

# USICH “Opening Doors”

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**THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO PREVENT  
AND END HOMELESSNESS:: 2010**

# Goals

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- *Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 5 years*
- *Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years*
- *Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 10 years*
- *Set a path to ending all types of homelessness*

## Increase Leadership , Collaboration, and Civic Engagement

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- ***Objective 1: Provide and promote collaborative leadership at all levels of government and across all sectors to inspire and energize Americans to commit to preventing and ending homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Educate the public
  - ✦ b. Engage state/local/tribal leaders
  - ✦ c. Update and implement state/local plans
  - ✦ d. Involve citizens and private sector
  - ✦ e. Test, model interagency collaboration
  - ✦ f. Reward collaborating communities
  - ✦ g. Recognize savings across partners
  - ✦ h. Engage Congressional committees

## Increase Leadership , Collaboration, and Civic Engagement

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- ***Objective 2: Strengthen the capacity of public and private organizations by increasing knowledge about collaboration, homelessness, and successful interventions to prevent and end homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Compile research
  - ✦ b. Coordinate federal technical assistance
  - ✦ c. More readily available info on best practices
  - ✦ d. More readily available info on special populations
  - ✦ e. Needs of rural and tribal communities
  - ✦ f. Inventory federal emergency response programs
  - ✦ g. Increase use of HMIS
  - ✦ h. Create a common data standard and uniform performance measures if feasible

# Increase Access to Stable and Affordable Housing

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- ***Objective 3: Provide affordable housing to people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Support rental housing subsidies
  - ✦ b. Expand supply of affordable rental homes
  - ✦ c. Improve access to assistance
  - ✦ d. Increase service-enriched housing

*Signature Initiative: Families with Children*

# Increase Access to Stable and Affordable Housing

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- ***Objective 4: Provide permanent supportive housing to prevent and end chronic homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Improve access to and use of supportive housing
  - ✦ b. Protocols and incentives to free up units
  - ✦ c. Expand supply of supportive housing
  - ✦ d. Assess options for supportive housing service funding

*Signature Initiative: Chronic Homelessness*

## Increase Economic Security

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- ***Objective 5: Increase meaningful and sustainable employment for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Job development focus on homelessness
  - ✦ b. Improve access to work supports
  - ✦ c. Best practices to help people enter workforce
  - ✦ d. Coordinate/integrate employment programs
  - ✦ e. Increase work for Veterans

## Increase Economic Security

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- ***Objective 6: Improve access to mainstream programs and services to reduce people's financial vulnerability to homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Best practices in access to income/work supports
  - ✦ b. Improve access to income supports
  - ✦ c. Enhance public info and call center for Veterans
  - ✦ d. Create pathways to financial independence
  - ✦ e. Prepare for Medicaid expansion

## Improve Health and Stability

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- ***Objective 7: Integrate primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing to reduce people's vulnerability to and the impacts of homelessness***
  - ✦ a. Co-locate housing and health care
  - ✦ b. Build upon successful service delivery models
  - ✦ c. Evaluate effectiveness of medical home model
  - ✦ d. Establish medical respite programs
  - ✦ e. Increase availability of behavioral health services
  - ✦ f. Improve access to child and family services

## Improve Health and Stability

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- ***Objective 8: Advance health and housing stability for youth aging out of systems such as foster care and juvenile justice***

- ✦ a. Improve discharge planning
- ✦ b. Improve access for youth
- ✦ c. Promote targeted outreach strategies

*Signature Initiative: Youth*

## Improve Health and Stability

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- ***Objective 9: Advance health and housing stability for people experiencing homelessness who have frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice***
  - ✦ a. Improve discharge planning
  - ✦ b. Promote targeted outreach strategies
  - ✦ c. Increase number of jail diversion courts
  - ✦ d. Define approaches to reduce criminalization

# Retool the Homeless Crisis Response System

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- ***Objective 10: Transform homeless services to crisis response systems that prevent homelessness and rapidly return people who experience homelessness to stable housing***
  - ✦ a. Promote best practices in crisis response
  - ✦ b. Use mainstream resources for housing stability
  - ✦ c. Implementation strategies for HEARTH Act
  - ✦ d. Ensure continuity through HPRP services
  - ✦ e. Ensure prevention in place-based strategies

# Measures

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**Three population-specific measures will mark progress toward the first three goals of the Plan:**

- ✦ **Annual changes in the number of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness**
- ✦ **Annual changes in the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness**
- ✦ **Annual changes in the number of families with children experiencing homelessness**

*\*This will be tracked through annual Point in Time counts.*

# Targeted Homeless Programs In FY2010

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## **EDUCATION**

- **Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grants for State and Local Activities**

## **GSA with HHS and HUD**

- **Federal Surplus Real Property Program**

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- **Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (Treatment for Homeless Program)**
- Health Care for the Homeless Program
- Programs for Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
- Services in Supportive Housing Grants

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

# Targeted Homeless Programs in FY2010

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## **HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

- **Emergency Shelter Grant**
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program
- HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Section 8 Single Room Occupancy for Individuals
- Shelter Plus Care
- Supportive Housing Program

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- **Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault,**
- **Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program**

## **LABOR**

- **Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program**

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

- **Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program**
- Grant and Per Diem Program
- Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program
- Homeless Veterans Dental Program
- HUD-VASH
- Supportive Services for Low-Income Veterans and Families
- Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative

## Cross-Cutting Initiatives

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*The following list is illustrative, but not comprehensive, of activities under way or proposed for FY2011 that will help prevent, reduce, and end homelessness.*

- **The Affordable Care Act** will further the Plan's goals by helping numerous families and individuals experiencing homelessness to get the health care they need.
- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009** provided funding for many programs that are helping people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **The Administration's FY2011 Budget includes an 11.5 percent increase for targeted homeless programs.** This includes significant increases for Veterans and for HUD homeless assistance programs, as well as for targeted programs in other agencies.
- **The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act** created three new programs at the Corporation for National and Community Service.

## Other Key Initiatives

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- In order to increase leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement, the Plan focuses on providing and promoting collaborative leadership at all levels of government and across all sectors.
- In order to increase access to stable and affordable housing, the Plan's objectives focus on providing affordable housing and permanent supportive housing.
- In order to increase economic security, the Plan's objectives focus on increasing meaningful and sustainable employment and improving access to mainstream programs and services to reduce people's financial vulnerability to homelessness.

## Other Key Initiatives cont.

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- In order to improve health and stability, the Plan's objectives focus on integrating primary and behavioral health care services with homeless assistance programs and housing, advancing health and housing stability for youth aging out of systems such as foster care and juvenile justice along with people who have frequent contact with hospitals and criminal justice.
- In order to retool the homeless crisis response system, the Plan's objectives focus on *transforming* homeless services.

## Next Steps

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- **USICH will publish an annual report card on Plan progress**
- **Annual updates to the Plan**
- **USICH annual report to Congress**
- **Evaluations of Signature Initiatives targeting Veterans, families with children, youth, and chronically homeless**
- **USICH will share info on their website**