

TAMPA/HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) TARGETED EFFORTS

THHI is currently leading the following efforts that have/will make significant system changes within the homeless continuum of care utilizing best practices, increased community collaboration and improved effectiveness of the system of care:

Ending Veteran and Chronic Homelessness:

With a national goal to end homelessness among Veterans, the Tampa-Hillsborough County community utilizes a housing first concept to rapidly re-house every Veteran experiencing homelessness through ongoing Operation: REVEILLE efforts and every chronically homeless persons into permanent housing or permanent supportive housing paired with case management and wrap around services.

Hot Spot Mobile Outreach/Coordinated Outreach:

Outreach and engagement services are the initial steps in a process that connects individuals and families who are homeless to needed health, social service systems and housing. Often times in our community, people experiencing homelessness are actually repeatedly engaged by several outreach workers from various agencies and have a 'case plan' with each of them. This creates duplication of effort and resources within the system of care, as well as confusion and delays for the person/households being assisted. Hotspot Mobile Outreach is a proven best practice that helps to eliminate this duplication of effort and provides a coordinated system that will facilitate the process of prioritizing and placing the most vulnerable people living on the street into available shelter or housing.

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth:

Unaccompanied homeless youth (UAY) has been identified by THHI and the community to be a key sub-population for targeted interventions in the overall efforts of reducing and ending homelessness in the Hillsborough County-Tampa community. These youth are difficult to locate, have a high distrust of the 'systems' and are the most vulnerable segment of the homeless population as they are more likely to be exploited, abused, succumb to drug additions and prostitution as a means to survive. Their unique needs and challenges require specific interventions and services that differ from the general homeless population.

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