

A Home for Everyone:

A United Community Plan
to End Homelessness

“Reset” of the Ten Year Plan to End
Homelessness

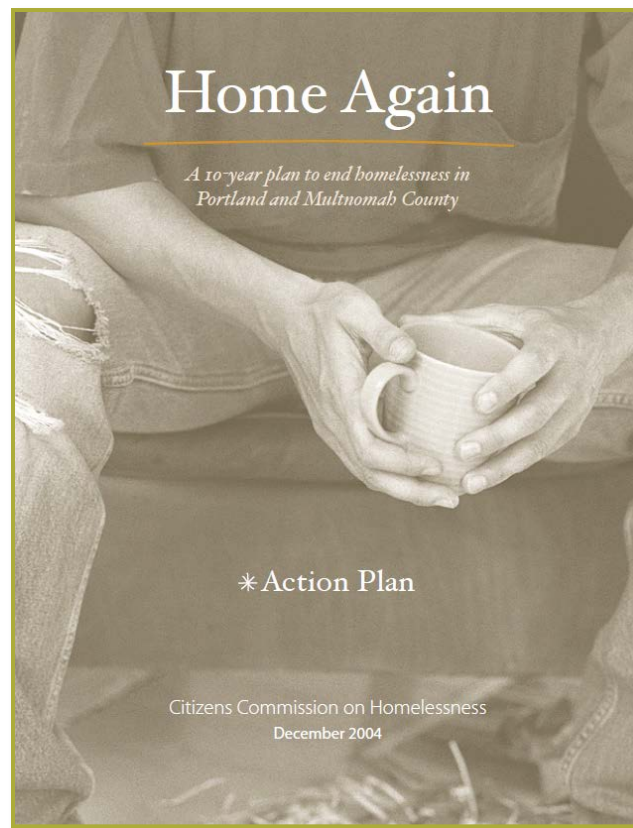


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Our Community's Ten Year Plan

- ❑ Adopted in 2004 by Portland & Multnomah County



Our Community's Ten Year Plan

□ Three Fundamental Priorities

- Focus on the most chronically homeless people
- Partner to streamline access to services to prevent and reduce more homelessness
- Fund programs with measurable results

Successes of the Ten Year Plan - Efficiency



- Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) Program: Consolidated funds from multiple jurisdictions. Since 2007, 4,569 households avoided eviction; 1,683 homeless households moved to permanent homes

Successes of the Ten Year Plan - Housing

- 12,511 people experiencing homelessness into permanent homes (40% families, 23% chronically homeless, 21% affected by domestic violence). Of those:
 - 1,882 homeless youth in stable homes (410 in permanent homes)
 - 2010 Family Housing to Shelter Partnership moved 246 families from shelter in permanent homes
 - 130 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing at Bud Clark Commons



- In FY 2011-2012, the Bud Clark Commons provided basic services to 7,100 people. Of these, 637 found permanent housing and 3,669 were connected to services.

Successes of the Ten Year Plan - Leverage

- 305 VASH vouchers secured for homeless Veterans through the Department of Veteran Administration
- Secured expedited benefits for 580 people with disabilities experiencing homelessness



Why do we need a reset?

- A look at the changing local population experiencing homelessness
- A time to evaluate what's working well and areas where we need different or new solutions and approaches.
- A recession that brought a rising tide of need and tight rental market that left many behind

Why do we need a reset?

- ❑ To further strategize and leverage resources to achieve the highest impact
- ❑ To align with Federal changes (HEARTH Act)
- ❑ To bring increased attention and resources to ending homelessness

What's the Need?

2011 Point-in-Time Count

Types	Number of People
People who are unsheltered	1,718
People in emergency shelter	1,009
People in transitional housing	1,928
People with rent assistance	1,024
People with Permanent Supportive Housing	847
Total	6,526

More People in Need

Among callers to 211 seeking homeless services in 2011, the most common unmet needs were:

- ❑ Rent assistance
- ❑ Utility assistance
- ❑ Transportation assistance
- ❑ Housing search help
- ❑ Emergency shelters
- ❑ Motel vouchers
- ❑ Warming centers
- ❑ Domestic violence shelters
- ❑ Campgrounds
- ❑ Drop-in centers
- ❑ Transitional housing
- ❑ Permanent supportive housing



Doubled Up Estimate (Point-in-Time)

Homelessness looks different in diverse communities. Sometimes households will take in friends and relatives in need of a home.

Point-in-Time Count Category	Ballpark Estimate
Doubled Up Population	10,908
PIT Count Total Plus Doubled Up	17,434

Note: These figures are a rough estimate only.

The Reset Process

- In 2012, a new committee was convened by the City of Portland, Multnomah County and Home Forward. It brought together diverse stakeholders to review data, listen to the community, learn from local and national best practices, and set a revised course for ending homelessness.

Our vision: No one should be homeless.

Everyone needs a safe, stable place to call home.

Major Recommendations

- ❑ Priority Populations - Focus on very vulnerable groups, including:
 - Families with children
 - Unaccompanied youth
 - Adults with physical or mental disabilities
 - Women
 - Veterans

- ❑ Address racial and ethnic disparities among people who experience homelessness

More Recommendations

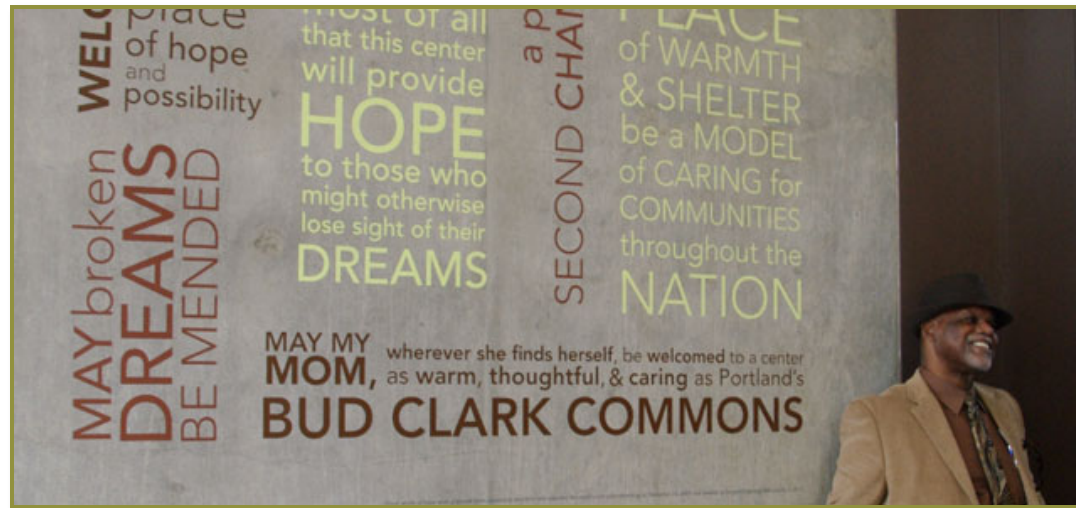
□ Focus investments in six focus program areas:

1. Housing
2. Income & Benefits
3. Healthcare
4. Survival & Emergency Services
5. Access to Services
6. Systems Coordination

More Recommendations – Improve how we serve people

- ❑ Prioritize vulnerable populations
- ❑ Promote racial and ethnic justice
- ❑ Use data-driven assessment and accountability
- ❑ Engage and involving the community
- ❑ Strengthen system capacity and increasing leveraging opportunities

Reset Major Recommendations: We're all in this together



▣ Governance

- Create a community-based, decision-making body to oversee and implement this plan (local government, nonprofit, public sector, faith)
- Recommend how local and private funds can be best invested

Next Steps

- ❑ Present *A Home for Everyone* to Portland City Council, Multnomah County Board and Home Forward Board of Commissioners for adoption.
- ❑ Create a governance committee to oversee the work.
- ❑ Develop an Action Plan with specific goals, outcome measures and estimated costs to achieve the goals. The plan will include strategies to improve coordination and access to reduce disparities among people of color experiencing homelessness, including youth, families and individuals.

Reset Committee Members

- ❑ **Executive Jurisdictional Leadership**

- ❑ Mary Li, Manager, Community Services, Department of County Human Services
- ❑ Steve Rudman, Executive Director, Home Forward
- ❑ Traci Manning, Director, Portland Housing Bureau

- ❑ **Elected Officials Representatives**

- ❑ Beckie Lee, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
- ❑ Daniel Ledezma, Equity, Policy & Communications Manager, Portland Housing Bureau

- ❑ **Key Partner Representatives**

- ❑ Andrew McGough, Executive Director
- ❑ Carly Riter, Director of Government Relations, Portland Business Alliance
- ❑ Doreen Binder, Executive Director, Transition Projects
- ❑ Ed Blackburn, Executive Director, Central City Concern
- ❑ Eric Bauer, Executive Director, Portland Rescue Mission
- ❑ Erika Silver, Deputy Director, Human Solutions
- ❑ John Miller, Executive Director, Oregon ON
- ❑ Kris Billhardt, Director, Volunteers of America/Home Free
- ❑ Liesl Wendt, CEO, 211info
- ❑ Liv Jenssen, Manager, Transition Services Unit, Multnomah County
- ❑ Marc Jolin, Executive Director, JOIN
- ❑ Matt Morton, Executive Director, Native American Youth and Family Center
- ❑ Priscilla Lewis, Community Services & Development, Providence Health & Services
- ❑ Sara Westbrook, Captain, Central Precinct
- ❑ Serena Stoudamire Wesley
- ❑ Shannon Singleton, Program Manager, The Royal Palm, Cascadia BHC

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- ❑ **Facilitator**

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- ❑ **Support staff**

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- ❑ Mary Welch, Sr. Administrative Specialist, Portland Housing Bureau
- ❑ Rachael Duke, Manager of Operations and Partnerships, Home Forward
- ❑ Rachel Post, Public Policy Advisor, Central City Concern
- ❑ Randi Moore, Office Manager & Executive Assistant, Solid Ground Consulting
- ❑ Ryan Deibert, Ending Homelessness Program Coordinator, Portland Housing Bureau
- ❑ Sally Erickson, Ending Homelessness Initiative, Program Manager, Portland Housing Bureau
- ❑ Sonia Schmanski, Policy Director for Commissioner Nick Fish, City of Portland