SLVCEH MEDIA KIT

END UTAH HOMELESSNESS
Salt Lake Valley

WHO WE ARE

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) is committed to rendering homelessness brief, rare and non-recurring, in collaboration with our statewide homeless service partners within the Utah Homelessness Network. Members of the coalition aim to achieve this vision by:

1. Identifying gaps in the system;

2. Utilizing data, research and resources to establish creative, effective strategies to address gaps;

3. Supporting, informing, and collaborating on funding; educating the public and stakeholders regarding homelessness prevention and solutions.

We are working tirelessly to move individuals experiencing homelessness into long-term stable housing by addressing the core needs of individuals experiencing homelessness through our eight Core Function Groups.

MEMBERS

SLVCEH is comprised of a 19 member steering committee that represents the perspectives of over 300 members from many different organizations. These organizations include shelters, resource centers, religious organizations, local government, medical and mental health centers, and other stakeholders! Member organizations include Salt Lake County, NAMI Utah, Shelter the Homeless, The Road Home, Housing Connect, Volunteers of America, Utah Community Action, HUD, Department of Workforce Services, Salt Lake City, Catholic Community Services, First Step House, 4th Street Clinic, South Valley Services, and so many more.

PURPOSE

The coalition was created with the purpose to better connect community organizations with the same goal of rendering homelessness brief, rare and non-recurring, while giving a forum for more cohesive collaboration.

2019
Community stakeholders agreed to streamline efforts and embrace a new system based on technical resources from HUD and conversations during (and as a result of) the legislative audit recommendations.The CoC members and Shelter The Homeless (STH) Board voted to have the Steering Committee of the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness fulfill the role of Board of the CoC.

2006
Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Committee/Continuum of Care (CoC) was incorporated as a non-profit. The committee oversaw the coordination of the annual application to HUD for federal CoC program funding.

1989
The Salt Lake County Homeless Coordinating Committee established as an organization in 1989.

2005
A 10-year plan, designed by the Long Range Planning Committee, to end chronic homelessness was implemented. As a result of the 10-year plan, and a mandate from HUD for funded programs, the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) was implemented.

2015
The Salt Lake County Collective Impact Steering Committee was established as a new model to help end and prevent homelessness. They adopted 14 shared outcomes to focus on filling the unique needs of subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness (or anyone at-risk). With the identification of "a one-size-fits-all shelter model that creates a bottleneck in the system", these outcomes led to widespread stakeholder consensus that the emergency shelter system in Salt Lake County needs to be redesigned.
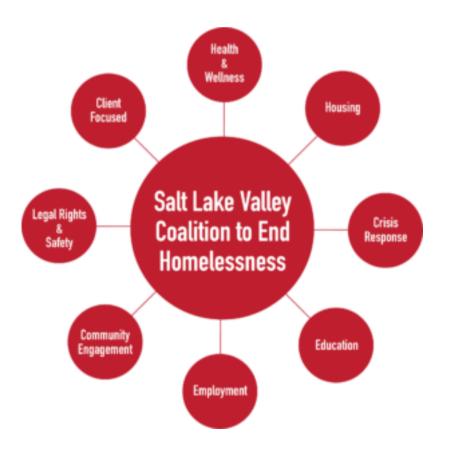
HOW WE WORK

The 8 Core Function Groups bring together all interested providers, funders, subject matter experts and community members to identify gaps in services and ensure best practices in addressing needs. The Core Function Group leaders serve as the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness Steering Committee, ensuring collaboration across core function groups.

MEETINGS

SLVCEH Coalition Meetings are held bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30am and are open to the public.

Core Function Group meetings are also held bi-monthly on various dates and times. Meeting schedules are available at endutahhomelessness.org

8 CORE FUNCTION GROUPS

CLIENT FOCUSED

Establish meaningful opportunities for those experiencing homelessness to provide feedback and input in system planning and design.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Educate About homeless programs, how to get involved, and how to create safe welcoming neighborhoods so people experiencing homelessness and the broader public can co-exist.

CRISIS RESPONSE

Connect clients with crisis response services that will support their efforts to find safety and security, maintain stable housing, and make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.

EDUCATION

Integrated Education with homeless services to provide new opportunities for self-fulfillment for youth and adults.

EMPLOYMENT

Prepare and connect individuals to income that supports housing.

HEALTH/ WELLNESS

Better connect clients with medical and behavioral healthcare that will support their efforts to find, secure, and maintain stable housing.

HOUSING

Enhance the community efforts to address affordable housing by representing the specific housing and housing support service needs of those experiencing homelessness.

LEGAL RIGHTS/SAFETY

Ensure the safety and protect the rights of those experiencing homelessness and their communities.

KEY DEFINITIONS

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS: is a technical term used by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (or HUD). "Chronically Homeless" is used to delineate an individual with a disabling condition who has experienced homelessness continually for one year, or has had 4 distinct episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years. Qualifying disabling conditions include challenges like substance use, mental health, and physical conditions that interfere with an individual's ability to get and keep stable housing.

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER: The primary goal of the Homeless Resource Center Model is to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring by providing emergency shelter coupled with case management and high-impact transformational interventions tailored to help those experiencing homelessness resolve their immediate crisis and rapidly return to stable housing. There are no pre-qualifications to stay at a resource center. Anyone who follows the rules is welcome. HRCs beds are designated as Case Managed, Night by Night and Referral beds to mental health or drug treatment. Each Resource Center provides a safe, warm place to sleep, and a wide range of services and resources including: case management, housing navigation, job training, employment services, resource referrals, legal help, life skills, meals, medical care, personal storage, laundry, transportation, and connections to other community resources.

HOUSING FIRST MODEL: Housing First is the model that priorities placing people experiencing homelessness in permanent housing as the first step. This placement in permanent housing as the first priority allows the most basic human need of shelter to be fulfilled, allowing individuals and families to gain assistance such as getting a job or to manage substance abuse or mental health issues. The Housing First model is not just about housing, however. It includes formal support services, such as medical, addiction recovery, and mental health assistance. This plan of supports after move-in allows more emphasis as well as independence on the ability to plan for the future without worrying about losing shelter. The Housing First model reduces overall costs, including emergency room/medical costs, jail costs, and emergency shelter. Utah follows the Housing First Model.

COORDINATED ENTRY: A Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a standardized process for connecting people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness to the resources available to the community. It is an essential element of Salt Lake County's response to homelessness. The objective of a CES is to ensure that people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness have streamlined access to available assistance and receive timely referrals to the interventions that are most appropriate to meet their needs. CES helps the community meet its goals of a no-wrong-door approach as well as ensuring that the experience of homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please access the following documents and resources:

SLVCEH Governance Charter

SLVCEH Strategic Plan

SLVCEH Website

Informational Documents

SLVCEH also publishes in-depth answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about various homelessness resources and issues on a monthly basis. Those are accessible here.

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