

Goal: Provide Essential Services for Homeless Persons in Okaloosa and Walton Counties**Objective: Establish Services for Unsheltered Homeless Persons that Alleviate Conditions and Facilitate Transition out of Homelessness**

Strategies from 2009	Responsible Person/ Agency	Target Date	Status 6/17/2010
Establish access points at meal sites to provide assistance in linking to mainstream benefits, and keeping homeless apprised of new opportunities for assistance, such as assistance with obtaining funds from economic stimulus package	Resource and Referral Manager, Opportunity, Inc.	Ongoing	Accomplished: awareness of economic stimulus package; computers at shelter office
Recruit one church or agency to coordinate application and distribution of hearing aids, glasses, work boots, hard hats, tools and other items essential for effective work performance	C.C. Fearson / Opportunity Place	Ongoing	Accomplished: Resource and Referral Manager has list of available services
Negotiate for resources allowing for provision of sleeping bags and tents to homeless -- Resolution: buy as needed by request of cold night churches	As needed by Churches	Ongoing	Some Challenge Grant applications propose appropriate funding
Negotiate for location to provide storage facilities for homeless Resolution: to be partially accomplished at Opportunity Place, eventually by creation of new shelter.	Executive Director Opportunity, Inc.	TBD	Partially accomplished: some storage available at Opportunity Place
Identify solutions to transportation issues facing homeless, increase utilization of transportation systems already in effect (WAVE vouchers)	Executive Director Opportunity, Inc.	1/15/2010	Partially accomplished: seeking new central program to use vouchers
Develop funding base for dental services, and publicizing existing services, coordinating with Catholic Charities and Yvonne Franklin at Dr. Allen's office; Choctaw Baptist Dental Van	Executive Director Opportunity, Inc.	1/15/2010	Partially accomplished: Challenge Grant. Now sending Vets to Eglin AFB Medical Clinic
Provide literacy services to homeless persons at locations already utilized	Resource and Referral Manager, Opportunity	Ongoing	Services @ Opportunity Place

Investigate methods for assisting homeless with child care through Child Care Services; placing funds with OWCCS to provide job-seekers with child care and open up additional slots for homeless working families	Maintain partnership with OWCCS	Ongoing	Done
Initiate web-based system for coordination, tracking of resource utilization	Opportunity Inc.	Ongoing	Done, continue using HMIS
Additional Strategies for 2009-10			
Utilize homeless prevention/ rapid rehousing funds to address needs of homeless individuals and families affected by economic downturn	HRPR Administrator; Opportunity, Inc.	Ongoing	Implemented
Locate HRPR staff in Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, DeFuniak Springs to extend Opportunity, Inc. and economic assistance throughout region	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	Completed	Site selection accomplished; staff hired.
Utilize Opportunity Place as community resource center as well as emergency housing, to include links to mainstream benefits, literacy programs, counseling	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	Ongoing	Implemented, Opportunity Place Educational Center
Identify work efforts that homeless participants could engage in to earn income for themselves, homeless programs	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	Completed	Working with several employment programs
Provide HIV-AIDS testing using instant feedback results in several service provider locations	Executive Director, OASIS	TBD	Consultation with OASIS parent company
Link to economic stimulus funded programs throughout 2-county region, including JobsPlus, Child Care Services, Neighborhood Stabilization as appropriate	Resource and Referral Manager, Opportunity, Inc.	Ongoing	Implemented