



Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness- In 2011, the city of Columbus adopted a plan to end homelessness and reach Functional Zero (more homeless people leaving the program than entering the program each month). The plan required strategies for ending homelessness, a way to organize and monitor data, outreach, homeless services, wrap around services and housing programs. Home for Good was designated by the city to oversee the implementation of the Plan.

Continuum of Care (CoC)- local organization that provide services, including housing, for homeless individuals and families living in the counties we serve. The goal of the CoC is to provide permanent solutions for people experiencing homelessness. The CoC monitor the elements HUD requires of each continuum: Outreach, including coordinated entry and housing needs assessments, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing, including permanent supportive housing options, the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Collaborative Funding Application.

Coordinated Entry- HUD required that each CoC develop and maintain a coordinated entry system to be the starting point for all homeless people in need of housing or homeless services. Our Coordinated Entry service helps organize and manage the resources in our area so that our clients have the information necessary to make informed decisions about services available and then to connect them with housing and/or service providers that can quickly end their homelessness.

HMIS- A integrated database case management and reporting tool that allow for client program enrollments, services tracking, demographic information collection, individual service plan development and monitoring, HIPPA compliant vital records retention, Federal, State and Local Governmental reporting tool for analysis of System and Project level performance.

Collaborative Application- HUD publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 450 Continuums of Care across the country. The NOFA is a competitive application process. The NOFA process is a multi-step process week process. The NOFA competition awards are increasingly based on CoC performance as reported from HMIS data. GA 505 has increased organizations funded by NOFA and increased funding by 28.7 % since 2016.

Outreach- provides essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people to connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, nonfacility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.

Through collaborative work of effective street outreach from Home for Good and our partnering agencies, we hope to identify opportunities to build upon and strengthen efforts to end homelessness in the Bi-city area. To be successful, we must recognize that: Street Outreach Efforts must be organized, jointly Coordinated, and widespread; Street Outreach Efforts Are Housing First/Housing Focused; Street Outreach Efforts Are Client-Centered, Trauma-Informed, and Culturally Responsive; and Outreach Efforts Focus on Well Being, Safety and Harm Reduction and Outreach Efforts Focus on Well Being, Safety and Harm Reduction.



Emergency Shelter- The ESG CV Non-congregate Shelter Program provides temporary shelter for people directly affected by COVID-19. It provides a place for them to stay as they work with other agencies to secure stable, permanent housing. Referrals to the Emergency Shelter come through Coordinated Entry, usually after the Outreach team has made that connection. The Shelter Case Manager works with the clients to make sure that the clients make and keep appointments with housing providers and that their basic needs are met while in the shelter.

Rapid Re-housing- Rapid Re-housing is a program designed to help individuals and families quickly move from homelessness to housing. Our program follows a "Housing First" approach meaning that we believe that moving someone to housing should be done without prerequisites like having income or being sober and have as few barriers as possible. Our approach is client- centered, and client driven, meaning that we approach all avenues with the best interest of the client at heart and that the client is active in establishing and directing their plan for housing.

Homelessness Prevention- Homelessness Prevention is a program designed to not only halt pending evictions but, with wrap around services, to meet the needs of the whole household for not only the short term but to establish a pattern to sustained safe, affordable housing and increased economic mobility.