

# 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.

## What does a Continuum of Care do?

Within an established geography, a Continuum of Care conducts a year round planning process to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness

## TCHC Leads the Continuum of Care in Tarrant and Parker Counties

- The CoC Board of Directors will address the challenges of homelessness with the principles of ***Collective Impact: Common Agenda, Shared Measurement, Mutually Reinforcing Activities, Continuous Communication, Backbone Support Organization,***
- Provide fully transparent leadership in planning, policy making and implementation of our community's response system to homelessness
- Administer program monitoring, evaluation and performance measurement with professionalism and neutrality
- Be guided by the mission of ending homelessness in its coordination and utilization of public and private resources
- Provide a highly skilled and experienced professional staff to implement and coordinate the actions of the CoC Strategic Plan