

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here! Enjoy some refreshments and conversation then help us brainstorm how we can work together to make Fort Worth an even better place to live.

Open House, 6:00pm

Visit the Learning and Conversation Stations around the room to learn about homelessness in Fort Worth and some of the key housing and service programs that local agencies employ to prevent and end homelessness. Task Force members, city staff and representatives of various agencies will be present to answer questions and receive your comments.

Public Hearing, 7:00pm

Following the open house, the Task Force will conduct a more formal public hearing where interested residents may speak for three minutes each about ways to streamline the funding and delivery of services to the homeless. Speakers are encouraged to register at the Welcome Desk. Comments may also be submitted in writing and online.

Learning and Conversation Stations

Who Is Homeless?

How many people are homeless? What percentage are children? Veterans? How long are people homeless? Where do the homeless come from? Representatives from the Homeless Coalition's Consumer Council will be on hand to answer your questions about how people become homeless and the challenges of getting re-established in permanent housing.

Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition (TCHC) serves as the backbone organization for community-wide efforts to prevent and end homelessness. TCHC is the Lead Agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and is responsible for: operating the CoC, community-wide planning, operating the homeless management information system (HMIS), and preparing an annual application for federal funds.

Enjoy some refreshments and share your ideas online!

Crisis Services

Emergency Shelters, Drop-in Centers, and Street Outreach Teams form the backbone of our community's Crisis Services system which aims to quickly rehouse homeless people while minimizing trauma and dislocation. Crisis services provide for the immediate needs of a household that has lost its housing (safety, shelter, food, clothing, and health care) and work to return people to permanent housing in under 30 days.

Housing (First!)

Housing is the antidote to homelessness. Safety, health, and self-sufficiency are more accessible when you first have a safe, permanent place to live that costs less than 30% of your income. A shortage of affordable housing in Fort Worth—and a concentration of that which does exist—makes it more likely that very poor families will fall into homelessness and more difficult for them to escape. Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and Quality Affordable Housing all play a role in our community's effort to end homelessness.

Supportive Services

A package of supportive services that is tailored to the needs of re-housed families and individuals promotes stability and decreases the likelihood of a repeat episode of homelessness. Supportive services that help people escape homelessness and keep their housing include: employment, domestic violence services, health care, addiction and mental health services, child care, and re-entry supports for those coming out of jail and prison.

City of Fort Worth

The City of Fort Worth is a partner in the community-wide effort to end homelessness. The City provides funding to community- and faith-based organizations for housing and services that support the Directions Home plan as well as operating initiatives through our Police Department and Municipal Court.

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