

Executive Summary of Yolo County Draft Plan on Homelessness

One Piece at a Time: Ending and Preventing Homelessness for Yolo County Residents

2010-2020

Creating the Plan: This Plan to address homelessness in our county, supported by Yolo County and the Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland, has been written throughout 2009. Plan input has been sought in community meetings, subject matter expert meetings, topic-specific forums, site visits, ballots, and surveys.

Goals: The four goals of the Plan are:

- **PREVENTION:** Prevent Homelessness Through Early, Comprehensive Assistance To Those At-Risk
- **HOUSING:** Provide A Wide Range of Housing Opportunities and Services to Help People Access and Maintain Extremely Affordable Permanent Housing
- **SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:** Provide Comprehensive, Integrated Services to Help People Access and Maintain Housing and Maximize Their Self-Sufficiency
- **IMPLEMENTATION:** Effectively Administer, Coordinate and Finance Implementation of the County's Ten-Year Plan and its Efforts to Prevent and End Homelessness

Key Action Steps: Six Key Action Steps in the Plan are:

- Create and expand Housing Resource Centers in each City to improve system coordination, reduce duplication, and increase access to available services, housing, and homeless services.
- Identify and access funding for extremely affordable permanent housing and services to access and maintain housing.
- Increase availability and access to mental health and substance use services.
- Make transportation assistance available to improve access to services and employment opportunities.
- Create or assign a staff position to support plan implementation and move the plan forward.
- Maximize use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect and analyze data on homelessness and program outcomes and to facilitate inter-agency case management and information sharing and to increase efficiency.

Beginning Implementation! The first pieces of the Plan that will be implemented are:

- Creating and expanding Housing Resource Centers in each City to provide homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services, including housing access, eviction prevention, financial assistance, legal services, credit repair and eviction repair. (Funded by ARRA.)
- Improving access to Social Security benefits, by training case managers to better assist homeless people in applying for benefits. In other areas using this model, application approval rates have increased from 10-15% to 70% and the length of time for an application decision decreased from an average of more than 120 days to an average of 93 days. (Grant funded.)

For More Information or to Support the Plan:

- Review the whole Plan at: http://www.homebaseccc.org/pages/Hot_Topics/tenyearplanning.html
- Endorse the Plan! Endorsement forms are available on the website or on the back of this document.
- Become a Fan of *One at a Time: Ending and Preventing Homelessness for Yolo County Residents* on Facebook to receive updates and learn additional information.
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