

Destination: Home

Status of Ongoing Strategies



Promotion of *Destination: Home*

- ⑩ New web site developed: www.destination-home.info
- ⑩ *Housing Matters!* campaign began with emphasis on 2006-2007 legislative session (We celebrate the creation of a dedicated funding source for the State Housing Trust Fund)
- ⑩ Development and use of *Housing Matters!* homeless simulation activities for community awareness presentations
- ⑩ Booth at the Home Show in April 2007 with 9 different service providers participating
- ⑩ Total endorsements (organizational and individual) equal 96
- ⑩ Individualized presentations average 20 per year
- ⑩ Bi-monthly progress reports are made available/sent out regularly to interested persons

Increase Coordination of Services

- ⑩ A part-time regional coordinator for HMIS has been hired
- ⑩ Four sites are currently equipped as PlaySpaces. Two more sites are ready to begin design work.
- ⑩ The Homeless Youth Council formed in January 2007, with three subgroups: Community Education, Coordinated Services and Community Models research. The Council will make recommendations to the Commission on Homelessness by the end of the year.
- ⑩ Indiana 2-1-1, operated by United Way, continues to expand in Southwestern Indiana
- ⑩ Veterans Homeless Network continues to meet quarterly.
- ⑩ A community Discharge Policy was developed and approved by the Commission on Homelessness in Sept. 2006. Strategic planning is being done to implement the policy.

Increase Training for Existing Providers

- ⑩ *Bridges—A Community Response to Poverty* continues to move forward: 5 community trainers; Vectren using the training internally with customer service staff; outreach to employers hiring low-wage/low-skill workers.
- ⑩ Education Committee of the Policy & Planning Council for Homeless Services is actively training shelter staff.

Develop Resources

- ⑩ Transportation:
 - Bikes for the Homeless has branched out to several programs including Bike to Work, Patchwork Central and United Caring Shelters which provide bikes to homeless persons for access to employment.
 - Partners in Caring, a community collaborative, has been studying the lack of transportation options for lower income households and will release recommendations by the end of 2007.
- ⑩ Housing:
 - A developer from Indianapolis has been working to develop supportive housing in Evansville since February 2007. A potential 60 unit project is being considered as a first project.
 - A 20 unit family supportive housing project was submitted with the 2007 application to HUD.
 - Affordable Housing Task Force appointed in June 2007 with report due October 1, 2007
- ⑩ An assessment tool to identify families at risk of losing their housing is almost complete.

2007 Priority Strategies/*Responsible Group(s)*

- ⑩ Provide ongoing training of shelter staff regarding how to work with persons with disabilities: *Policy and Planning Council for Homeless Services (PPCHS)- Education Committee*
- ⑩ Encourage faith-based involvement in supporting families: *Compassionate Connections, Aurora*
- ⑩ Begin development of a jail diversion program: *PPCHS Committee*
- ⑩ Begin development of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Housing: *Partners In Housing*
- ⑩ Develop incentives/housing: *Commission on Homelessness- Housing Committee*
- ⑩ Improve coordination on training and employment options: *Committee to be formed*
- ⑩ Improve transportation options: *Partners In Caring, Bikes for the Homeless programs*
- ⑩ Increase Individual Development account program: *United Way- Self-Sufficiency Coalition*