

Major Accomplishments

Project Warmth, a warming center for families and unaccompanied youth, was created to address the growing number of homeless families. Between January 4, 2009 and April 4, 2009, it sheltered 15 unaccompanied youth and 17 families, including 31 children.

On January 28, 2009, the bi-annual, federally mandated Point in Time Count of Macomb County residents experiencing homelessness was conducted. This included an early morning street count done by five outreach teams, a sheltered homeless count and a Community Connection Day. There were 1,176 homeless people counted. This number is believed to be an undercount due to poor weather conditions and squatters in foreclosed homes.

There were two Community Connection Days (CCD) held. Both had around 40 agencies on hand to provide services, as well as health screenings, clothing, haircuts and meals. The January CCD had approximately 300 participants and the April CCD serviced approximately 125 registered attendees, not including numerous children.

A Resource Guide, listing resources for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Macomb County, was developed. It is being distributed to churches, schools, agencies, etc. It can also be found at www.macombhomeless.org.

Additional Major Accomplishments listed inside...

The primary decision-making body of the Continuum of Care is the

Macomb Homeless Coalition Board of Directors

Misty Authier, President

The Salvation Army MATT'S

Carol Shortt, Vice President

Macomb County Health Department

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Turning Point

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Kara Black, *Amelia Agnes Transitional Home for Women*

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James Pelaki, *Common Ground Sanctuary*

William Sherrill, *Community Representative*

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Programs and services are sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and state and federal grants.



MCCSA complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act, the Older Americans Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. To inquire about reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact MCCSA. All MCCSA programs, services, and activities will be provided equally without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or physical handicap/disability.

Macomb County Community Services Agency

Continuum of Care 2008 – 2009 Annual Report



- **There are 1,176 homeless people in Macomb County on any given day.**
- **In 2008, Continuum of Care agencies serviced over 3,000 homeless clients.**
- **Between January 2007 and January 2009, over 1,375 homeless people exited Macomb County shelters into permanent housing.**



Continuum of Care (CoC)

The Continuum of Care system is the mechanism used to move homeless from the streets to permanent, safe housing. Not all homeless move through the system in the same way, nor does every homeless person need all of the components of the system. The fundamental components of a CoC system are:

- Outreach, intake and assessment
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing
- Permanent housing
- Supportive Services
- Prevention

Macomb County Continuum of Care develops a plan that is reviewed and submitted yearly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A Continuum of Care and the plan that it develops are important because it:

- Provides for the assessment of capacity;
- Requires the identification of gaps;
- Makes the community become proactive rather than reactive;
- Helps the community develop a common vision and a set of common goals;
- Identifies ways of coordinating and linking resources to avoid duplication;
- Provides a forum to obtain community buy-in and access to mainstream resources; and
- Allows the community to apply for certain federal and state grants.

Financial Summary July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Continuum of Care Coordinator Funders

Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board	\$ 47,975
Macomb County	\$ 25,000
City of St. Clair Shores	\$ 4,000
City of Warren	\$ 3,500
City of Sterling Heights	\$ 2,850
TOTAL	\$ 83,325

Funds Brought into Macomb County through the Continuum of Care

Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	\$ 750
Grant for the Community Connection Day	

United Way Collaborative Grant	\$ 8,750
Grant for HARP administration	

Michigan State Housing Development Authority	\$ 9,800
Regional Housing First Grant	

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Emergency Shelter Grant	

Distributed to:

Family Youth Interventions	\$ 5,000
Macomb Homeless Coalition	\$ 7,500
Turning Point	\$ 21,000
The Salvation Army MATTS	\$ 26,000
MCREST	\$ 30,200

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$ 796,509
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Distributed to:

Macomb County Community Mental Health	\$ 22,817
Macomb Homeless Coalition	\$ 28,890
Macomb Homeless Coalition (<i>new</i>)	\$ 29,919
Amelia Agnes Transitional Home	\$ 51,304
Community Housing Network	\$100,399
(<i>Chronic Homeless – new</i>)	
Community Housing Network	\$141,291
(<i>Chronic Homeless LAP Grants</i>)	
Community Housing Network (<i>LAP Grants</i>)	\$421,889

TOTAL	\$ 905,509
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An AmeriCorps member was “awarded” to the Macomb Homeless Coalition to provide follow-up and referrals to currently housed HARP clients, as well as assist in planning the upcoming Community Connection Days. If MSHDA begins pulling names from the HARP list during the program year, the AmeriCorps member will assist clients in locating housing and furnishings.

A Memorandum of Understanding was developed between MCCSA and Macomb County Veteran’s Services to streamline the referral of veterans experiencing homelessness.

