

What's Working

Coordinated Entry System

Linking families and individuals with most appropriate assistance needed to prevent and end homelessness.

The Coordinated Entry process is being used to identify and house persons with the longest lengths of homelessness, those who are most vulnerable and who have the most severe service needs. With more in-depth assessment used, this process minimizes the time a family or individuals experiences a housing crisis; links clients to the most appropriate housing intervention; and streamlines and facilitates access to appropriate housing and services (such as homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, shelter, affordable housing, and permanent supportive housing).

Permanent Supportive Housing - An Investment in Our Community

Proven to help families, individuals and veterans who face the most complex challenges who are not only homeless, but who also have very low incomes and issues that may include mental illness, substance use, and disabling health conditions to live more stable lives.

Permanent Supportive Housing in DuPage County focuses on serving individuals and families who have been homeless for one year or longer, or three times within the last four years and have been diagnosed with a disabling health condition, mental health or substance abuse disability. The families and individuals served in this program are unable to sustain permanent and stable living conditions without external support. This program benefits our community by providing permanent housing that helps people live more stable and productive lives and is cost effective by saving tax payers in the areas of medical, mental health and substance abuse and the criminal justice system.

From 2004 to 2015, the capacity of Permanent Supportive Housing has increased from 140-332.



Impact DuPage – Driving DuPage Forward

A partnership committed to creating a common understanding of community needs, gaps, and priorities that will advance the well-being of the DuPage County community.

The Impact DuPage website, at www.impactdupage.org, provides a central location for data and a method to create this common understanding.

The website also shares the five priority areas identified to achieve the Impact DuPage vision: Affordable Housing, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Healthy Lifestyles, and Access to Health Services. Existing coalitions and partners have developed action plans within each of these priorities, and these common goals and strategies will be used to create a system for shared measurement, and ultimately, a greater impact.



Connecting individuals, helping families and responding to community needs.

Who is homeless?

- People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution from one of the previous situations after less than 90 days.
- People who are losing their primary nighttime residence, or living in a doubled up situation, and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing.
- People fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, have no other residence; and lack the resources or support for housing.



Children & Homelessness

From 2006 to 2015, the number of homeless students identified by the Illinois State Board of Education served in DuPage County has increased from 269 to 1,537.⁹

Access to a free and appropriate education and the ability to maintain stability in school are two of the most significant ways to decrease homelessness in the future.

Call for Action

- Affordable housing and support services in order to remain housed
- Jobs that pay a living wage
- Job training programs to equip for skills
- Investment in homeless prevention services to keep people in their homes
- Access to mental health & substance abuse treatment
- Legal Assistance
- Transportation

Homeless Prevention... Strategic and Cost-effective

Prevention services provided:	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Number of unduplicated households	1,732	1,697	1,748	1,656	1,534
Number of unduplicated individuals	5,148	4,631	4,577	4,397	3,983
Average amount of financial assistance per household	\$1,129	\$530	\$621	\$693	\$654

In FY 2015, a network of agencies committed to homelessness prevention in DuPage County distributed over \$1 million to prevent imminent homelessness and re-house those who have become homeless. Funding was pieced together by a number of sources including County, State, Federal and local charities. The need for prevention services continues to outpace resources with only 22% of requests for assistance being fulfilled.

(Data derived from DuPage CoC Homeless Prevention Providers Committee)

By the Numbers

HOMELESSNESS	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	F15
Number of persons who utilized an emergency shelter* ¹	1,460	*1,384	*1,424	*1,396	1,259
Number of nights emergency beds were used	54,827	55,620	64,935	66,254	68,301
Number of:					
Single Men	639	598	546	544	523
Single Women	330	335	303	307	336
Veterans		91	92	71	76
Families with children under 18 years	258	142	189	182	164
Children under 18 years	280	250	333	329	303
Children under the age of 5 years	97	104	127	128	134
Single Adults 18-21 years	57	48	50	46	58

HOUSING

Number of subsidized housing units ²	6,090	6,850	6,956	6,700	6,126
Number of persons on waiting list for subsidized housing ³	4,588	4500	1,500	1,384	416
Rental vacancy rate ⁴	7.9%	6.2%	6.3%	4.2%	3.8%
Average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in DuPage Co. ⁵	\$1,016	\$1,017	\$1,117	\$1,117	**\$1,117
Average rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in DuPage Co. ⁵	\$904	\$993	\$970	\$970	**\$970

INCOME

S.S.I. monthly benefit (Supplemental Security Income) ⁶	\$674	\$698	\$710	\$721	\$733
Minimum wage in Illinois ⁷	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25	\$8.25
Hourly wage per household needed to live in a 2-bedroom apartment ⁸	\$19.54	\$18.42	\$21.48	\$21.48	\$21.48
Hourly wage per household needed to live in a 1-bedroom apartment ⁸	\$17.38	\$16.40	\$18.65	\$18.65	\$18.65

*Includes persons who accessed emergency shelter services, but did not stay.

**DuPage Housing Authority Payment Standard.

SOURCES

- 1 DuPage County HMIS Homeless Management Information System; Catholic Charities; DuPagePads; Family Shelter; Hamdard Center; 360 Youth Services
- 2 DuPage Housing Authority
- 3 DuPage Federation; DuPage Housing Authority 3508 administered subsidies
- 4 Selected Housing Characteristics, 2014 ACS, 1-Year Estimates
- 5 DuPage Housing Authority Payment Standard
- 6 U.S. Government SSA
- 7 <http://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#Illinois>
- 8 DuPage Housing Authority Payment Standard
- 9 Illinois State Board of Education