

# grand rapids area coalition to end homelessness



Ending systemic homelessness in the greater Grand Rapids area by 2014

Preventing homelessness.

Rapidly re-housing persons that experience a crisis.

Build the infrastructure for long-term system changes.

## The Details

- Increase resources for prevention of homelessness & affordable housing
- Increase multi-system collaboration through data and services
- Shift resources (financial, human, services) to support housing first approach
- Expand centralized intake and assessment system
- Develop Community Case Management model
- Pilot intensive, short-term program for households that request additional supports to maintain housing
- Incorporate a Safety Net function
- Eliminate shelter-based resource incentives
- Develop standards of care/guidelines for all levels of service delivery
- Implement system-wide evaluation and performance measurements



### 2007 Homeless Data

5,731 persons

3,845 adults (67%)

1,888 children (33%)

2,810 singles (49%)

3,021 families (adults + children) (51%)

267 chronically homeless (5%)

Data derived from Grand Rapids Area Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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## Can our community really end homelessness?

Yes! We are one of 60 plans in Michigan (all counties have one) and more than 300+ plans nation-wide. This is a movement!


The Vision to End Homelessness lays out a comprehensive, realistic roadmap for our community to follow using a systems-change approach.

## Why do we need to end homelessness?

- 1) No one deserves to be without stable, permanent housing
- 2) It is cheaper to invest in affordable housing than to manage homelessness
- 3) Our community has the will (over 600 partners signed on to develop the Vision)
- 4) Housing stability is the foundation for a household and its absence impacts every other aspect of how a household operates.

## Who is really going to do this work?

The community. Service providers, government, funders, faith-based organizations, schools, businesses, landlords, and community members. The Coalition is bringing the resources, the people and the systems together to make the Vision a reality.



## what is the Coalition?

A catalyst for change.  
A community collaborative made up of over 150 partners who are building the foundation for the system changes. Together we are altering the landscape of affordable housing and homelessness in Grand Rapids.

## what are the next steps to get involved?

Community Experience Partnership.

Congregational Partnership Initiative.

Ask questions...now or later.

Attend a Coalition meeting.

Learn more. Visit [www.grahcoc.org](http://www.grahcoc.org) or [www.endhomelessness.org](http://www.endhomelessness.org)



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