

Destination Home: Status of Ongoing Strategies



Promotion of Destination Home

- ④ Educational Specialist began in March to focus promotion of *Destination Home* to the community and coordinating the educational strategies outlined in the plan
- ④ Focus during 2006 will be on corporate and faith-based support
- ④ A bi-monthly progress report is produced and made available to interested persons.
- ④ Endorsements for *Destination Home* have been obtained from 55 organizations and 13 individuals.
- ④ *Destination Home* presentations have been made to two state-wide groups, one other community, local state legislators and to over 20 groups, churches and organizations.

Increase Coordination of Existing Services

- ④ Veterans Homeless Network Group meets quarterly
- ④ United Way of Southwestern Indiana - 211 continues to operate to provide access to information about assistance
- ④ DMD has expanded use of the Hoosier Information Management System to some CDBG and ESG Grant recipients
- ④ Development of PlayStations, a coordinated early childhood development program in six existing homeless programs, is moving forward
- ④ Development of a Homeless Youth Council is moving forward in establishing partnerships.
- ④ The Hoosier Management Information System has been expanded to 19 local agencies.

Increase Training for Existing Providers

- ④ Bridges Out of Poverty training has generated first year funding (\$25,000) and the Advisory Council is developing a training schedule to begin in fall of 2006
- ④ The Training and Certification Committee has surveyed local shelters to determine use of the training program and has developed a list of areas most needed. The first training session was held in March 2006.

Develop Resources

- ④ The Bike to Work Program provided over 42 bikes to homeless veterans to help with employment in 2005. The program continues to operate in 2006.
- ④ Vectren initiated a pilot program called Universal Service Program to provide natural gas assistance to low-income households year round.
- ④ Work has begun on the development of the rating scale to identify those at-risk of losing their housing.
- ④ Research on Social Enterprises was obtained from Purdue University.
- ④ A Supportive Housing Forum was held in Evansville to promote interest in developing supportive housing locally.
- ④ ECHO Housing has committed to the development of 100 units of Supportive Single Room Occupancy units over the next 3 years.

2006 Priority Strategies

- ④ Continue strategies begun in 2005
- ④ Begin identifying resources/renters for prevention and homeownership strategies
- ④ Begin development of the strategy to move 1000 low income renters into home ownership
- ④ Convene Community Discharge Policy Committee (established in 2005)
- ④ Begin developing a Housing First program for those at risk of homelessness
- ④ Train service providers on the Rating Scale and the use of the Prevention System
- ④ Promote the incorporation of the Strength Based Model into services