

HOUSING SERVICES IN ACTION

The following programs tend to serve those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and are looking for housing or housing assistance.

AIDS Resource Center of WI.....	258-9103
Housing for persons with HIV/AIDS City of Madison CDA / Housing Operations.....	266-4675
Community Action Coalition.....	246-4730
Information, Counseling and Financial Assistance Dane County Housing Authority.....	224-3636
Dane County Parent Council.....	275-6741
Housing for mothers with children in Early HeadStart Domestic Abuse Intervention Services.....	261-4445
Shelter for victims of domestic violence Fair Housing Council of Greater Madison.....	256-0853
First Call for Help.....	211
Goodwill Industries of South Central WI.....	246-3140
Housing for persons with mental illness Hope Haven/Rebos United.....	251-8881
Residential AODA treatment Housing Initiatives.....	224-3636
Housing for persons with mental illness Legal Action of WI.....	266-3304
Legal Advocacy for homeless Lutheran Social Services – Off the Square Club.....	251-6901
Services for persons with mental illness Porchlight, Inc.	257-2534
Shelter for men, Safe Haven, Hospitality House, and housing Society of St Vincent de Paul.....	278-2920
Housing for single men, women, and children Tellurian	222-7311
Outreach and housing for homeless Tenant Resource Center Tenant/Landlord Mediation.....	257-2799
Housing Help Desk at the Job Center.....	242-7406
The Road Home	294-7998
Shelter and housing for families The Salvation Army	256-2321 & 250-2222
Shelter for families, women, and persons with medical issues Veterans Medical Center.....	280-2095
Housing and services for veterans YWCA of Madison	267-1436
Shelter and housing for women and families Youth Services of S. WI: Bharatch.....	245-2550
Services and shelter for youth	

MADISON GOALS

Since the early 1980's, the City has focused much of its resources and energy on expanding the supply of transitional and supported housing, strengthening the system of homeless service groups through the cooperative efforts of the Consortium, and improving prevention efforts. The development, maintenance and improvement of the affordable housing supply in Madison involves the work of many City units, community organizations, other governments and funders, as well as the private market. Within the City of Madison, the Planning Unit and Plan Commission develop master plans and approve specific subdivision and site plans; Building Inspection operates inspection programs and reviews new plans and buildings; Civil Rights promotes equal opportunities in housing and employment; CED and CDBG provide financial assistance to developers of housing; and Housing Operations manages publicly owned housing and housing voucher programs.

ONGOING CDBG OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program is dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of the City of Madison. Community development funding actively supports the efforts of community-based, non-profit agencies to:

- Improve Madison's existing housing;
- Stimulate economic development;
- Expand and improve the quantity and quality of community services;
- Empower and revitalize Madison target area neighborhoods; and
- Improve access of lower income people to housing information and non-monetary resources.

For more information about any of the individual projects, call the individual agency. For more information about the City's investments in affordable housing, contact the CDBG Office at:

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HOUSING AND SERVICES RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS

CITY OF MADISON

In partnership with the

Dane County

Homeless Services Consortium,

Federal Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD),

the Wisconsin Department of Administration

City of Madison Community Development

Authority,

Dane County Housing Authority,

United Way of Dane County,

and many other business and community

groups.

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Mayor of Madison

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WHO ARE THE HOMELESS?

Numbers

The Homeless Services Consortium reported that in 2011, 3,079 homeless persons were sheltered and 2,003 were turned-away without shelter for lack of resources. During the same time period, 483 unsheltered homeless persons received outreach services, and 1,327 homeless persons were served in transitional and supportive permanent housing.

Twice each year, the last Wednesday of January and July, the Homeless Services Consortium participates in the HUD-mandated Point-In-Time survey to count homeless sheltered and unsheltered persons on a specific night. On 1/25/2012, 647 homeless spent the night in shelter or transitional housing while 77 homeless slept on the street, in a car or other uninhabitable places. On 7/25/2012, 554 homeless spent the night in shelter or transitional housing while 162 homeless slept on the street, in a car or other uninhabitable places.

Duration

50% of the people in the emergency shelter system reported that they had been homeless for less than one month; 37% less than six months and 13% for more than six months.

Demographics

38% of the homeless are children under the age of 18; 66% of the homeless, (82% of homeless families), identify themselves as non-white; 24% of the homeless report earning wages and 26% report income from SSI/SSDI; 7% of the homeless are veterans.

Length of Homelessness

40% of homeless persons served report being homeless for less than one month;
36% of homeless persons served report being homeless for more than six months.



Reasons for Homelessness

1 in 5 homeless families and single women reported that violence or threat of violence was the reason for seeking shelter;

29% of homeless served self-reported mental health issues;

19% of homeless served self-reported alcohol and other drug issues; and

22% of homeless served self-reported chronic medical problems.

WHAT IS THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING?

Supply

The continuum of care for persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness can be described in terms of: homeless prevention, outreach, emergency shelter and rapid re-housing, and permanent housing. A priority of the Homeless Services Consortium is to use resources on prevention and the development of affordable permanent housing so as to move homeless persons from emergency shelter as quickly as possible.

Capacity

The housing inventory for the Dane County area includes 310 year-round shelter beds with 62 seasonal overflow beds and 975 transitional or supportive permanent housing units available to homeless persons. In addition there are 5,272 federal-assisted housing units available to persons who meet low-income guidelines.

In addition to these units, a number of housing and service agencies provide partial rental subsidies to their clients. These subsidies include 53 short-term (3-6 months) rent subsidy slots and 206 medium-term (12-24 months) rent subsidy slots. This is transitional assistance to assist a household until they can stabilize their housing.



Prevention

In 2011, 1,059 households who would otherwise have become homeless as a result of an eviction, maintained their housing through financial assistance and housing counseling. Legal advocacy and housing mediation services at small claims eviction court assist households to avoid an eviction and prevent homelessness. In 2011, 569 mediations at eviction court allowed a number of households to maintain their current housing.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY TRENDS?

The number of individuals served in shelter has decreased each year since 2006; the number of families served in shelter decreased significantly.

	2009	2010	2011
TOTAL Number of Individuals Served in Shelters	3,901	3,136	3,079
Families Sheltered	666	522	394
Single Men Sheltered	1,310	1,235	1,257
Single Women Sheltered	497	509	508
Unaccompanied Youth Sheltered	31	29	32

The number of people turned away increased in 2011 over the previous year; 85% of those households turned away without shelter because of lack of beds are families with children.

	2009	2010	2011
TOTAL Number of Individuals Turned Away Without Shelter	2,622	1,605	2,003

Prior to seeking shelter, 474 persons reported living on the streets or other inhabitable places; of those persons 397 were single men, 41 were families with children, 33 were single women and 3 were unaccompanied youth.