

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

1. Will County will have a center point for all homeless issues, research and education.
2. Duplication of services will be reduced among providers.
3. Intensive research will enable our community to quantify and understand its homeless needs.
4. The public, private and non-profit sectors will be linked in partnership.
5. Funding requests will be the result of community-wide consensus.
6. The Continuum will employ a results-oriented, measurable approach to all services and programs.
7. The Continuum will continually gauge its success in helping Will County's homeless achieve self-sufficiency.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Lois Goldman - City of Joliet Neighborhood Services

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Homeless Services Coordinator

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Deanna Watson - Cornerstone Services, Inc.

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Continuum HMIS Administrator

Dawn Maher - Will County Center for Community Concerns

Homeless Services Liaison

Michele Braden - Will County Center for Community Concerns

WE NEED YOU!

A successful continuum of care requires the community's involvement to positively impact programs and service delivery at every critical phase of the homeless cycle. For more information, call or write:



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The logo for the Continuum of Care in Will County, enclosed in a blue double-line border. The word "Continuum" is in a large, blue, serif font, with "of" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it, and "Care" in a large, blue, serif font to the right. Above "Continuum" is the text "Will County" in a small, blue, sans-serif font.

*Working in partnership to build
a comprehensive service
delivery system
that leads individuals
and families from
homelessness to
self-sufficiency.*

VISION

The Will County area has long supported its homeless and at-risk population through a strong and committed service provider network. Our community continues to witness an increase in demand for services, and with the implementation of new welfare reform legislation, the needs among local individuals and families will increase further.

The Will County Continuum of Care is dedicated to streamlining and strengthening the current service delivery system through even greater collaborative planning, partnership and program execution. It is the vision of the Continuum of Care members to create a seamless, comprehensive system of services that:

1. Prevents homelessness
2. Supports the emergency as well as ongoing supportive needs of the homeless
3. Provides the tools necessary to sustain independent living
4. Leads to permanent self-sufficiency

In 2008, the Continuum established the Homeless Services Program in order to fill gaps in services provided to the homeless. Case managers from organizations that provide supportive services to the homeless population and participate in the Continuum of Care are able to refer individuals or families for services that they have not been successfully linked with or are otherwise unavailable.

STRATEGY

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Government entities, elected officials, non-profit organizations, financial institutions, businesses, housing developers, churches, health care providers, neighborhood associations, educators, the media, homeless as well as formerly homeless persons and others.

WHAT WILL WE ACHIEVE IN PARTNERSHIP?

Identification of gaps, expansion of existing or development of new services, collaboration for funding opportunities, reduction in duplication and the streamlining of service delivery, while measuring the effectiveness of all services and activities on an ongoing basis within the following structure:

Five “homeless support” committees to closely focus on the primary issues impacting Will County’s homeless; address these issues in relationship to homeless prevention, crisis intervention, stabilization, housing/self-sufficiency and follow-up.

WILL COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE ORGANIZATION CHART

