

HOMELESSNESS WORKING GROUP



The New Face of Homelessness: Families
Tonight, 6,200 children in our county will not be sleeping in their beds, in their homes. They will be sleeping on a friend's couch, in a relative's garage, in their parent's car, in a shelter, or on the street.

That's why the Homelessness Working Group is working to develop solutions.

The Homelessness Working Group has focused since 2003 on addressing the causes and solutions to ending homelessness in our community. Our efforts have moved from stemming the calamity among chronic homeless in need of supportive services, to the growing crisis among low income, often recently unemployed families facing poverty, homelessness, malnutrition and failure in school.

Milestones:

Convened Summit for Elected Leaders in February 2009 in coordination with the National Alliance to End Homelessness to present the new face of homelessness in our community.

Convened cities, county and service organizations; provided technical assistance to facilitate approved funding of \$13 million in Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds from the 2009 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Created numerous learning opportunities for stakeholders throughout the community.

Supported the Corporation for Supportive Housing to maintain a San Diego office and educate and assist potential supportive housing providers.

Facilitated a new link between universities and the Regional Task Force on Homelessness to create a research vision and support system.

Established leadership/board presence on the Regional Task Force on Homelessness and the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

Next Steps:

The San Diego Grantmakers Homelessness Working Group is actively engaged in discussions with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to incubate the development of a regional plan to end family/episodic homelessness.

Ideally, this plan will run parallel and in partnership with the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, and will identify, utilize and capitalize on national best practices for long-term solutions. The plan will focus on regional coordination, a Housing First strategy, and a paradigm shift, including reallocation of resources, from maintaining homelessness to ending homelessness.

HOMELESSNESS WORKING GROUP GOAL:
PREVENT AND REDUCE HOMELESSNESS
THROUGH REGIONAL EDUCATION,
COLLABORATION AND ADVOCACY.

1. Ensure implementation of PTECH (Plan to End Chronic Homelessness), achieving its long-range milestones.
2. Ensure creation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan to prevent and reduce family/episodic homelessness, both urban and rural populations.
 - Promote public understanding by convening, advocating and educating various constituencies.
 - Make a case for economic and social benefits of reducing and preventing homelessness.



We ask you to join us in these efforts.
Our families are depending on us!

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The mission of San Diego Grantmakers is to connect, educate, develop and inspire a diverse group of foundations and corporations to stimulate effective philanthropy in the San Diego region. Our vision is a vibrant, effective and growing philanthropic community that improves the quality of life in the San Diego region.

Current Funding Partners include:

- Alliance Healthcare Foundation
- McCarthy Family Foundation
- The Parker Foundation
- The San Diego Foundation
- San Diego Social Venture Partners
- United Way of San Diego County

Other Working Group stakeholder members include:

- City of San Diego
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- Regional Continuum of Care Consortium
- Regional Task Force on Homelessness
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- San Diego Housing Commission

SDG's Funding Collaboratives invite you to join our efforts to learn together, share our experiences and knowledge, and build opportunities for insightful and strategic funding for the benefit of the community.

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