



## Annual Report 2018

In November 2007, the County and the City formally selected CACH as the lead entity for the implementation of "HOME RUN: The Capital Area's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness." Blueprint Implementation Team is charged with this and other tasks. In accordance with these charges, CACH provides a system-wide planning process, coordinates services, improves the efficiency and effectiveness of services, maximizes cost-effectiveness, submits the application for HUD Continuum of Care funding, manages the Homeless Management Information System, and other duties to improve and maximize resources and services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Blueprint is the community's coordinated plan for addressing the problem of homelessness. All sectors of the community (public, private, and faith based) have committed extensive resources to this effort and worked diligently to help individuals and families that are homeless acquire needed services and permanent housing. The Blueprint presents six (6) Primary Objectives with several strategies and action steps to making homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring:

- 1.) Strengthen Leadership to End Homelessness;
- 2.) Achieve a Continuum or County-Wide Coordinated Entry, Assessment and Referral System;
- 3.) Preserve Existing, and Increase Affordable Housing Supply;
- 4.) Ensure Access to and Availability of Supportive Services;
- 5.) Increase Public Awareness and Education about Homelessness, the Coalition, and its resources;
- 6.) Prevention of Homelessness.

CACH is committed to accomplishing the objectives in the Blueprint to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. To review the full version of the Blueprint visit [www.cachpa.org](http://www.cachpa.org)



## Update on the Blueprint

- 1.) Strengthen Leadership to End Homelessness;

Reviewing and updating by-laws

Developing plan for nurturing and recruiting board members

- 2.) Achieve a Continuum or County-Wide Coordinated Entry, Assessment and Referral System;

Developed the Coordinated Entry Committee to oversee the process

Working with Dauphin County Human Services for evaluation support

- 3.) Preserve Existing, and Increase Affordable Housing Supply;

Advocating for affordable housing options in our community

- 4.) Ensure Access to and Availability of Supportive Services;

Continue trainings for service providers and improving the continuum of care application

- 5.) Increase Public Awareness and Education about Homelessness, the Coalition, and its resources;

Participated in annual youth homelessness awareness campaign

Continued to work on the marketing and Communications plan

- 6.) Prevention of Homelessness.

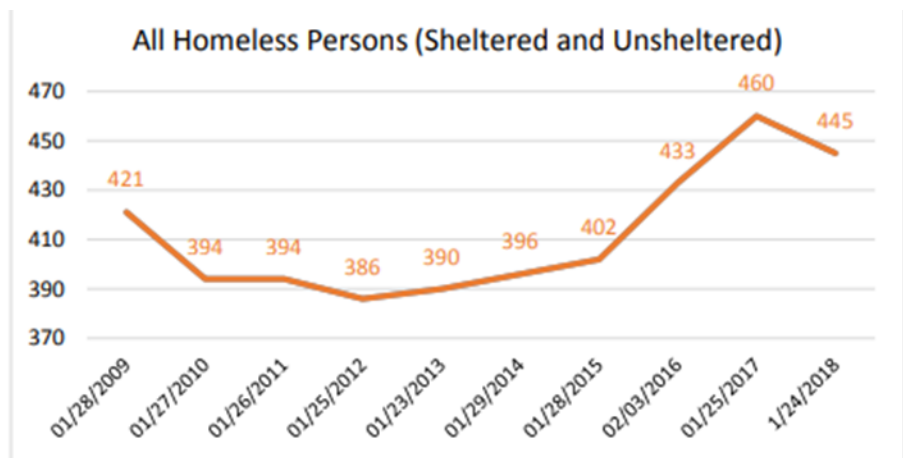
Strengthening discharge planning for those exiting institutions

Every year, the Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) joins with the rest of the nation to conduct an overnight, 24-hour "Point in Time" (PIT) count of those who experience homelessness. The national PIT is scheduled for the last week of January, and this year's count took place January 24 through 25, 2018. The 2018 PIT identified 325 adults and 120 children experiencing homelessness, which is a 3% decrease from 2017. Of those 445, 35 persons were

"unsheltered," i.e. sleeping on the streets, vehicles, abandoned buildings, camps, etc., and 410 persons were in shelters or temporary housing for the homeless. An additional 240 persons who were once homeless are now in permanent housing and are no longer homeless. Below is a chart showing the number of people counted over the last 10 years for the PIT survey. To review a detailed analysis, visit [www.cachpa.org](http://www.cachpa.org).

#### CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDING

Since 2000, CACH has been the planning body for both the County of Dauphin and the City of Harrisburg and coordinated the application process for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care funds. These funds support several organizations in our community who provide housing and supportive services to indivisibles and families experiencing homelessness. As of 2018, CACH received \$22.8 million in Continuum of Care funds .



## DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD

For the 7 years, Project Homeless Connect (PHC) touched the lives of thousands of people in need – men, women, and children who were living on the streets, others who were in shelters, and those about to leave shelters. In Lieu of holding PHC in 2017, CACH & Downtown Daily Bread coordinated to make those "One-Day-A-Year" services go year-round. CACH, along with its community partners and stakeholders, believe that providing services to people who are unsheltered should be an on-going practice. The services need to be accessible on a regular and long-term basis instead of just a once per year event, thus meeting the needs as they arise. Downtown Daily Bread has expanded its Drop-in-Center to meet this need. The Drop-in-Center is staffed by a Coordinator who does an intake assessment on each client or family to determine how to assist with needs and connect to services, such as medical and housing assistance. Other agencies –like UPMC Pinnacle, Crisis Intervention, and Dauphin County Case Management Unit - provide services at the Drop-in-Center on a regular basis.

In addition to the Drop In Center, Downtown Daily Bread responded to another need in our community by providing emergency shelter for men during the winter months. This winter it provided 121 nights of shelter to 219 unduplicated men. We thank them for their commitment to serve those in need.



## COORDINATED ENTRY

The Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness (CACH) Coordinated Entry Plan serves to guide referrals of homeless persons and families to the FIRST and best housing resource based on their need and specific homeless criteria. The emphasis is on "first best," because while the applicant may be eligible for multiple different options, and while not prohibiting the applicant to seek all options, this coordination presents the first and best system resource placement for that person or family. This also ensures the optimum use of very limited resources within our service delivery area, which is the City of Harrisburg and Dauphin County. CACH and partner organizations continue to review, evaluate, and improve the process of coordinated entry to remove barriers to accessing services, improve communication with housing providers, and ensure optimal use of the limited housing resources in our community to serve those who are the most vulnerable. CACH has developed a standing committee, Coordinated Entry, that is overseeing that the development and on-going support of coordinated entry in our community. CACH is continuing to assess and evaluate this process to ensure that individuals are connected with first and best housing interventions. To learn more about the Coordinated Entry, contact George Payne at 717-255-6431 or [gpayne@hraharrisburgpa.org](mailto:gpayne@hraharrisburgpa.org).

## LEADERSHIP HARRISBURG AREA



CACH partnered with Leadership Harrisburg Area (LHA) last year to develop a communication and marketing plan. LHA is a bridge between people, businesses, and the organizations that address the greatest needs of our communities and dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Capital Region through servant leadership and effective community service. CACH was selected as a group project and had the privilege to work with a team of professionals from the community who developed a comprehensive plan that addressed objectives under objective 5, increase public awareness and education, of the Blueprint. The Education and Public Information Committee use the marketing and communication plan along with the Blueprint to guide their work. We are so thankful for LHA participants and their quality of work.



## Make A Difference

Volunteer on one of CACH's working committees.

Volunteer with one of our partner organizations

Donate to support CACH's mission

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Visit [www.cachpa.org](http://www.cachpa.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.

We want to thank everyone who has participated and contributed to CACH. Making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring is a community wide effort and is not possible without the support of the public and private sectors. Thank you to our partner organizations who work directly with individuals and families and are meeting basic needs and providing support during a time of crisis. We appreciate your willingness to serve and work together to make our community stronger. Thank you to everyone who donated to CACH and participated in the Highmark Walk for a Strong Community. Your giving is making a difference. Also a special thank you to our sponsors. Your continued investment is making a difference.

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