

What Does It Mean to be Homeless?

Any person, of any age who is...

- ✚ Sleeping in places not meant for human habitation; cars, abandoned buildings, parks, sidewalks...
- ✚ Sleeping in an emergency shelter.
- ✚ Living in transitional or supportive housing after originally coming from the streets.
- ✚ Staying for short periods (up to 30 days) in a hospital or other institution but would ordinarily be sleeping in one of the above places.
- ✚ Eviction – within a week from a private dwelling unit.
- ✚ Discharged within a week from an institution in which the person has been a resident more than 30 consecutive days.

☆ Definition according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2002.

The **Homeless Coalition** is comprised of service providers, individuals interested in homeless service provision and concerned citizens with the common goal of reducing homelessness in Binghamton and Broome County.

The members represent a range of interests including shelters, health care, mental health, chemical dependency, veteran's services, local government, faith-based organizations and youth service providers.

The Coalition has worked with the media, schools, funding sources and local government to increase the community's knowledge of the scope and variety of homeless issues. Coalition efforts have helped to greatly expand our HUD continuum of care planning that is developed in consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan.

Meeting Information

The Coalition meets at 10:00 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the YMCA Conference Room, located at 61 Susquehanna Street, Binghamton, NY.

The meetings serve as a forum for committee reports as well as an arena for identification of community homeless needs.

Everyone is welcome!



Developing and advocating for the *continuum of care* available for homeless persons in Broome County.

For more information
call toll free:

1-(877)-242-0406

Broome County Homeless Coalition Goals

- ☛ To assess the scope and severity of homelessness in Broome County through various measures.
- ☛ To identify homeless services needs and seek funding for programs and encourage collaboration to meet those needs.
- ☛ To advocate for the homeless by increasing community awareness about homelessness.

"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in. Hungry not only for bread -- but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing -- but naked of human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a home of bricks -- but homeless because of rejection."

-Mother Theresa

Coalition Subcommittees

- ☛ **Continuum of Care**
Dedicated to defining, evaluating and enhancing the continuum of care system.
- ☛ **Community Awareness Committee**
Dedicated to the development of a community education campaign.
- ☛ **Runaway/Homeless Youth Committee**
Dedicated to the coordination of services for runaway and homeless youth in our community and with educating the community about the needs of young people.
- ☛ **Development Committee**
Dedicated to the creation of a funding strategy, shelter development, and outreach services to the homeless.
- ☛ **Homeless Management Information System Committee**
Dedicated to the creation, implementation and management of a computerized system that allows agencies to track homeless services usage over time.

If you would like to become a member of the Coalition, or receive monthly update mailings, please complete the form below and mail to:

Broome County
Homeless Coalition
P.O. Box 2432
Binghamton, NY 13902

Name: _____

Affiliated Organization (If applicable):

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I will be the one attending the monthly meetings.
- I will be sending a representative from my organization.
- Please add my name to your monthly mailing list.
- I cannot donate my time, but please accept the enclosed donation of \$_____ to assist in the Coalition's efforts to end homelessness in Broome County.

