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## FY2014 Rebuilding Lives REPORT CARD

Columbus and Franklin County's community plan to end homelessness.

GOALS	DESCRIPTION	CONVENER	PROGRESS	REPORT
Coordinate Emergency Aid	Coordinate emergency aid from community-based assistance programs.	United Way of Central Ohio and Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services		The administration of the emergency food and shelter program was reassigned to HandsOn Central Ohio, the entity that also manages the coordinated point of access to emergency shelter for single adults. The change was made with the goal to improve prioritization of available funds to prevent homelessness. Alignment with the Franklin County Prevention Retention and Contingency dollars is still outstanding.
Increase Access to Benefits & Income	Provide immediate and systematic access to mainstream benefits and services for persons who are homeless and served by the homeless service system.	Community Shelter Board		This program has increased the number of approved social security and other benefits for persons experiencing homelessness.
Employment	Coordinate and expand access to community-based employment assistance programs.	Community Shelter Board		The Transitional Work Program administered by Goodwill in collaboration with Donatos and Columbus Hospitality Management was implemented in permanent supportive housing projects. To date, five housing providers referred sixty-three participants that were enrolled in the program. Thirty-two participants received on-the-job training at Donatos and Columbus Hospitality Management work sites.
Single Point of Contact for Adult Shelter	Develop a single point of contact system, with stronger linkage to community resources, for adults experiencing a housing crisis.	Community Shelter Board		The coordinated point of contact has been fully integrated into the single adult system. Diversion rates increased from 16% in FY2013 to 23% in FY2014.

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Collaborative	Create a unified system to	City of		Coordination among providers and
Outreach System	better respond to homeless persons who are not accessing shelter, including a coordinated call and dispatch system, common documentation, and shared outcomes for outreach programs.	Columbus		organizations serving providers and organizations serving those experiencing street homelessness has improved. Heating and cooling stations have been established. 96% of clients were linked to safe shelter or housing in FY2014, up from 86% in FY2013.
Unified Supportive Housing System	Create a unified system for permanent supportive housing which includes centralized eligibility determination and placement, periodic review of tenant needs, and "move up" incentives to encourage tenants to be more independent.	Community Shelter Board		The Unified Supportive Housing System added four housing projects during 2014 and moved more than 204 of the highest need individuals into stable permanent supportive housing. Currently there are 1,071 housing units under management by the Unified Supportive Housing System.
Increase Supportive Housing Units	Develop an additional 1,400 units of permanent supportive housing to reach a total inventory of 2,700 single adult/couple units.	Community Shelter Board	•	To date, 298 site-based and 245 scattered sites units have been brought online or are in the pipeline. 425 more housing units are needed to reach the 2,700-unit goal.
Provide Rent Subsidies	Develop longer-term rent subsidies for homeless single adults to meet annual need.	Community Shelter Board	•	CSB continues to provide limited rent subsidy to those exiting shelter. The end of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing stimulus programs resulted in a dramatic reduction in available funds for rent subsidy.
Tier II Family Conversion	Transition Tier II shelter from a fixed unit approach to a flexible supply of housing with interim supports.	Community Shelter Board		All tier II family shelter units have been converted to rapid re-housing.
Affordable Housing Campaign	Launch a campaign for increased resources for affordable and supportive housing as well as rent subsidies for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.	Community Shelter Board		This strategy is still under development. Lack of affordable housing continues to be a barrier to exiting shelter.
Re-Entry Housing Advocacy	Advocate with other systems to improve and increase housing placements for people returning to the community from domestic violence shelter, institutional	Corporation for Supportive Housing		Incarcerated Populations: The Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded a grant to fund services and supportive housing for individuals that are high users of jail, shelter, and mental health services.

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or residential settings.		Franklin County's Housing and Behavioral Health Subcommittee continues to meet and is finalizing recommendations from research completed by the Council of State Governments for the Justice and Behavioral Health Initiative of the Franklin County Criminal Justice and Community Connections planning board. A data match between Franklin County jail, ADAMH and Community Shelter Board was completed. Four major areas identified for improvement: 1. Consistent risk assessment 2. Behavioral health screening and assessment 3. Re-entry planning 4. Availability and accessibility of effective community-based behavioral health housing Recommendations are under development.
	Community Shelter Board	People experiencing homelessness and exiting the domestic violence shelter are now able to access CSB's rental assistance dollars.
	ADAMH Board of Franklin County	Mental Health Populations: A successful pilot was implemented in 2011/2012 using federal stimulus dollars. Recommendations to further this work beyond the current pool of permanent supportive housing will result from the Council of State Governments research. ADAMH continues to invest in housing and has approximately 116 units of housing for their system clients coming out of residential treatment programs to make room for people exiting institutions.