**Executive Summary**

**Background:**

On January 27, 2016, homeless service providers completed data entry on the persons served on that point-in-time via HMIS/Service Point. Point-in-time count forms were distributed to non HMIS/Service Point users to capture this data as well. This report provides a snapshot of homeless persons\* served at a single point-in-time. This report is not intended to reflect the overall trend in the number of homeless served throughout the year.

\**A Homeless Person is defined as, a* person sleeping in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation; or a person in transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter.

**Total Served:**

Overall, on January 27, 2016, a total of **400 individuals** were served by local emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, or were found living on the street. The following illustrates the breakdown of men, women and children served.

**Point-In-Time Count Trend:**

**Emergency Shelter**

**Definition:**

Emergency Housingis defined by HUD as any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in general, or special populations of homeless persons. The length of stay can range from one night up to as much as three months.

**Total Served:**

* **105** people **(44 men, 28 women and 33 children)** were served by emergency shelters on January 27, 2016.

The chart below illustrates the bed capacity of each Emergency Shelter and the number of people that stayed in the Emergency Shelter on January 27, 2016.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Emergency Shelter | # Beds | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| Cedar Valley Friends of the Family | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Family Promise\* | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Foundation 2 Youth Shelter | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Mission of Hope Shelter | 12 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Safe Place Emergency Shelter | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House | 16 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Waypoint Madge Phillips Center | 40 | 0 | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Willis Dady Emergency Shelter | 45 | 21 | 2 | 6 | 29 |
| Total | **139** | **44** | **28** | **33** | **105** |

*\* Program is currently closed*

The graph below shows a 4-year trend of homeless individuals served by emergency shelters on point-in-time counts.

**Transitional Housing**

**Definition:**

Transitional Housing is defined by HUD as a project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate support services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living.

**Total Served:**

* **277** people **(57 men, 89 women and 131 children)** were served by transitional housing programs on January 27, 2016.

The chart below illustrates the bed capacity of each transitional housing provider and the number of people that stayed in transitional housing on January 27, 2016.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Transitional Housing | # Beds | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| ASAC Adult Residential Halfway House | 10 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| ASAC Heart of Iowa Halfway House | 36 | 0 | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| Catherine McAuley Center | 15 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Cross Roads Mission | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| HACAP Transitional Housing | 202 | 17 | 51 | 77 | 145 |
| The Safe Place Foundation | 33 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Waypoint DVP | 28 | 0 | 12 | 33 | 45 |
| Total | **328** | **57** | **89** | **131** | **277** |

The Abbe Transitional Living Program also served **23** individuals (**13** men & **10** women) with serious mental illness on the Point-In-Time date, including many who were homeless. Because this program does not exclusively serve homeless individuals, these numbers are not included in the Point-in-Time count, but are provided for informational purposes.

The graph below shows a 4-year trend of homeless individuals served by transitional housing providers on point-in-time counts.

* Women and children continue to be the most common residents of transitional housing.
* Women and children represent **79%** of all individuals served in transitional housing on January 27, 2016.

**Street Count**

**Methodology:**

A street count was conducted in conjunction with the Homeless Point-In-Time survey on January 27, 2016. A homeless outreach worker coordinated an outreach strategy to conduct a count of homeless persons in locations known to workers or other homeless individuals.

**Total Count:**

* **18** people **(14 men, and 4 women)** were found living on the street on January 27, 2016.
* Men made up **78%** of the individuals identified as living on the street.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

**Definition:**

Permanent Supportive Housing is long-term community-based housing and supportive services for homeless persons with specific needs. The intent of supportive housing is to enable this special needs population to live as independently as possible in a permanent setting. The supportive services may be provided by the organization managing the housing or by other public or private service agencies. There is no definite length of stay.

**Total Served:**

* **8** people **(8 men, 0 women and 0 children)** were served by permanent supportive housing programs on January 27, 2016.

The chart below illustrates the bed capacity of each permanent supportive housing provider and the number of people that stayed in permanent supportive housing on January 27, 2016.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | # Beds | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| HACAP Chronically Homeless Project | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Total | **8** | **8** | **0** | **0** | **8** |

*NOTE: Home to Stay/Lundby Townhomes (96 beds) was removed from the Permanent Supportive Housing category, as it does not meet HUD’s definition of Permanent Supportive Housing.*

The graph below shows a 2-year trend of homeless individuals served by Permanent Supportive Housing providers on point-in-time counts.

**Rapid Rehousing**

**Definition:**

As defined by HUD, rapid rehousing involves providing financial assistance and services to those individuals and families on the edge of becoming homeless. It allows these individuals and families to be quickly re-housed and stabilized by providing services including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services such as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

**Total Served:**

* **148** people **(58 men, 33 women, and 57 children)** were assisted by rapid rehousing services on January 27, 2016.
* Women and children represent the majority of those served by rapid rehousing at **61%.**

The chart below illustrates the number of people that utilized rapid rehousing on January 27, 2016.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rapid Rehousing | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| Cedar Valley Friends of the Family | 0 | 6 | 14 | 20 |
| HACAP SSVF | 30 | 6 | 15 | 51 |
| Waypoint Rapid Rehousing | 28 | 21 | 28 | 77 |
| Total | **58** | **33** | **57** | **148** |

The graph below shows a 2-year trend of homeless individuals served by Rapid Rehousing providers on point-in-time counts.

**Homeless Subpopulations**

### Definition:

**Chronically Homeless** is defined by HUD as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disability, or a family with at least one adult member who has a disability, that has either been continuously homeless for 12 consecutive months or more OR has had at least four episodes of homelessness adding up to 12 consecutive months in the past three years. The term homeless in this case means a person sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (e.g., living on the streets), in an emergency homeless shelter or in a Safe Haven as defined by HUD.

* **19 or 4.8%** of homeless individuals served on January 27, 2016, were found to be chronically homeless.

Other homeless subpopulations documented were persons with severe mental illness, individuals with chronic substance abuse, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence and unaccompanied youth. Homeless individuals may fall in more than one subpopulation.

* The leading accompanying issue faced by the homeless individuals served on January 27, 2016, was **chronic substance abuse: 83 or 20.8%** of all homeless counted on that date documented this as an issue.
* A close second leading issue documented was **severe mental illness** **with 62 people, or 15.5%.**
* The third leading issue documented was **domestic violence** at **33 people, or 8.3%.**

**New Innovative Housing Solutions**

### Definition:

This section is for new community programs being piloted that utilize new innovative strategies that work to eradicate homelessness in Linn County. The intent behind this section is to be inclusive of new programs that may not fit neatly within the traditional housing program definitions.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| New Innovative Housing Solutions | # Beds\* | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| Four Oaks—PUSH (Transitional) | *N/A* | 6 | 28 | 40 | 74 |
| Four Oaks—PUSH (Permanent) | *N/A* | 1 | 6 | 5 | 12 |
| Four Oaks—PUSH (Section 8) | *N/A* | 3 | 13 | 22 | 38 |
| Total |  | **10** | **47** | **67** | **124** |

*\* There is no set number of beds, as they vary, based on family configuration and needs of those served.*

### Description:

The Four Oaks Partners United for Supportive Housing in Cedar Rapids (PUSH-CR) Program provides a unique approach to housing homeless families with children, involved in the child welfare system. Funded by a five-year federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families (Children’s Bureau), PUSH-CR is a collaborative project that includes 12-24 months of subsidized housing and utilities, with intensive support services. At the end of the 24-month period, it is the goal of the program that families will remain in their housing unit, covering rent and utilities themselves or be housed in another subsidized program. Enrolled families may receive supportive services for up to five years. This program was a winner of the 2015 Housing Iowa Award for Innovation!

**Homeless Students**

**Definition**:

The McKinney-Vento Act defines a homeless student as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

School districts in Linn County confirmed the total number of homeless students during the 2014-2015 academic year**.** The school districts’ work with students is fluid; however, the count represents the status of the students at the time when the school started working with them to address sheltering needs. The following guidance was used to classify the status of students:

* **Sheltered/Transitional Housing**: Any student that reported that they were living in an emergency shelter or transitional living program.
* **Doubled Up**: A student reported that they were living with another friend, family, relative, etc.
* **Unsheltered**:Includes any individual who reported that they were living on the street, in a car, tent, abandoned building or under a bridge, etc.
* **Hotel/Motel**: A student residing in a hotel/motel for living arrangements.
* **Unaccompanied Youth**: A youth that is living absent of an adult figure.

Eight of the school districts in Linn County participated in the count. They are as follows: Alburnett, Cedar Rapids, Center Point Urbana, College Community, Lisbon, Marion Independent, Mt. Vernon, and North Linn.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **School District** | # Doubled Up | # Sheltered/  Transitional Housing | # Unsheltered | # Hotel/Motel | **TOTAL** |
| **Alburnett** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Cedar Rapids** | 457 | 87 | 6 | 70 | 620 |
| **Center Point Urbana** | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| **College Community** | 47 | 77 | 0 | 3 | 127 |
| **Lisbon** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Marion Independent** | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| **Mt. Vernon** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **North Linn** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | **553** | **164** | **6** | **73** | **796** |

**Total Served:**

* **796** students served by the eight participating school districts were documented as being homeless during the 2014-2015 academic school year. This is the most recent confirmed count for a complete academic year.
* **553 (69%) students** reported that they were **doubled up.**
* **164 (21%) students** were reported to be living in **an Emergency Shelter or Transitional Housing.**

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