



## Bringing Cincinnati Home

*Ending homelessness will require patience and perseverance; the task is a marathon, not a sprint. Our collaborative work is accomplished through a network of homeless service agencies. Using outcomes-based data to track trends and identify solutions, we make strategic decisions to further reduce homelessness in our community.*



### What is the Size of Hamilton County's Homeless Population?

Homelessness in Hamilton County has remained stable. In 2015, 7,122 people found themselves on the street or in a shelter, an overall increase of 8.6% from 2014; but a slight decrease of 0.2% over the past five years.

### Who is Most Affected by Homelessness?

**26%**

Children under the age of 18



**39%**

Youth under the age of 25



**65%**

African Americans



In 2015, 1,861 children under the age of 18 resided in an emergency shelter locally making up 26% of the homeless population.

Youth under the age of 25 make up 39% of the homeless population and 57% were under the age of 35.

African Americans make up about a quarter the population of Hamilton County, but make up 65% of the homeless population, a startling over-representation.

*Please note, the above totals include data from domestic violence projects that are not available through other sources.*

### Shelter System Transformed



After its initiation six years ago, in 2015 the **Homeless to Homes Plan** reached its goal to transform our local emergency shelter system for single individuals, by constructing five new service-enriched facilities with improved access to housing programs.



With the success of the Homeless to Homes plan, our shared vision to end homelessness for single individuals shifted its focus to families. In fall of 2015, we released the **Solutions for Family Homelessness Plan**, identifying ways in which our community can make family homelessness **rare, brief, and non-recurring**.

## Key Programs

**Continuum of Care Program:** year-long community planning effort, including an annual multimillion dollar funding application to HUD, supporting over 30 local programs.

**Central Access Point Hotline:** intake and referral phone line for those seeking emergency shelter.

**Shelter Diversion:** a prevention program to assist those who are most at-risk of entering a shelter, in finding stable housing.

**Strategic Planning:** community-wide planning, including the development of the Homeless to Homes (single individuals), Safe & Supported (LGBTQ youth) and Solutions for Family Homelessness (families).



### Direct service providers

Bethany House Services ● ● ●

Caracole, Inc. ●

Center for Independent Living Options (CILO) ●

Center for Respite Care ● ●

Cincinnati Union Bethel ● ●

City Gospel Mission ● ●

Downtown Cincinnati, Inc. - Block by Block ●

Shelterhouse (f.k.a. Drop Inn Center) ● ●

Excel Development Corp ●

Freestore Foodbank ●

Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services ●

Interfaith Hospitality Network ● ● ●

Jewish Family Service ●

Joseph House ●

Lighthouse Youth Services ● ● ●

Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department ●

Nothing Into Something Real Estate ●

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries ● ●

Over the Rhine Community Housing ●

Santa Maria Community Services ●

St. Francis/St. Joseph Catholic Worker House ●

Society of St. Vincent de Paul ●

Talbert House ● ●

Tender Mercies, Inc. ●

The Salvation Army ● ●

Veterans Administration ● ●

Volunteers of America ●

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati ● ●

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