

Heading Home Washington

Heading Home Washington (HHW) is a broad group of community stakeholders from across the county that come together with the goal of ending homelessness in Washington County.

HHW goals and strategies engage the community, make sure resources are being used in the most efficient and effective way, and that all persons in our community facing a housing crisis will be able to access the resources needed to have stable housing.

Community Partners Include:

- Non-Profit agencies
- Faith community
- Government representatives
- Concerned community members

Do you have questions?

Would you like to be added to our email list?

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A community collaborative working to prevent and end homelessness in Washington County.

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Vision:

A thriving Washington County with stable & affordable housing for all.

Stable & affordable housing is out of reach for many residents in Washington County

- In the 2017-2018 school year, Washington County schools reported working with over **800** homeless or highly-mobile students.*
- **44%** of all renter households in Washington County pay 30% or more of their income on rent.**
- Washington County has the **highest** median rent in the 7-county metro area.**
- Of the renters earning less than \$35,000 per year, **75%** are considered housing cost-burdened.**

Mission:

Through the innovative efforts of our public and private partners, Heading Home Washington (HHW) strives to prevent and minimize the length and episodes of homelessness within our communities by reducing barriers, raising awareness, and creating solutions to ensure everyone has access to safe and secure housing.

*Homeless liaison data from Washington County school districts

**Comprehensive Housing Needs Study, Maxfield Research, 2017

Guiding Principles:

- All people deserve safe, decent and affordable housing.
- Ending homelessness is attainable.
- We will work to prevent homelessness before it happens, but if it does, we will work to ensure that it is rare, brief and non-reoccurring.
- Housing stability impacts the health and safety of our community.
- Homelessness is a community issue and requires community-wide collaboration.
- Everyone will have equitable access to resources and services.
- People seeking help will be served with dignity, without judgment and offered choice.
- Quality data will serve to identify gaps, determine what is working, create priorities and help to better target limited resources.
- We will pursue a continuous improvement process to ensure that we are always learning and improving. We agree to make changes when needed.
- We will expect accountability, transparency, timely action and be good stewards of funding.



Purpose:

HHW collaborative of community members is invested in sustaining and creating new resources to best meet the needs of people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

- HHW serves as the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) advisory committee.
- HHW is a member of the regional Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC). HHW members serve on the SMAC board.

Join the Collaborative:

HHW meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:00am—11:00am.

The meetings are typically held in the lower level of the Stillwater Government Center.

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