

Kansas Legal Services

TOPEKA MOVING AHEAD PROGRAM

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**Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force
Homeless Continuum of Care
10-Year Plan, Objectives and Action Steps**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has identified five objectives for ending chronic homelessness and moving families and individuals to permanent housing. The Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force has identified the following local action steps and measurable achievements for attaining each of the five national HUD objectives. The local action steps are based on HUD grants received by local organizations/units of government in Topeka/Shawnee County.

Objective #1 – Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless persons.

Action Step 1 – Make available 5 unites for chronically homeless through outreach and placement (HCCI).

Action Step 2 – 50 new permanent housing beds will be available for chronically homeless persons on Shelter Plus Care (City of Topeka).

Action Step 3 – The centralized intake system through the Topeka Rescuc Mission will identify 10 chronic homeless persons that will successfully apply for Shelter Plus Care permanent housing (City of Topeka).

Objective #2 – Increase percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over 6 months to at least 71.5%.

Action Step 1 – 60% of TMAP graduates who obtain permanent housing will sustain permanent housing over 6 months (Kansas Legal Services).

Action Step 2 – Formerly homeless residents at Tanglewood supportive housing project will successfully maintain tenancy over 6 months (Community Action).

Action Step 3 – 30% of graduates of the HCCI class participants who participate in follow-up interviews will obtain and remain in permanent housing for at least 6 months (HCCI).

Objective #3 – Increase percentage of homeless persons moving from transitional housing and permanent housing to at least 63.5%.

Topeka/Shawnee County does not receive HUD McKinney funding for transitional housing projects.

Objective #4 – Increase percentage of homeless persons employed at exit to at least 19%.

Action Step 1 – 20% of the Shelter Plus Care participants will be assisted with employment opportunities and be employed at exit (City of Topeka).

Action Step 2 – Establish a support group with Shelter Plus Care participants to address barriers to finding employment (City of Topeka).

Action Step 3 – TMAP will provide a 13-week job and life skills training program and assist program participants in obtaining internships and employment (Kansas Legal Services).

Objective #5 – Decrease the number of homeless households with children.

Action Step 1 – Assist 20 households avoid homelessness through eviction and utility shut-off assistance (Community Action).

Action Step 2 – Assist 10 households with dependent children in obtaining transitional housing (Kansas Legal Services).

Action Step 3 – Apply for a Rapid Re-housing Project that will assist 12 families obtain housing (Kansas Legal Services).