

# Marion And Polk Counties



## PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

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# 10-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

## VISION

*Every person in Marion and Polk counties has a home*

**DEFINITION:** "Homeless" means an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence ...

### **ADEQUATE RESIDENCE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Parks
- Cars
- Public Places
- Shelters
- Doubled up
- Motels/hotels
- Campgrounds



# Who Was Involved ...?

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Tom Bauman, Mt. Angel
- Janet Carlson, Marion County
- Jack Duncan, Oregon Housing & Community Services
- Gail McDougale, First Congregational Church
- Janet Taylor, Salem
- Dick Withnell, Withnell Motor Company
- Rene Duboise, Oregon Dept. of Human Services

## WORK TEAMS

- Children and Families
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Reentry from Incarceration
- Runaway & Homeless Youth
- Veterans

## CORE TEAM (organizations)

- Community Action
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Salem Leadership Foundation
- Cascadia-Bridgeway Behavioral Health
- Salem Police Department
- Oregon Disabled Veterans Outreach
- Shangri-La Corporation
- Oregon Dept. of Human Services
- St. Joseph Shelter
- Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Marion County
- No METH, Not in MY Neighborhood
- Lakepoint Community Care

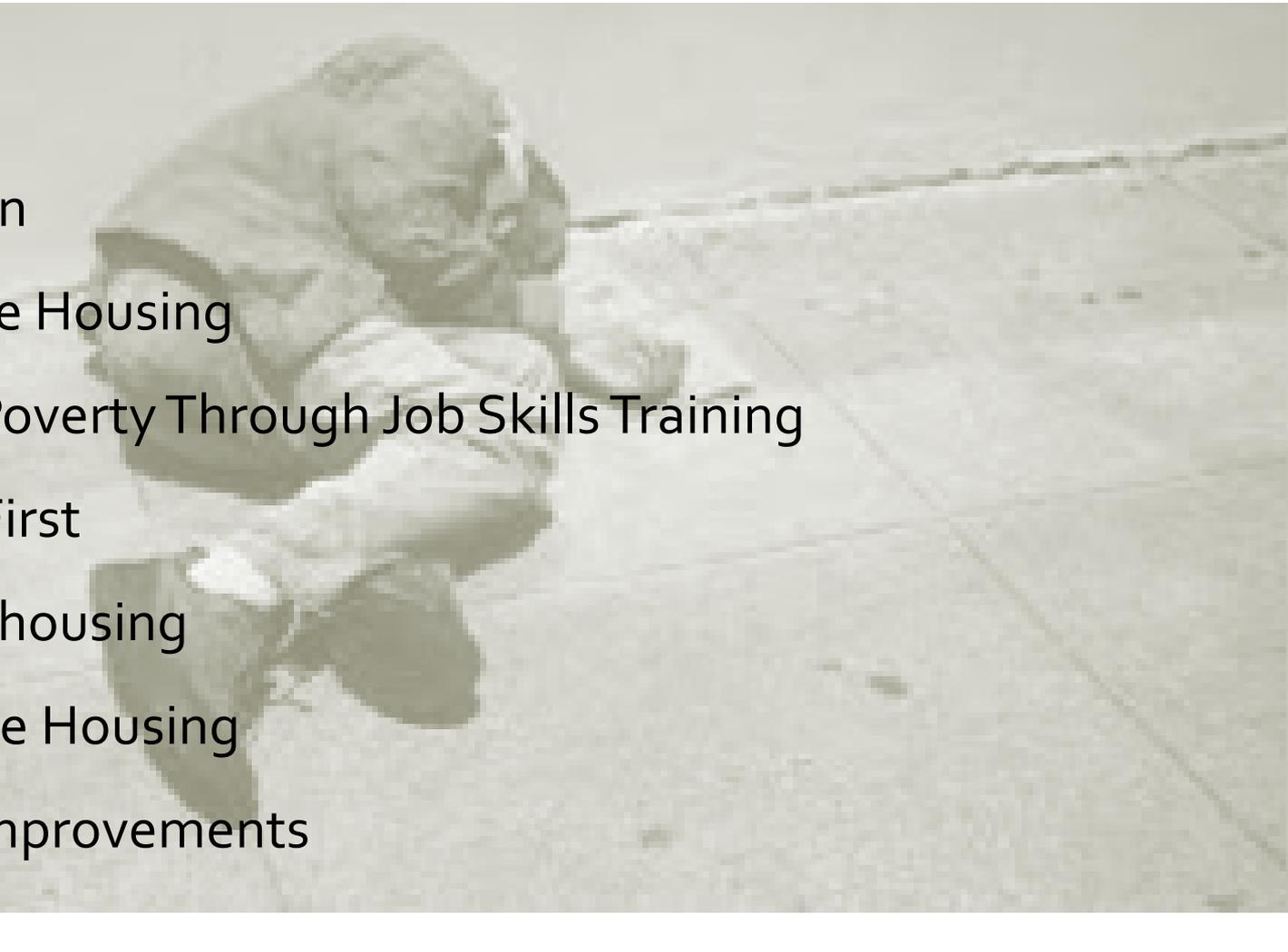


# Causes of Homelessness

- Insufficient income
- Lack of affordable housing
- Domestic violence
- Divorce/relationship issues
- Substance abuse/mental health issues
- Previous incarceration
- Youth issues



# Promising Practices

- Prevention
  - Affordable Housing
  - Address Poverty Through Job Skills Training
  - Housing First
  - Rapid Re-housing
  - Supportive Housing
  - System Improvements
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- A black and white photograph of a person sitting on a sidewalk, hunched over with their head buried in their hands, suggesting homelessness or poverty. The person is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# Plan Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: Increase housing options for low/very low- income residents.

- Objective 1: Create a Housing First model in Marion and Polk Counties
- Objective 2: Assure needed shelter services and transitional housing



# Plan Goals and Objectives

## GOAL 2 – Prevent and divert people from becoming homeless.

- Objective 1 – Identify and coordinate resources
- Objective 2 – Increase education about available resources
- Objective 3 – Increase employment and training opportunities



# Plan Goals and Objectives

## GOAL 3: Increase coordination among homeless agencies.

- Objective 1 – Organize support systems to keep people in their homes
- Objective 2 – Re-align priorities and identify new resources to support people in their homes



# Plan Goals and Objectives

GOAL 4 – Increase community awareness to build support and remove stigma.

- Objective 1 – Make housing a priority
- Objective 2 – Disseminate information



# Strategies

- CONTINUUM OF CARE

- New beds, employment, transitional housing

- A&D/MENTAL HEALTH

- Sobering beds/detox, counseling/treatment, residential services for women with children, awareness including meth, co-occurring disorders

- VETERANS

- Comprehensive support system, transitional housing, identify partners (National Guard, Army Reserve)

# Strategies *(continued)*

- REENTRY POPULATION
  - Transitional housing, wraparound services, family strengthening, community awareness
- FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
  - Affordable housing, support services, skills training, job support
- RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH
  - 15-bed shelter, access to substance abuse/mental health treatment, mediation, central database
- LATINO (FARMWORKER)
  - Identify gaps, strengthen partnerships

# Next Steps...

1. **HOMELESS CONNECT** – Organize venue for homeless people
2. **AWARENESS** – Use plan to education community
3. **PARTNERSHIPS** – Identify roles for each organization that works with homeless people
4. **TASK FORCE** – Organize task force with project manager to support
5. **FAITH COMMUNITY** – Engage faith community to increase shelters and transitional housing
6. **INPUT** – Engage homeless and at-risk individuals in future planning
7. **MEDIA** – Work with state on media campaign to de-stigmatize housing
8. **PREVENTION** – Identify prevention strategies
9. **HOUSING ASSISTANCE** – Connect homeless people with available resources
10. **LANDLORDS** – Engage landlords to increase available low-income housing
11. **HOUSING INDUSTRY** – Engage housing industry in developing innovative housing solutions
12. **EMPLOYMENT** – Engage SEDCOR, Incite, Oregon Employment Department, Chemeketa Community College, and other employment and training organizations
13. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE** – Increase treatment resources

# Questions? Discussion!

