

**Goal: Improve and Expand Housing for Homeless Children and Families
and Supportive Services**

Objective: Improve current transitional housing community.

Strategies	Responsible Person/ Agency	Target Date	Status 7/1/2011
Maintain existing transitional housing units Assist grant development to devise and execute a plan for all existing transitional housing projects for sustainability.	All Directors of participating shelter agencies.	On-going	Ongoing
Develop economic justice program for women and youth utilizing transitional housing (To include Youth Economic Empowerment & WAM). 1) Support efforts of agencies that are creating and implementing the curriculum.	Directors of participating shelter agencies.	7/30/11	Not yet begun
Develop and implement life skills programs for the for youth aging out of foster care 1) Support the efforts of DCF workers who are working with the youth in Road to Independence program. 2) Assess needs of youth and assign appropriate mentors to teach life skills.	ED, Continuum of Care DCF ED, Children in Crisis	On-going	On-going
Coordinate with veteran family programs, including Supportive Services for Homeless Veteran Families; Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program for Veteran Families, to ensure all veteran families receive appropriate services	ED, Opportunity, Inc.	On-going	Last meeting held w/ Catholic Charities; HVRP December 2011
Develop professional standards for transitional housing, with potential for creating certification process, to assist providers in gaining necessary operational funds	Transitional Housing Committee	9/1/2011	Not yet begun
Seek funding for families in crisis through HUD (Tom Baker - HUD Okaloosa-Walton Representative.)	Executive Director Opportunity Inc.	11/1/2011	No new project funding available at this time

Objective: Determine strategies for additional housing and services

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Develop and maintain a committee using representatives from all applicable Shelter providers to prioritize transitional housing needs	Children & Families Services, Continuum of Care	9/1/2011	
Reinforce and expand community stakeholders for possible partnerships.	Transitional Housing Committee		
Reinforce and expand partnerships with property management businesses.	Transitional Housing Committee		
Host a training or panel discussion about children and family housing and services at Continuum of Care Meeting	Transitional Housing Committee	9/30/2011	To be scheduled for March 2012
Invite Harvest Vineyard Women’s Shelter	Harvest Vineyard	On-going	In progress
Investigate possibility of including transitional housing in HUD grant for 2012 in addition to permanent supportive housing	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	11/1/2012	No funding for new projects in 2012
Continue to pursue additional sources for transitional housing expansion, to include SAMHSA funds for transitional housing for domestic violence victims through Bridgeway Center; Homeless Housing Assistance Grant Funds through Florida Department of Children and Families. Shelter House re-applying.	Individual directors, transitional housing programs	6/30/2012	Accomplished
Utilize homeless prevention/ rapid re-housing funds to assist more families into transitional housing situations, in concert with transitional, emergency and homeless prevention providers	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	7/1/2011 Seek renewal or alternate funds.	Awaiting Emergency Solutions Grant

Objective: Strengthen programs for children

Provide dedicated children’s services programs at family emergency and transitional shelters as funding becomes available	Directors of various programs: Shelter House, Opportunity Place, Fresh Start	At least two dedicated programs by January, 2012	On-going at Shelter House (Challenge Grant funds to strengthen programs); Opportunity Place established program Dec.
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Address issues of chronic hunger among school children	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.; Director, Backpack Program at Bay Area Food Bank; School District Title X coordinator	January 20, 2012	Walton County Food for Thought; Mary Esther programs in operation; programs for Longwood, Edwins, Wright, Elliott Point, Longwood, in development