

City Outreach Annual Report 2010

Name: Bert Nash City Outreach

A: NUMBERS SERVED:

Total Number of individuals who were served this year	692
Total Number of Families served this year	148

B. DEMOGRAPHICS

MENTAL ILLNES	
Individuals with a presenting Mental Illness	50%

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER	
Individuals with Known Substance Abuse Disorder	38%

HOUSING STATUS @ FIRST CONTACT	
Outdoors (e.g., street, abandoned building, car)	12%
Emergency Shelter	31%
Apartment or other temporary housing	45%
Hospital	.5%
Jail or Correctional Facility	1.5%
Other or unknown	10%

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS	
HUD defines a chronically homeless person as “an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more OR has had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years.” To be considered chronically homeless a person must have been on the streets or in an emergency shelter (i.e. not transitional housing) during these stays.	33%

PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED	
Includes people sleeping in conventional dwelling units but their housing situation must have arisen from an inability to pay for one’s own housing due to an emergency, and must be of short anticipated duration, and the person has no immediate plans or prospects for stable housing, and insufficient financial resources to obtain housing	34%

OTHER
Any individuals who do not qualify as homeless or precariously housed should still be accounted for.
32%

AGE	
18-34	32%
35-50	52%
50+	13%
Unknown	3%

AGE OF CHILDREN	(% of 269 total children)
0-6	48%
7-10	24%
11-15	24%
15-17	4%

RACE	
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American Indian or Alaska Native			5%
Asian			.1%
Black or African American			15%
Hispanic or Latino			.9%
Male	51%		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			0%
Female	49%		
White			73%
Other or unknown			6%

VETERAN STATUS	
Veteran	2%

C. NARRATIVE OF OUTCOMES

Number of individuals housed:	45
Number of families housed:	22
Number of individuals maintained housing:	107
Number of families maintained housing:	41
Number employed or maintained employment:	67
Number incarcerated:	35
Number hospitalized in a psychiatric setting:	24
Number discharged into homelessness from jail:	31
Number discharged into homelessness from psychiatric hospital:	19

The Outreach Team had a challenging beginning of 2010 as they experienced the loss of a team member due to budget issues, yet still attempting to meet the increased needs of people experiencing homelessness. Initiatives taken to address this include:

1. Developing a more systematic referral process to include an initial phone call intake and the development of walk-in office hours.
2. Reestablishing the Monthly Providers meeting to improve communication and connection with other community homeless service providers.
3. Adding a Master's level KU Social Welfare intern to the team.
4. Reducing the amount of information gathered and reported quarterly.

This year a new resource became available to the team as a result of federal stimulus funding. Kim Wilson Housing out of Wyandotte County assisted approximately 8-10 Douglas County families through their Housing Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).

This year the team had many discussions about the pros and cons of using the Housing Information and Management System (HMIS). In December the team was trained on the new HMIS system and will "go live" on January 17, entering information and data into this system. The plan is for future reports to the City of Lawrence to be generated from HMIS.

This year also was the year we were able to finally house someone who has been homeless for the past 6 years.

