

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board Homeless Service Provider Standards

As a part of its mission, the Toledo Lucas County Homeless Board (TLCHB) is responsible for accurately reporting on the nature and extent of homelessness, and the programs and services that are part of the Toledo Lucas County Continuum of Care to Address and End Homelessness in our community.

With this purpose in mind, TLCHB at its May 2008 board meeting approved and adopted standards for agencies/programs serving people who are homeless in our community. These adopted standards will be used to assist the TLCHB in supporting and endorsing the efforts of its partners to further goals of the Continuum in an effective, efficient, and non-arbitrary manner. In adopting these best-practice standards, the TLCHB affirms the following values:

- We believe services are to be provided that are respectful of the rights and dignity of vulnerable persons.
- We strive for high professional standards and ethics in providing service.
- We believe in professional collaboration and advocacy in working toward the well-being of vulnerable persons.

The TLCHB supports the standards as a statement of our commitment to work, in cooperation with all of our allies and partners who share our values and our goals, towards a focused initiative consistent with the Continuum of Care's goal to end homelessness coined the Toledo Lucas County CASE Plan, *Community Alliances and Strategic Efforts Plan to Prevent, Reduce and End Homelessness*.

TLCHB is eager to advise and assist agencies/programs meet these standards in a timely fashion. Subscribing to these Standards is required for agency/programs seeking TLCHB endorsement and/or letters of support. In addition, TLCHB requires a written summary of all efforts seeking endorsement and/or support. The summary must detail amount of dollars requested / purpose and outcomes of request and the project / program budget.

The Toledo Area Alliance to End Homelessness will host a TLCHB review of the Standards on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the United Way Services Building, Anderson Room A.

Attached please find:

- Standards Compilation
- Self Declaration Form: to be completed, signed and returned to:
TLCHB
1 Stranahan Square #470
Toledo, OH 43604
- Statement of Intent, signed and returned with Self-Declaration Form and returned to TLCHB

Thank you, in advance, for supporting the standards. We look forward to showcasing all of the good work of our partners to end homelessness in our community.