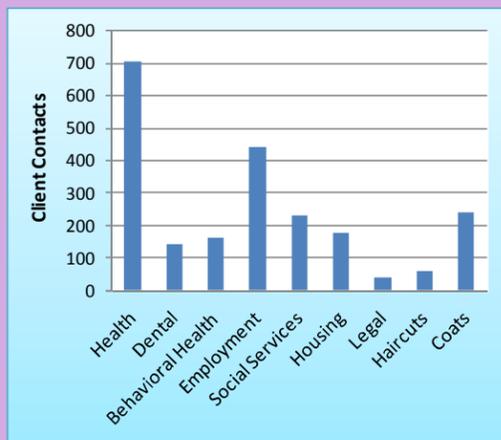
Reggie Thomas at Mama Dip’s

SERVICES

2011 Accomplishments:

Held the 5th annual [Project Connect](#):

- Over 50 service providers participated including healthcare, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, legal services, housing and employment agencies;
- 230 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness were served;
- 2,344 client contacts between guests and service providers were recorded –an average of 11 service provider visits per guest.



Photos by Laura Hendley Shmania
Photography www.ButterFlites.com

Implemented **Transition Court** at the Orange County Courthouse in Chapel Hill which allows homeless people charged with minor crimes to follow mental health and/or substance abuse treatment plans instead of going to jail. Transition Court is a collaboration among the Orange County District Attorney's office, UNC School of Law Pro Bono Program, Legal Aid of NC—which provides these clients free legal assistance—and Freedom House Recovery Center.

Emergency Services provided by local agencies

Orange Congregations in Mission	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of people that received food, clothing and/or financial assistance for rent, utilities or medications	6,812	7,777	7,292	8,138
Hot meals served to the homebound	7,460	6,392	5,528	5,209
Neighbor House of Hillsborough	2008	2009	2010	2011
Dinners served week nights at Fairview Baptist Church & Southern Country Inn	18,000+	18,500+	19,500+	23,000+
Orange County Dept. of Social Services	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Number of households that received emergency financial assistance (duplicated count: maximum \$200 annually per household for housing, utilities, food, gas and/or medicine)	3,969	4,963	4,926	2,773*

* The decrease from 2009-10 to 2010-11 is primarily due to changes in eligibility criteria to only serving households with children, elderly and/or disabled members and to a decrease in available funds

Featured Partner



Inter-Faith Council for Social Service

For nearly half a century IFC has helped community members in crisis by providing shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance and a myriad of other services. IFC is an invaluable part of the safety net that catches those who are experiencing or are at risk of poverty and homelessness and is a key founder and partner of the OCEPH.

- Since 1985 IFC has operated an emergency shelter program, now called **Community House**, which has 50 permanent beds for men, a medical clinic, mental health services, job coaching, social work, community resource referrals, partner agency projects, laundry & postal services.
- The **Community Kitchen** serves breakfast, lunch and dinner 365 days a year for everyone who comes.
- **Homestart** opened in 1998 and provides emergency, short & longer-term housing & services to 50 homeless women & children at a time.
- **Community Services & Food Pantry** provides financial assistance, groceries, clothing vouchers, Hispanic outreach & information about community resources.

Inter-Faith Council for Social Services	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Meals served at Community House and HomeStart shelters	87,553	91,899	87,288	78,566
Bags of groceries distributed at Community Services food pantry	11,507	14,201	15,701	17,278
Households that received emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities at Community Services	760	897	967	804
Adults & children sheltered at Community House (emergency shelter for men) and HomeStart (emergency shelter & transitional housing for women & children, unduplicated count)	760	683	587	504
Adults and children sheltered (cumulative number of nights people were sheltered, duplicated count)	31,852	33,508	33,781	32,722

2012 Services Goals:

- Work with service providers to increase the number of designated homeless disability benefits workers;
- Arrange for services to be provided to the homeless people housed through the 100,000 Homes Campaign;
- Continue to develop mental health/substance abuse treatment plans for the chronically homeless;
- Publish a How-to Guide for Obtaining ID;
- Publish a mental illness/substance abuse brochure and distribute to people experiencing homelessness.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

2011 Accomplishments:

- Developed the Orange County Support Circle Program after researching successful models in other communities;
Support Circles are teams of 8-10 volunteers who partner with individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing. Support Circles function as a support network providing their Partners assistance with everything from job searching and financial planning to goal-setting, child care, and emotional support. They empower individuals and families with the skills necessary to live independently and improve the quality of their lives.
- Held the "Summit on Support Circles for our Homeless" at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in November 2011 to educate the community about the Support Circle Program.
- Created program guidelines and forms and planned Support Circle training.
- Appointed a volunteer Support Circle Program Coordinator who will oversee the program with the assistance of the Advisory Committee.



2012 Community Participation Goals:

- Hold two (2) Support Circle trainings;
- Form at least four (4) Support Circles; the first ones in spring 2012;
- Work with Freedom House, UNC Horizons, IFC and the Orange County Department of Social Services to identify the first Support Circles Partners;
- Work with the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership to strengthen the Real Change from Spare Change program that raises money for homeless street outreach, educates the community about the issues of homelessness and encourages people not to give money to panhandlers.

Join our efforts:

- **Form a Support Circle;**
- **Help Plan Project Connect 2012;**
- **Join the Job Partners Steering Committee**
- **Help us create a social enterprise to employ the Homeless;**
- **Donate household items to a person moving into independent housing;**
- **And more...**

For more information about the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness visit: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp> or call Jamie Rohe, Homeless Program Coordinator, at 919-245-2496

2011 Executive Team Members:

Terry Allebaugh, Housing for New Hope (HNH)
Roger Badrock, Orange County Resident
Frank Cohen, New Goloka Hare Krishna Temple
Rowell Daniels, UNC Health Care
Hank Elkins, Pre-Release Committee, OCC
Tish Galu, St. Thomas More, Justice United
Jacquelyn Gist, Carrboro Board of Aldermen
Sally Greene, Chapel Hill Town Council
Eric Hallman, Hillsborough Board of Commissioners
Barbara Jesse-Black, PTA Thrift Shop
Aaron Nelson, CH-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce
Vanessa Neustrom, OPC Area Program
Jeff Nieman, OC Assistant District Attorney
Sylvia Novinsky, UNC-CH School of Law
Bernadette Pelissier, OC Board of Commissioners
Jamie Rohe, Homeless Program Coordinator
Mary Jean Seyda, CASA
Laurie Tucker, Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
Briggs Wesche, A Southern Season
Michael Wood, Community Empowerment Fund



Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The OCPEH is a collaboration of housing and service providers, local governments, faith-based and other community groups, local businesses, the UNC-CH community and volunteers.

We are working together to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County by increasing access to:

- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Services



Housing for New Hope outreach worker Matt Ballard (right)

HOUSING

In 2012 the **100,000 HOMES TASKFORCE** collaboratively obtained housing, mental health care, substance abuse treatment and other needed services for seven of the most **vulnerable people experiencing long-term homelessness** in our community.

A grant from the **STROWD ROSES** Foundation provided **free health care and prescription medications** to those without income or health insurance.

The Partnership coordinated applications for these HUD grants:

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) GRANT

Cardinal Innovations/OPC Community Operations Center and the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health received nearly \$500,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2012 to provide housing for disabled people who are experiencing homelessness. The grant is anticipated to help approximately 100 people obtain and maintain housing.



EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

The Orange County Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) received an ESG grant for \$195,000. DSS will launch a new **Rapid Re-Housing Program** that helps people who become homeless to quickly obtain housing and provides them with the rental assistance, case management and services they need to maintain stable housing. IFC will continue to provide emergency shelter for men and women in its Community House and Homestart residences.



The OCPEH successfully petitioned the towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough and Orange County to remove the question on prior criminal convictions from their initial employment applications.

EMPLOYMENT

The **Job Partners Program** began in 2012, helping people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness—with a focus on **at-risk youth** and those with **criminal histories**—become job-ready and find employment. The program is a collaboration among JobLink, Orange County Department of Social Services, Second Family Foundation, Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, Chapel Hill—Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, UNC Horizons and local businesses and is administered by the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF).

In 2012, twenty-one businesses became Job Partners Employers and eighteen people participated in the program.

For information about volunteering or donating to the Job Partners Program, please contact CEF at info@communityempowermentfund.org / 919.200.0233

Featured Partner:



CEF provides savings opportunities, financial and career readiness education and relational support to unemployed and underemployed individuals in Orange and Durham Counties.

CEF pairs volunteer “Advocates” with each of its members to help them:

- Gain employment and income
- Move into housing
- Save successfully towards goals
- Manage household finances after moving into an apartment and achieve greater financial independence
- Develop a supportive and positive community



SERVICES



Outreach Court

is the first special court in NC to offer people experiencing homelessness an alternative to incarceration for misdemeanor crimes.

Participants are screened by the **UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health** which designs individualized treatment plans.

After successfully completing six months of their treatment plans participants graduate from Outreach Court and in most cases the criminal charges are dropped.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Support Circles

are teams of volunteers who partner with individuals and families transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing. They provide emotional and practical support, helping their Partners access community resources to find jobs, housing, transportation, child care, and other assistance to help maintain their self-sufficiency.



In 2012, the first two Support Circles were formed with participants from St. Thomas More Catholic Church, University United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church of the Advocate, Mount Carmel Baptist Church and New Goloka Hare Krishna Temple.

To form, join or support a Support Circle, please contact Kathy Millikan at oc.sc.coordinator@gmail.com / 919.442.8116

OCPEH PARTNERS

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...and many wonderful, compassionate community volunteers

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The Sixth Annual



... was held on October 11, 2012 at the Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill

- ◇ More than 50 agencies participated including health care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment, legal services, housing and employment service providers
- ◇ **268 people** experiencing or at risk of homelessness were served
- ◇ Nearly **2,700 client contacts** between guests and service providers were recorded—an average of 10 per guest

To volunteer with Project Connect 2013

Contact: jrohe@orangecountync.gov / 919.245.2496



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Photography www.ButterFlites.com



PROJECT CONNECT

The 7th Annual Project Connect was held on October 10, 2013 at the Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill.

- More than 50 healthcare, mental healthcare, substance abuse treatment, legal services, housing and employment agencies participated
- 250 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness served
- 2,600 client contacts between guests and service providers

Project Connect 2014 will take place on October 9th!

To volunteer with Project Connect 2014, contact:

HousingHumanRightsCD@orangecountync.gov

Elizabeth Waugh-Duford or Jamie Rohe at 919.245.2496



2013



Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Since 2007, the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) has worked towards preventing and ending homelessness in Orange County. We are pleased to present our 2013 Report to the Community, which is an opportunity for us to present our progress towards ensuring that all Orange County residents are safely and securely housed. Eradicating homelessness within our community requires ongoing support from everyone. We invite you to join with us to help make Orange County a place where all residents have a place to call home.

To learn more about the Partnership's work to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyPEH>

<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/housing/endinghomelessness.asp>

Follow us on Twitter: @OCPEHNC

OCPEH PARTNERS

CASA

Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce
Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership
Chapel Hill Restaurant Group
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Child Care Services Association
Community Empowerment Fund
Compass Center for Women & Families
Durham Technical Community College
Durham Veterans' Affairs
EmPOWERment Inc.
Episcopal Church of the Advocate
Family Preservation
Freedom House Recovery Center
Greenleaf Church
Hidden Voices
Housing for New HOPE
Institute for Family-Centered Services
Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
JobLink Career Center

JOCCA

Justice United
KidSCOPE
Legal Aid of NC
Lutheran Services Carolinas
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Neighbor House of Hillsborough
New Goloka Hare Krishna Temple
OCC Pre-Release Program
Orange Congregations in Mission
Orange County
Orange County Courts
Orange County Literacy Council
Orange County Schools
Piedmont Health Services
PTA Thrift Shop
RHA Health Services, Inc.
Second Family Foundation
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Town of Carrboro

Town of Chapel Hill
Town of Hillsborough
UNC-Chapel Hill

UNC Center for Excellence in Community
Mental Health
UNC Healthcare
UNC Horizons
UNC Dept. of City & Regional Planning
UNC School of Journalism
UNC School of Law
UNC School of Social Work
University United Methodist Church
Vocational Rehabilitation



The OCPEH is funded by Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. It is a collaboration of housing and service providers, local governments, faith-based and other community groups, local businesses, the UNC-CH community, and volunteers.

We work to prevent and end homelessness in Orange County by increasing access to:

- Housing
- Employment
- Services

Inside the Report:

- Housing Initiatives
- Featured Community Partner
- Employment Initiatives
- Community Participation
- Services
- Project Connect



HOUSING INITIATIVES

The **100,000 HOMES** Taskforce has developed treatment plans for several individuals in our community who are chronically homeless, most of whom have serious health, mental health, and/or substance use problems. The Taskforce includes law enforcement officers, street outreach workers, and case managers from Freedom House Recovery Center, Cardinal Innovations, UNC Hospitals, and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service.

In 2013, eight (8) of the most vulnerable people experiencing long-term homelessness in Orange County obtained housing and services.

In 2013, the Partnership coordinated the funding process for the following HUD grants.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant:

- \$450,000 awarded to Cardinal Innovations/OPC and the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health to serve disabled homeless

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

- \$105,564 awarded to the Orange County Department of Social Services and the Inter-Faith Council for Social Services for rapid re-housing and emergency shelter



OUR 2013 FEATURED PARTNER:

Critical Time Intervention (CTI) Program at the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health

Interview with Bebe Smith, Project Director for CTI and OCPEH volunteer for the 100,000 Homes Taskforce

What is the CTI (Critical Time Intervention) Program?

CTI is an intensive case management program based at the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health. Funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, CTI uses a team-based approach, focusing on supporting people with severe and persistent mental illness during major life transitions.

How does the CTI program help to prevent homelessness?

CTI provides support and encouragement to help meet clients' most basic needs, including accessing housing, benefits, and health care; and teaching financial management and independent living skills. The first people enrolled in CTI were all from the 100,000 Homes Taskforce's list of most vulnerable homeless in our community.

How can I learn more about the CTI Program?

Visit our website, www.unccti.org.



Bebe Smith, LCSW

EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

In 2013:

- **12 new businesses** agreed to serve as Job Partners Employers
- **18 people participated** in the program, and **12 gained employment upon graduating**



The Job Partners Program began in 2012, helping people at risk of homelessness—with a focus on at-risk youth and those with criminal histories—become job ready and find employment. Each participant attends weekly Opportunity Classes as well as working with a personal Job Coach. The program is administered by the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF).

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

In 2013:

- **Two Support Circle teams**, made up of volunteers from the faith community committed to helping individuals and families achieve greater self-sufficiency, were formed
- **Two families** were assisted with transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing



SERVICES

In 2013, Outreach Court served 43 individuals, and was successful both in reducing jail time, and decreasing instances of criminal activity and arrest, for people experiencing chronic homelessness. The court is unique in North Carolina as the first special court to offer people experiencing homelessness an alternative to incarceration for misdemeanor crimes. Participants are screened by the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health, which designs individualized treatment plans. Once participants complete a 6-month plan, most charges are dropped.

2016 REPORT



OVERALL GOALS

1. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans
2. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness

80

PEOPLE IN ORANGE
COUNTY EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS ON
ONE NIGHT

\$715,000

federal funding
secured in 2016

\$7 million

since 2005

2016 GOALS

1. Secure federal funding for homeless service programs
2. Coordinate local programs using best practices
3. Raise awareness about homelessness in Orange County



Project Connect

events in March &
October connected
283 guests with
2027 services



20 of the most
vulnerable people
housed in 2016

64 housed since
2012

OC Connect

database launched -
search for housing &
online:

occonnect.info



Homeless System Beds

110 SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

20 RAPID RE-HOUSING

107 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



34 COMMUNITY
MEETINGS
4 HOMELESSNESS
ORIENTATIONS
6 GROUP
PRESENTATIONS

2017 REPORT

Everyone deserves a safe, stable place to call home.



21 OF THE MOST
VULNERABLE PEOPLE
HOUSED IN 2017

85 HOUSED
SINCE 2012



\$740,000
FEDERAL FUNDING SECURED IN 2017

\$7.8 MILLION
SINCE 2005

127 PEOPLE IN ORANGE
COUNTY EXPERIENCED
HOMELESSNESS
ON ONE NIGHT



2017



ONE DAY SERVICE EVENT CONNECTED
173 GUESTS WITH **1,141** SERVICES



55 COMMUNITY
MEETINGS

4 HOMELESSNESS
ORIENTATIONS

11 GROUP
PRESENTATIONS

4 PRESENTATIONS
TO ELECTED BOARDS

HOMELESS SYSTEM BEDS

5 RAPID
RE-HOUSING

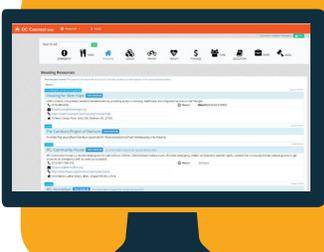
111 SHELTER &
TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING

113 PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING



GOALS

- Prevent and end homelessness among **Veterans**
- Finish the job of ending **chronic homelessness**
- Prevent and end homelessness for **families, youth and children**
- Set a path to ending **all types** of homelessness

OC CONNECT
RESOURCE DATABASE

SEARCH FOR HELP ONLINE:
OCCONNECT.INFO

2018 REPORT

Everyone deserves a safe, stable place to call home.

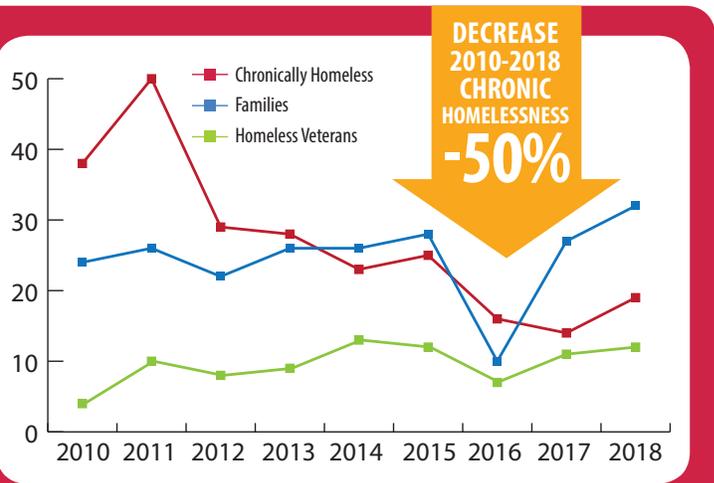
47 OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE HOUSED IN 2018

128 HOUSED SINCE 2012

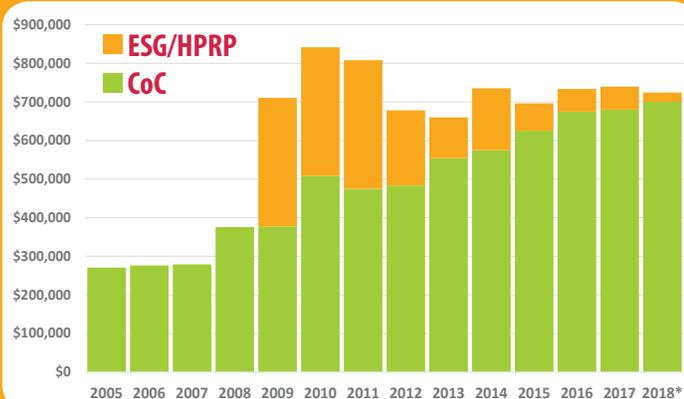


SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Great Progress Towards Ending Chronic Homelessness In Orange County



OCPEH secured \$8.5 million in federal funding for Orange County since 2005



\$724,300 FEDERAL FUNDING SECURED IN 2018

\$8.5 MILLION SINCE 2005

55 COMMUNITY MEETINGS **5** PRESENTATIONS TO ELECTED BOARDS

5 HOMELESSNESS ORIENTATIONS **8** GROUP PRESENTATIONS

2018 REPORT

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PEOPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS ON ONE NIGHT



Point-in-Time count numbers are up compared with last year and over time

ORANGE COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA 2010-2018



15% DECREASE

24% DECREASE

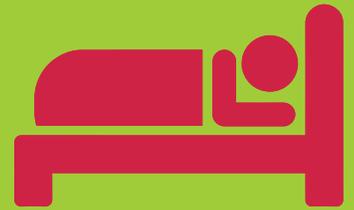
HOMELESS SYSTEM BEDS

111 SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

91 YEAR-ROUND
20 COLD WEATHER COTS

15 RAPID RE-HOUSING

93 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



People experiencing homelessness are disproportionately people of color

RACE

% of People Experiencing Homelessness in Orange County



% of People in Orange County Overall



Legend: Black or African-American, White, Multiple Races, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

We cannot end homelessness without closing the seven current system gaps.

- Best practice, fully-funded Rapid Re-housing
- Income based rental housing
- Drop-in Day Center with Integrated Services
- Street Outreach
- 24 Hour Bathroom Facilities in Downtown Chapel Hill/Carrboro
- Accessible & Housing Focused Shelter
- Diversion Funding



2018



PROJECT CONNECT
ORANGE COUNTY

ONE DAY SERVICE EVENT CONNECTED

115 GUESTS WITH 1,131 SERVICES

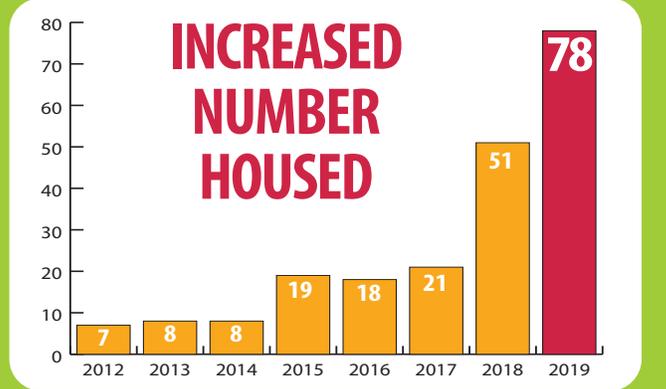
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2019 REPORT

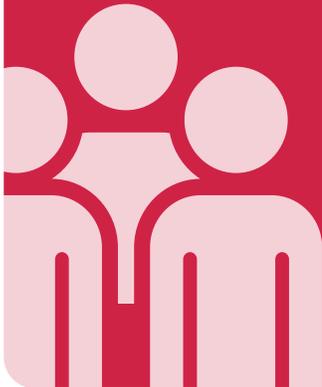
We can end homelessness in Orange County.

78 VULNERABLE
HOUSEHOLDS
HOUSED IN
2019

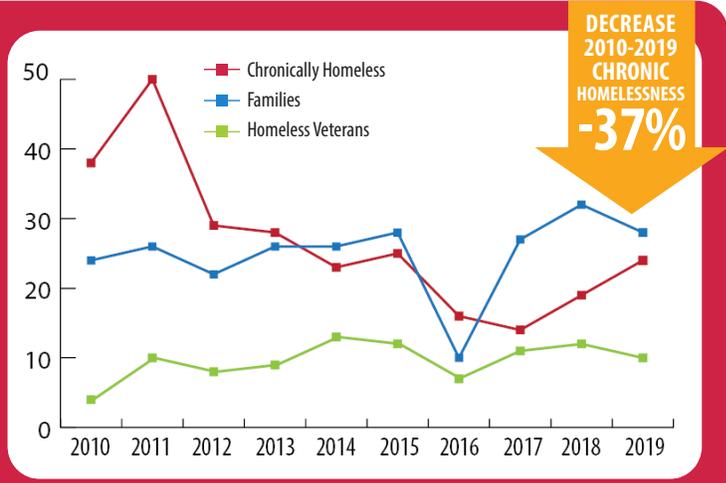
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HOUSED SINCE 2012



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

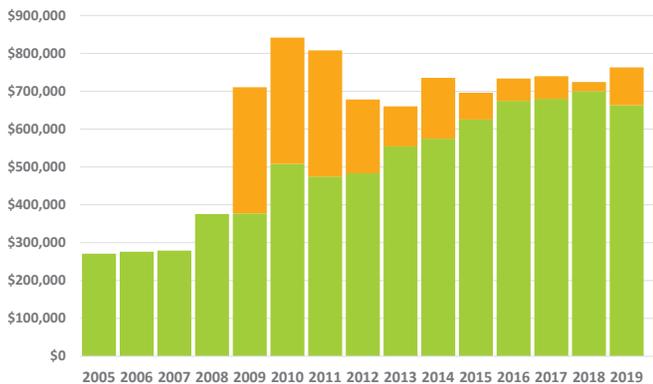


Progress Towards
Ending Chronic
Homelessness In
Orange County



Emergency Solutions Grant/Homeless Prevention
and Rapid Rehousing Program

Continuum of Care



\$775,546
FEDERAL FUNDING PREVIEWED IN 2019

\$9.4 MILLION
SINCE 2005

**ONLINE RESOURCE DATABASE:
OCCONNECT.INFO**

2019 REPORT

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PEOPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS ON ONE NIGHT



Orange County Point-in-Time (PIT) count numbers virtually flat since 2010

ORANGE COUNTY POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA 2010-2019



15%
DECREASE

24%
DECREASE

HOMELESS SYSTEM BEDS

112 SHELTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

92 YEAR-ROUND
20 COLD WEATHER COTS

88 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

0 RAPID RE-HOUSING



People experiencing homelessness are disproportionately people of color

RACE

% of People Experiencing Homelessness in Orange County



% of People in Orange County Overall



■ Black or African-American ■ White ■ Multiple Races ■ American Indian or Alaska Native
■ Asian ■ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

We can end homelessness by closing the ten current system gaps.

GAPS	FULL ANNUAL COST	FUNDING SECURED	FUNDING NEEDED
 Rapid Re-Housing	\$1,074,150	\$382,613	\$691,537
 Coordinated Entry Staffing	\$161,051	\$130,000	\$27,225
 Medical Respite Beds	\$217,180	\$0	\$217,180
 Memorial Service Funding	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
 Youth Host Homes Program	\$129,180	\$0	\$129,180
 Income-Based Rental Units	Dependent on approach		
 Day Center with Services	Dependent on approach		
 Street Outreach	Dependent on approach		
 24-Hour Bathrooms	Dependent on approach		
 Accessible, Housing-Focused Shelter	Dependent on approach		
TOTAL	\$1,586,561	\$512,613	\$1,070,122

Less expensive to fill gaps than to continue homelessness

Filling gaps results in taxpayer savings



Costs are **10-20 times** higher for people experiencing **chronic homelessness** vs. **first-time homelessness**. More than \$35,000 higher per year on average.

\$2,431,683

Estimated taxpayer cost of homelessness in Orange County

\$1,361,561

\$1,070,122
Cost to fund homelessness service gap

Estimated annual cost savings

(\$13.6 million savings over 10 years)

