

Homelessness Landscape Working Document – February 2020

BACKGROUND

The 2018 Wilder study finds that 10,233 people experience homelessness – a 10% increase from 2015. Homelessness is insidiously persistent; it defies attempts at systemic change, along with attempts to move people out of poverty outside of the system. There is no will to change things systemically. The agencies who work in this field have grit, tenacity, and are completely committed to withstand the daily onslaught of human crises.

OTHER PROVIDERS

Minnesota State Housing Agency; Meeting the needs of Families (St. Paul and Eastern suburbs); Project Home, Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul; Family Place, Inc; Theresa Living Center/Caroline Family Services; Catholic Charities Family Service Center; Ramsey County Coordinated Access to Housing and Shelter (CASH); St. Andrews Community (Mahtomedi); Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative (Minneapolis and Western Suburbs); People Serving People; Mary's Intake -Sharing and Caring Hands; St. Anne's Place – Haven Housing

MISSION DISTINCTION

- Peace House Community, Minneapolis
- Strategic partners with Listening House, St. Paul
- CSJ Justice Office and Commission work
- Strategic partners with Partners in Justice grantees

GAPS

- The most persistent trend is the lack of will to change the systems that create housing insecurity.
- Housing for families and extended families is very difficult to secure in today's marketplace.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide educational opportunities to continue to raise awareness of needs in addressing systemic problems. Work with strategic partners in order to affect change.
- Continue to be willing to do the small things that make a difference; while addressing systemic change.
- The need to recognize that even the smallest attempts to work with agencies who are serving housing insecure persons helps a great deal.

Additional information is provided in the complete Homelessness Landscape that is posted on the Forum.