

Goal: Provide Shelter for Homeless Persons in Okaloosa and Walton Counties

Objective: .Establish emergency shelter for homeless individuals, particularly those seeking to avoid cold nights, heat advisories, strong rain and other severe weather

Strategies:	Responsible Person/ Agency	Target Date	Status 6/10/2011
Establish committee to ascertain community support in terms of shelter construction, location, and fund-raising.	ED, Continuum of Care/ Opportunity, Inc. ; in concert with downtown business leaders	1) 9/1/2011	Intermittent discussions with Chamber of Commerce; business leaders; city officials
Prepare reports on existing shelter models, inclusive of costs, staffing, policies and procedures, outcomes		2) 10/1/2011	Preliminary reports issued 8/2/2010
Investigate outside funding sources to utilize in tandem with local support		3) 12/1/2011	On-going
Launch marketing campaign to raise community awareness of benefits to businesses, neighborhoods, public safety and health officials as well as homeless		4) 1/10/2011	Not feasible at current time

Objective: Strengthen Severe Weather Shelter program in Okaloosa and Walton Counties

Strategies:	Person/ Agency Responsible	Target Date	Status as of 6/10/2011
Utilize Challenge Grant to funnel funds into cold night programs throughout area	Board of Directors, Opportunity, Inc.	11/1/2010	accomplished
Search for additional funding for full programmatic support in all participating churches	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	6/30/2010 and ongoing	No funding yet available
Set up Opportunity, Inc. staff in Crestview and DeFuniak Springs who can assist in shelter and service coordination	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	On-going	Accomplished 3/1/2010
Recruit up to seven churches to participate in cold night programs in both Fort Walton Beach and Crestview	Cold night committees in Fort Walton Beach and Crestview, Opportunity, Inc.	On-going	13 out of desired 14 churches enrolled
Assist DeFuniak Springs in volunteer recruitment, provision of necessary supplies as requested for cold night shelter serving Walton County	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	On-going	In progress
Provide technical assistance to Walton committee, to include information on cold night operations, outreach, record-keeping, volunteer recruitment	Executive Director, Opportunity, Inc.	10/1/2010 and on-going	N/A
Open severe weather shelter in each area of the two county region, to be opened whenever national weather service issues a severe weather alert such as for thunderstorms, tornadoes, tropical storms (those not requiring opening of Red Cross emergency shelters).	Cold night coordinators	9/1/2011 and ongoing	First United Methodist has opened severe weather shelter in Crestview
Recruit churches to offer cold night services in Niceville	Cold night coordinator, Niceville	12/1/2011	Five churches organized to open as of 12/1/2011