

**OUT-WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY-WIDE COMMITMENT  
TO ADDRESS AND END HOMELESSNESS  
2015**

**COALITION POSITION STATEMENT**

The Out-Wayne County Homeless Services Coalition (“The Coalition”) serves as the area’s Continuum of Care Body and has been working collaboratively for 20 years to provide seamless services to individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Out-Wayne practices a “no wrong door” approach to service delivery.

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency serves as the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) and provides a prompt, appropriate and consistent response to those experiencing a housing crisis. All Out-Wayne County residents must have access to stable living environment and supportive services that promote and encourage housing choice and stability.

**GOAL**

The Coalition’s goal is to prevent, reduce and end homelessness.



**STRATEGY**

- Align projects, programs, supports and interventions to meet the goals of *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* which established a plan to end veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015 and family/youth homelessness by 2020
- Employ a coordinated assessment tool ( Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool -SPDAT) to offer homeless individuals and families the housing type that best meets their needs toward the goal of long-term housing stability
- Rapidly rehouse those who experience homelessness and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Avoid homelessness by providing strategic homeless prevention interventions and promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Provide transitional housing to populations based on best practices with the goal of long-term housing stability
- Analyze geographic project portfolio to ensure that the Out-Wayne has the right mix of housing and services
- Focus continuously on results by collecting, using and analyzing high-quality data and quickly making programmatic adjustments within Out-Wayne when indicated

Out - Wayne Homeless Statistics January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Overall Unduplicated Homeless	Literally Homeless	Chronically Homeless	Adult Single	Total Unaccompanied Youth	Total Adults in Families	Total Children in Families	Total Households w/children	
2101	1774	358	975	37	467	746	404	
Client Primary Race		Total	Percentage		Client Gender		Total	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	18	0.86%	Client Doesn't Know		1	0.05%		
Asian (HUD)	10	0.48%	Female		1007	47.88%		
Black or African American (HUD)	1173	55.75%	Male		1092	51.93%		
Client Doesn't Know (HUD)	3	0.14%	Transgendered Male to Female		3	0.14%		
Client Refused (HUD)	3	0.14%	<b>Total:</b>		2103	100.00%		
Data not Collected (HUD)	3	0.14%						
Islander (HUD)	9	0.43%						
Other	1	0.05%						
Other Multi-Racial	2	0.10%						
White (HUD)	866	41.16%						
	16	0.76%						
<b>Total</b>	2104	100.00%						

Employed?	Total	Percentage
Client doesn't know (HUD)	1	0.04%
Client refused (HUD)	1	0.04%
No (HUD)	1089	48.25%
Yes (HUD)	283	12.54%
	883	39.12%
<b>Total:</b>	2257	100.00%

Extent of Homelessness	Total	Percentage
1-2 times in the past	558	30.98%
3-4 times in the past	79	4.39%
Chronic: 4 times in past 3 years	236	13.10%
First Time Homeless	783	43.48%
Long term: 1 year or more	91	5.05%
Long term: 2 years or more	54	3.00%
<b>Total:</b>	1801	100.00%

