Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness
2020 Fact Sheet

What is the Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness?

The Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness (HCAEH) is a consortium of government representatives, housing and service providers, advocate and consumers, working together to shape countywide planning for services and housing provided to community members experiencing homelessness. Specifically the HCAEH:

- Identifies the gaps and needs of persons experiencing homelessness in Hudson County
- Coordinates and applies for countywide and federal funding for homeless housing and services that best meet the needs of the community
- Conducts system analysis and implements best practices to improve the system available for those most in need

2019 Accomplishments and Statistics

- **2,115** Individuals and Families served in Hudson County Emergency Shelters in 2019
- **345** Family households
- A new Veteran’s Housing Project was developed and opened in Hoboken, providing housing for 6 homeless veterans
- New CoC Working Group was established to focus on landlord engagement and incentives. This group held the first Landlord Appreciation Luncheon
- The Hudson County Continuum of Care received $7.1 million in competitive federal funding for homeless housing programs

- **590** Households were connected to permanent housing
- 30 new Mainstream Vouchers were awarded to the North Bergen Housing Authority

2019 Hudson County Homeless Point in Time Count Numbers

On January 22, 2019 Hudson County counted:

- **890** Total Homeless Persons
  - 591 were in Emergency Shelter
  - 32 were in Transitional Housing
  - 267 were Unsheltered

For further details please see the full PIT report: [https://bit.ly/2vyMtJM](https://bit.ly/2vyMtJM)

Interested in attending a HCAEH Meeting?

All HCAEH meetings are open to the public.

 Meetings are bi-monthly and focus on resource sharing as well as updates from committees working to address specific needs in the community.


If you or anyone you know is in need of homeless services please visit [www.hudsoncountyhomeless.com](http://www.hudsoncountyhomeless.com) for our online resource guide.
HCAEH Current Goals and Strategies

Currently the CoC has three overarching goals:

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<td>Prevention and Diversion involves providing those at risk of homelessness with opportunities to resolve their housing instability prior to and in avoidance of them having to enter the homeless system. This not only prevents clients having to experience homelessness, but ensures homeless resources are targeted for those most in need.</td>
<td>The key to ending homelessness is ensuring all persons experiencing homelessness have access to safe, affordable housing as quickly as possible. This includes the creation of permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, affordable housing as well as implementing creative housing options.</td>
<td>While housing is the key, the coordination of services provided throughout the client’s time in the system is essential to longer term housing stability. This goal focuses on the comprehensiveness of services, coordination among providers, and making sure all services are provided in ways that are most effective for all clients.</td>
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To achieve these goals, the HCAEH has developed a number of long term and short term strategies that the HCAEH is focusing on. Work related to these strategies is completed primarily through the CoC’s Working Group and Subcommittees. Current priority strategies include:

**Long Term Strategies**

- Continue applying for increased funding to increase permanent housing availability
- Develop a landlord engagement/incentive program to address landlord stigma or reluctance to work with lower income clients
- Research ability to implement and advocate for a Right to Counsel in Hudson County for clients at risk of eviction
- Increase shelter capacity for families, youth, households with disabilities as well as those with pets
- Create campaign to change the perception of homelessness

**Short Term Strategies**

- Provide training opportunities for staff serving persons experiencing homelessness
- Improve coordination among municipal partners, community members and service organizations throughout the County
- Improve client’s access to furniture upon acceptance into permanent housing programs
- Coordinate training and life skills programs provided by agencies throughout the County for all clients accessing services.

If you are interested in participating in any of the CoC Working groups or learning more about our current strategies, please reach out to Katelyn Ravensbergen at kravensbergen@hcnj.us.

For a list of commonly used homeless planning acronyms please see here: [https://bit.ly/2ZVMcd5](https://bit.ly/2ZVMcd5)