

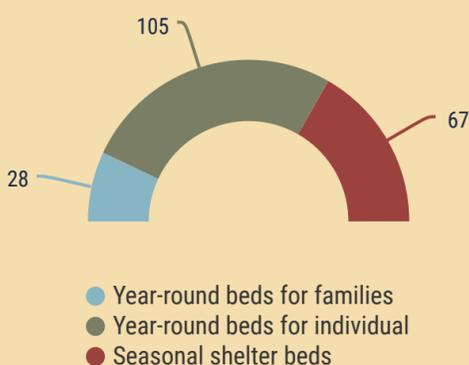
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Springfield & Sangamon County Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

What resources are in our community and what do we need to address homelessness?

What resources keep people safe while they are homeless?

Emergency Shelter Beds Available



Transitional Housing Beds Available



Yet, even with these resources...

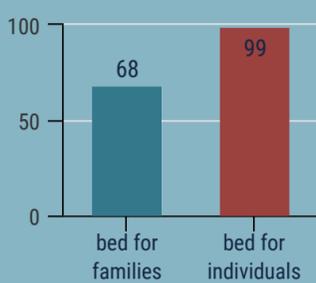
26% of the homeless population are living outdoors

186 is the average number of days a household is waiting for a housing referral

What resources do end homelessness in Springfield?

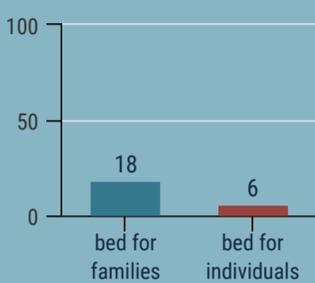
Permanent Support Housing

combines rental assistance with optional supportive services with no time limit to achieve housing stability



Rapid Re-Housing

provides time-limited rental assistance and services to increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed after assistance ends.



141 households are waiting for a housing referral



What are some agencies that provide resources in Springfield and Sangamon Co.?

- Abundant Faith Christian Center - Ministries
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
- Central Counties Community Health Centers
- Contact Ministries
- Family Guidance Center
- Fifth Street Renaissance-S.A.R.A. Center
- Gateway Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity
- Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.
- Helping the Homeless in Springfield
- Inner City Mission
- Kumler Outreach
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Lincoln Library

- M.E.R.C.Y. Communities, Inc.
- Memorial Behavioral Health - PATH
- Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery
- Office of Community Relations - City of Springfield
- Sojourn Shelter and Services, Inc.
- Springfield Housing Authority
- Springfield Police Department
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- The Phoenix Center
- The Salvation Army
- Truancy Intervention Program -ROE 51
- United Way of Central Illinois
- Washington Street Mission
- Youth Service Bureau

And also supported by the United Way of Central Illinois, Downtown Springfield, Inc., Springfield school district, churches, advocates, and hospitals.

Why is Springfield & Sangamon County writing a community-wide strategic plan?

- Is it true in Springfield & Sangamon County that homelessness had continued to increase for a decade?**

 - Despite strong efforts, homelessness has continued to increase in the past decade.
- Significant change requires significant efforts and new strategies.**

 - The planning process will include looking at best and emerging practices and research to find the best next steps for Springfield & Sangamon County's homeless system of care.
 - The plan will also strategize how to leverage resources in the most effective way.
- Ending homelessness requires community-wide engagement.**

 - No one or two agencies can solve homelessness on their own.
 - Ending and preventing homelessness takes buy-in and action from government, nonprofits, and the private sector!



What can a strategic plan do?

Our strategic plan will create a **common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, and outcomes.**



For example, the Federal Strategic Plan committed to ending homelessness of Veterans, and this has helped lead to a 48% decrease in Veteran homelessness since 2009.

What will happen at the Community Summits?

The Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness Steering Committee will launch a community-wide conversation and effort to end homelessness. Through this process, we will:



- Share information,
- Increase collaboration
- Develop solutions,
- Consider challenges

...in order to **end and prevent homelessness in our community.**