

A Place to Call Home

A framework for action to address homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio

Columbus and Franklin County Continuum of Care
 COMMUNITY SUMMARY • May 2018

A Place to Call Home is a new strategic framework that articulates our community’s vision for making sure everyone has a place to call home. This is a framework for action that includes goals tailored to specific populations of people facing homelessness, and goals aligned with broader community work already underway. Each goal aligns with federal and state plans to address homelessness, and includes priority strategies for action during FY2019.



GOAL:

homelessness is prevented.
 If it can't be prevented, it's rare, brief, and one time.



The vision and related goals in this framework serve as a fixed point on the horizon – a common direction for our efforts to continually improve and optimize our response to homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. While we expect the vision and goals to remain relatively constant over time, strategies may change as they are achieved or when there is need to modify them based on lessons learned, changing conditions, or capacity to act. The Continuum of Care and Community Shelter Board will work with partners annually to update the strategies in the framework and periodically revisit our goals as we learn and develop more effective and systemic solutions to housing crises and homelessness.

Collective input for collective impact

Community Shelter Board convened input from voices across the community to establish the framework and strategies:

- Columbus and Franklin County Continuum of Care members
- CSB’s board of trustees
- people who have experienced homelessness
- homeless assistance agencies
- healthcare
- criminal justice
- neighborhood and family service providers
- providers serving youth, veterans, and victims of domestic violence
- workforce development
- faith-based community
- local governments
- corporate and philanthropic partners

GOALS TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

We will focus on achieving and sustaining a place to call home for everyone in our community, with tailored approaches for varying needs:

- Veterans
- Chronically homeless
- Families with children & pregnant women
- Youth age 18-24
- Single adults

GOALS TAILORED TO BROADER COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

We will focus on aligning resources to ensure coordinated access to:

- Affordable housing
- Equitable assistance for everyone
- Employment opportunities & supports
- Benefits
- Health care
- Support to address criminal justice issues
- Domestic violence survivor assistance
- Homelessness prevention assistance

Our local experience and the experience of other communities demonstrate that a comprehensive, effective, and efficient response to homelessness is possible when we act collectively to accomplish a shared vision.

Additional information and resources concerning A Place to Call Home are available online. We encourage you to explore these resources and participate in the ongoing work to ensure everyone has a place to call home.

[FULL REPORT: A Place to Call Home](#)

[PARTNER SUMMARY: A Place to Call Home](#)

[WEBINAR and ASSOCIATED MATERIALS: A Place to Call Home](#)

[Strategic Action Plan Matrix for FY2019](#)

[Implementation resources relevant to each goal](#)

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home. CSB is the collective impact organization driving strategy, accountability, collaboration, and resources to achieve the best outcomes for people facing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. With the support of a compassionate community, our system of care served more than 12,000 people last year with homelessness prevention, shelter, street outreach, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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