

Toledo Lucas County
Community Alliances and Strategic Efforts
CASE PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS
Statement of Intent

Vision

All Citizens of Toledo and Lucas County desiring to be **homed**, will be. **Homed** is residing in safe, affordable permanent housing with adequate resources and support systems so as to achieve one's potential and contribute to the well being of one's immediate household and the community at large.

Purpose

The signatories to this Statement of Intent agree to provide the leadership, support and resources necessary to successfully implement a Community wide Plan to End Homelessness in Toledo & Lucas County, Ohio.

This Community Alliance and Strategic Effort Plan to End Homelessness (hereinafter referred to as the CASE Plan) incorporates the beliefs that:

1. All individuals and families should have safe, affordable housing that meets their individual and familial needs.
2. The methodology used must be broad and comprehensive and relevant to the Toledo Lucas County area and population incorporating best practices and models. The development, implementation, oversight with annual community review and revision as warranted of a plan is the only viable approach to ending the institutionalization of homelessness.
3. All agencies and mainstream service providers must work as partners to ensure successful, long-term outcomes for individuals and families who are homeless.
4. Prevention programs play a critical role in closing the front door into homelessness. Additional resources must be directed to prevention including focused efforts on developing protocols to address issues of institutional discharges into homelessness.
5. After-care programs for those homeless families and individuals who have transitioned from a homelessness into a permanent housing play a critical role in assuring housing permanency and reduce recidivism into homelessness.

Terms of the Agreement

Joint Responsibilities

The signatory agencies will be responsible for:

1. The creation of a Call to Action process including the facilitation of a Business Forum / Infrastructure and Public Service Forum / Homeless Feedback Forum and other forum as warranted for input and feedback.
2. The creation of a Blue Ribbon Panel of Community Leaders whose purpose is to provide direction in securing and maximizing local resources and influence to successfully fund and achieve the CASE Plan.

3. Ensuring broad community participation in the planning and implementation process, enlisting representation from signatory agencies, as well as such agencies as community foundations, law enforcement and corrections, city and county government, business leaders, hospitals, consumers, homeless service providers, faith-based organizations, veterans' service providers, Workforce Investment Act Board, substance abuse services, public housing authorities, landlords, advocacy groups, and all other interested community representatives.
4. Ensuring that the planning process is coordinated, where appropriate, with existing strategic planning groups, including the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board, The Toledo Area Alliance to End Homelessness, the City of Toledo Consolidated Action Plan, Lucas County Commissioners, United Way.
5. Ensuring membership participation in any ongoing technical assistance offerings directly related to the development of the Plan, as provided by the National Alliance to End Homelessness Corporation for Supportive Housing, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio and others.

Individual Responsibilities

The signatory agencies have agreed to the following:

1. Appoint a **Lead Contact** to serve as the primary contact person for the CASE Plan initiative and in that role act as the liaison between CASE and signatory agency for any communiqués, requests for information or process updates that may be issued. The Lead Contact will be responsible for ensuring the dissemination of all pertinent information to the planning partners in a timely manner.
2. Develop a growing understanding and working relationship with the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (TLCHB) whose purpose is to provide oversight and direction to the CASE Plan and ensure that outcomes are achieved in a timely fashion.
3. Participate in the annual CASE to Care meeting during life of the CASE Plan.

Agency /Organization: _____

Agency Lead Contact: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

See next page for signatures

Signatures

The following signatories willingly agree to the content of this Memorandum of Understanding, including the purpose, defined responsibilities and outcomes as specified within.

_____ Director / Public Official	_____ Director / Public Official <i>signature</i>	_____ Date
_____ Agency Board Chairperson (<i>print</i>)	_____ <i>signature</i>	_____ Date
_____ TLCHB Director (<i>print name</i>)	_____ <i>signature</i>	_____ Date
_____ TLCHB Chairperson	_____ <i>signature</i>	_____ Date