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| **COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  **STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE UNHOUSED** |
| **Desired Outcome:** Address social determinants of health specifically as it relates to the unhoused individuals. This would entail working with other partners to meet the housing needs in our jurisdiction. |
| **Goals:** *(These goals are very general. Organizations are encouraged to change them as needed to meet their needs)*   1. Develop a mechanism to track a community’s progress in addressing homelessness in the primary service area. 2. Develop and implement an evaluation program to improve a community’s response to individuals experiencing homelessness. 3. Collaborate with other partners to help eligible people experiencing homelessness receive the health and social services sought. 4. Work towards implementing programs that seek to prevent episodic homelessness for individuals and families. |
| **Strategy: Education, Training/Education, Screening and Outreach** |

| **Activity or Action** | **Internal/External Partners** | **Key Process or Outcome Measure** | **Timeline** |
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| Conduct an assessment that seeks to identify some of the most common risk and protective factors to prevent the recurrence of homelessness for the at-risk population. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of risk and protective factors identified. * Number of risk and protective factors being addressed. | TBD |
| Promote the use of evidence-based homelessness prevention and early intervention programs and strategies | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of programs implementing evidence-based strategies. |  |
| Promote programs targeting to aid eligible, homeless individuals and families receive health and social services needs sought. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of organizations helping connect unhoused people with housing. * Number of unhoused individuals or families receiving help to meet their needs. | TBD |
| Strengthen outreach efforts and engagement activities targeting the unhoused population in the primary service areas. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of unhoused individuals and families reached through the outreach efforts. |  |
| Continue to look for better ways to improve the homelessness eligibility review process. It would also be worthwhile to find ways to maintain program eligibility process to make sure individuals don’t fall through the cracks of a fragmented program. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of unhoused individuals and families benefiting from a streamlined eligibility process. |  |
| Work with elected officials, healthcare, social services organizations, and other community-based organizations to maintain a policy focus on homelessness, including homelessness because of a disaster | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of organizations engaged in the programs benefiting unhoused individuals and families. | TBD |
| Provide training and technical assistance on homelessness, including chronic homelessness, to healthcare, social services organizations, and other partners within the primary service areas. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of training sessions offered. * Number of participants to the training and technical assistance opportunities. | TBD |
| Develop an approach for establishing the baseline data on the number of homeless individuals and families served in in the primary service areas. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of unhoused individuals or families identified in the primary service area. | TBD |
| Increase the number of community partners reviewing and acting to address homelessness in the community. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of partners engaged in addressing homelessness in the community. | TBD |
| Support various nonprofit community-based organizations in their mission of providing housing to those in need in the community. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of nonprofit community-based organizations supported. | TBD |
| Assist unhoused people/or in need of affordable housing so they can get back on their feet and not have homelessness or unstable housing. | * Local healthcare organizations * Local public health agencies * Department of housing and urban development (HUD). * Community based organizations i.e., * Homeless shelter * Salvation army * Local churches * City and county officials, * Elected officials etc. | * Number of unhoused individuals and families assisted. | TBD |

**\*\*Additional Resources**

[**The Missouri Housing Innovation Program (MoHIP)**](https://mhdc.com/programs/community-programs/missouri-housing-innovation-program-mohip/)

This Program is designed to support 2 grant types; Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES). Coordinated Entry System funds: are intended to assist grantees with the operations of their CoC Coordinated Entry System. This includes providing pre-screening, access, assessment, and referral services for those experiencing a housing crisis upon entry to the homeless service delivery system. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) funds: are intended to assist CoC HMIS Lead Agencies in providing support to homeless provider agencies in their use of HMIS in order to record and track accurate data, build reports & forms, and provide data to MHDC or appointed agency.

[**The Affordable Housing Assistance Program (AHAP)**](https://mhdc.com/programs/community-programs/missouri-affordable-housing-assistance-program-ahap/)

This program offers a 55% tax credit allocated to not for profit or community-based organizations to solicit donations from eligible Missouri businesses and individuals with business interest who donate to the agency. Two types of tax creditsOperating Assistance Credits: for general operating functions of the agency Production Credits: for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of a site-specific affordable housing development or to fund rental assistance for an affordable housing development. For further information please contact Pamela Sanders @ 816-759-6684 or psanders@mhdc.com.

[**The Missouri Housing Trust Fund (MHTF)**](https://mhdc.com/programs/community-programs/missouri-housing-trust-fund-mhtf/mhtf-forms-and-resources/)

This provides agencies money to support Homeless programs intended to serve low-income households in Missouri with their housing-related needs. MHDC has identified the following grant types in order to meet these needs: Housing Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Home Repair, Operating Funds, and Construction/ Rehabilitation.

**2023 Homelessness Study**

The Study is currently underway and is expected to be complete by the end of the year! The 2021 study can be found on the MHDC website [here.](https://mhdc.com/2021-homeless-study-dashboard/)