

OUR STRUCTURE

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

- ◆ Provides direction and/or approval of each committee's tasks and activities and shares information quarterly regarding their progress.
- ◆ Approves all funding recommendations and Continuum policy.
- ◆ Consists of the Continuum Leader - the DuPage County Community Services Director, Committee Chairpersons, Continuum Technical Consultant and representatives from the membership at large.

COMMITTEES

Needs Assessment Committee

- ◆ Identifies gaps and recommends priorities for the use of resources.
- ◆ Provides a forum for identifying our community's needs around homelessness.

Community Outreach Committee

- ◆ Promotes addressing homelessness as part of the community's quality of life.
- ◆ Engages the community to fill the Continuum's service gaps.

Grants/Funding Committee

- ◆ Develops criteria and procedures for homeless service grants.
- ◆ Evaluates and prioritizes applications for funding.

Yes I (we) want to work with you to do more to end homelessness in DuPage County!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send me information on:

- Needs Assessment Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Grants/Funding Committee
- The Continuum of Care

DuPage County
Homeless Continuum of Care
DuPage County Community Services
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DUPAGE HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE

*TOGETHER WE CAN
END
HOMELESSNESS IN
DUPAGE COUNTY*



WWW.DUPAGEHOMELESS.ORG

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here are some examples of what we have accomplished to date:

- ◆ Developed a county-wide strategic plan focused on ending homelessness in the next 10 years. For more information go to www.dupagehomeless.org
- ◆ Emphasized placing people in permanent homes rather than a temporary shelter.
- ◆ Secured and distributed over 15 million dollars to programs serving homeless individuals and families.
- ◆ Established 216 permanent supportive housing beds for homeless individuals and families with disabilities such as mental illness and/or substance abuse.
- ◆ Obtained funding for the implementation of a centralized county Client Management Information System allowing social service providers to collect computerized data on the number and characteristics of persons in DuPage County, as well as improve assessment of effective programs.
- ◆ Established 28 beds dedicated to housing chronically homeless persons.

**Housing is an emotional word.
Housing evokes feelings and attitudes.
Housing is, after all, where we live.**

We tend to define ourselves and others by how and where we live. "Where do you live?" is one of the first things we try to establish with a stranger we are getting to know.

For too many people in DuPage County, the answer to that question is a car, a friend's home (for tonight), a shelter, a church hall, or a forest preserve.

In 1998 service providers began to develop a continuum of care to coordinate a network of services to those who are homeless, and to ultimately end homelessness.

Service providers, government and civic organizations, private corporations, and people who have experienced homelessness have joined together and form the DuPage Homeless Continuum of Care.



HOMELESSNESS IN DUPAGE COUNTY.....

More than 1,200 individuals and families receive emergency shelter each year.

Insufficient income, loss of job and family problems, are the primary reason a person says he or she is homeless.

Annually, more than 500 victims of domestic violence are provided with emergency shelter in DuPage County.

.....IS A PAYCHECK AWAY

- ◆ Almost 35,000 persons in DuPage County live below the Federal Poverty Level. This is a 36% increase since 2000.
- ◆ The average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is \$906 per month in DuPage County.
- ◆ A minimum wage earner has to work 139 hours a week to afford a two bedroom apartment in DuPage County.
- ◆ A parent with one child needs to earn \$16.62 per hour in order to afford living in DuPage County.
- ◆ The number of persons who pay more than 30% of their household income on housing costs has increased by 44% since 2000.
- ◆ Just one health care crisis, or unexpected car repair, or one week without pay places a low income family at significant risk of becoming homeless.