

The Face of Homelessness in Delaware County

- ❖ *At any point-in-time there are approximately 600 homeless adults and children known to be homeless on the street, in shelters or in transitional housing programs.*
- ❖ *Over 60% are persons in families with children and 40% are single adults.*
- ❖ *There are additional "Hidden Homeless" ...who are impossible to count. These persons are doubled-up, living with family members or friends because of the lack of personal resources.*
- ❖ *Any of these persons could be....*
 - *Children, adults, seniors*
 - *Your neighbor, friend or relative*
 - *Domestic violence victims*
 - *Fire victims*
 - *Disabled*
 - *Unemployed persons*
 - *Employed*

What Is The Homeless Services Coalition (HSC)?

*Initiated in 1991, **the HSC** is an ever-expanding group of over 90 individuals and organizations dedicated to assisting homeless individuals and families. **The HSC** meets quarterly and has eleven working committees whose objective is to ensure that the homeless population in Delaware County has barrier-free access to the services they need in order to achieve self-sufficiency.*

The HOMELESS SERVICES COALITION exists to assist homeless people in Delaware County to become self-sufficient and to secure safe, affordable housing. **The HSC** promotes, coordinates and supports the development of homeless programs that provide comprehensive services including Outreach, Shelter, Supportive Services and Housing to the homeless populations. Members of **the HSC** are committed to the development of close collaboration and cooperation among service providers, homeless persons, funding sources, religious groups, businesses, government and interested members of the community.

Our Vision

No one should experience homelessness – no one should be without a safe, stable, place to call home!

Our Mission

To have an integrated community-based support system which will prevent homelessness and provide the necessary resources and opportunities to end homelessness for individual and families.

Essential Principles: *In our effort to provide individualized self-sufficiency solutions to persons that are experiencing housing crises, the HSC will apply the following essential principles:*

- **Prevent homelessness whenever possible;**
- **Rapidly re-house people when homelessness cannot be prevented;**
- **Provide wraparound services that promote housing stability and self-sufficiency.**

Prevent

Move

Maintain

How You Can Help

- ❖ Come to a Homeless Services Coalition meeting. The HSC meets quarterly in March, June, September and December.
- ❖ Join one of the following HSC Committees:

**Employment
Outreach
Provider Case Management
Community Education
Housing Options & Prevention
Steering/Strategic Planning**

- ❖ Buy or sell House Pins – A small fundraising activity. These pins are designed and made by a formerly homeless woman to support the homeless across the country.
- ❖ Volunteer at a partner agency
- ❖ Make available these resource documents at your organization:
 - Survival Guide to Homeless Services
 - Emergency Shelter Directory
- ❖ Donate to the HSC via the United Way of Southeast Delaware County or a partner agency

HSC Continuum of Care Partners

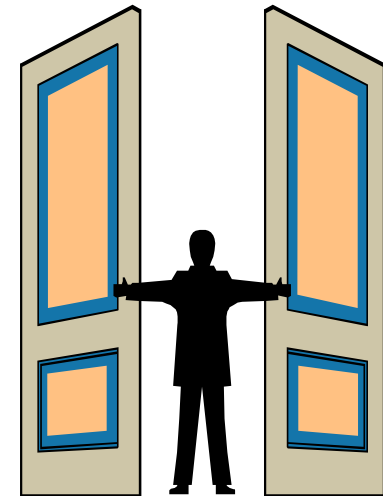
AIDS Care Group
Business Community
Catholic Social Services
Community Action Agency
ChesPenn Health Services
City Team Ministries
Crozer-Keystone Systems
Delaware County Housing Authority
Department of Public Welfare
Domestic Abuse Project
Family and Community Services
Holcomb Behavioral Health
Horizon House
Homeless Consumers
Interfaith Coalition of Food Centers
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Mental Health Association of SEPA
Mother's Home
Northwestern Human Services
Office of Adult Services
Office of Behavioral Health
Office of Housing and Community Development
Office of Employment and Training
Office of Service for the Aging
Pathways PA
Religious Community
Salvation Army
United Way of Southeast Delaware Co.
Veterans Services at Career Link

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**Opening the door
..... to self-sufficiency**



**Closing the door
.....to homelessness**