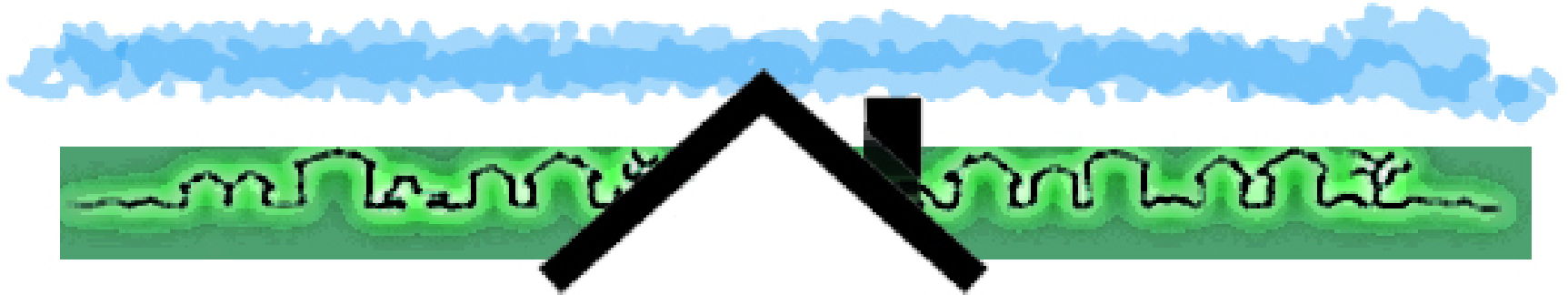


June 2002 – June 2012

## **10 Year Anniversary**

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**Mohawk Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition**

# History

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- Local research showing safe, decent, affordable housing is a key barrier to health and recovery.
- In 2002 Oneida County Dept of MH takes on Lead Agency role and funds Coalition Development

# Who is the “Coalition”

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Began with a dozen or so in 2002

Now 118 participants from 69 different organizations and government agency departments participated in the just the past 8 months.

Steering Committee: 20 Agencies

Committees and Task Force Groups work on special projects: Youth, vets, prisoner reentry, chronic homeless, etc.

# Who is Homeless? All Groups!

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- Families with Children
- Veterans
- Single persons with disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, physical.
- Single Youth, Parenting/Preg Youth
- Domestic violence victims and their children.
- Unemployed, family break-up.

# How Many are Homeless?

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- Single Day, January 2011:
  - 22 unsheltered homeless
  - 160 in shelters or in transitional housing for homeless persons

Many more are homeless throughout the year:  
estimate **1,000 or more**.

- Most homelessness is short term.
- About 10% are chronically homeless.

# Why is there homelessness?

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- Today it takes two incomes for most households to pay the rent.
- Cost of housing has increased, incomes flat, declining for many workers.
- Not enough affordable housing units
- Unemployment, underemployment
- Reentry challenges for veterans and prison population.
- Domestic violence, behavioral health, poverty, lack of employment, etc.

# Beds for Homeless Persons and Families-Oneida County

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Added</b>
Emergency	58	113	55
Transitional	8	76	68
Permanent Supportive	75	560	485
<b>Totals</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>608</b>

# Funding Overview

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- HUD Continuum of Care Funding is now \$3.2M/Year
- \$21M in CoC funding since 2002
- \$15M in additional funds for rehab and new construction
- \$2.3 for Prevention/Re-Housing
- \$3M for Homeless Veterans Pilot Proj
- Approximately \$40M for all homeless units/beds and support services since 2002



# New Emergency Housing

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- Utica Mission expansion
- Rome Mission: new men's, women's
- Johnson Park Center Family Shelter
- Rapid Re-Housing Beds in local motels

# New Transitional Housing

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- Willow Commons (DV)
- New Horizon's Plus (Female Youth)
- Evelyn's House (Preg/Parenting Youth)
- John Bosco House (Male Youth)

# New Permanent Supportive

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- Shelter Plus Care major expansion and new OMH project: Nearly all units leased from private, tax-paying landlords
- Dual Recovery Supportive Housing
- Supportive Living Program-Singles
- Supportive Living Program-Families
- 6 Steuben Veterans House-11 units
- 50 Scattered site units for homeless vets

Oneida County Jail and Psychiatric  
Inpatient Admits- for 31 Persons over 8  
years: 2000-2007 (c-info/HMIS)

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**31** People

**271** jail bookings

**253** inpatient stays in  
local hospital psychiatric  
unit

# New Chronic Homeless Housing

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JPA IV/JPA V in Johnson Park Center

- 8 Units each, complete rehabs
- Targeted to chronically homeless women with a history of hospital and jail admissions related to their disabilities
- Will save the state and county substantial dollars in the years to come
- **Now spending 14K/Year- not counting ER, police, court, other DSS and healthcare costs for 31 persons**

# Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing 2010-2011

Persons Served: Many New to Public Services

<b>HPRP Program</b>	<b>Prevent</b>	<b>Re-House</b>	<b>Unique Total</b>
Utica	1,252	364	1,633
2-County	1,489	246	1,733
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,741</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>3,366</b>

# Veterans Homelessness Demonstration Project

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- Our CoC selected: one of five sites in the nation
- Serving Oneida, Herkimer, Madison and three other counties
- \$3M/3-Year Pilot Project
- Served approx. 150 Veterans and their family members in 1<sup>st</sup> year.

# Other Related Initiatives

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- Neighborhood Redevelopment: Park Avenue and Johnson Park in Utica
- Green Innovations in supportive housing projects
- Addressing chronic homelessness to reduce jail and hospital admissions and lower Medicaid costs.



# NYS "Gets It"

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- Major new investment in supportive housing by the State in this year's budget
- State ties high Medicaid costs to lack of supportive housing and will begin funding many more units here and elsewhere.

# Working Together We Make Good Things Happen!

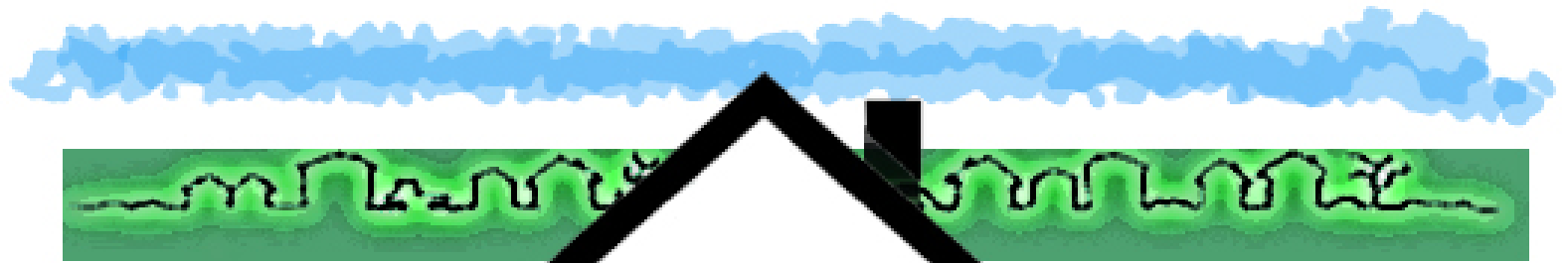
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- Coalition Partners working with the City of Utica and Oneida County will continue to hold the line on homelessness and
- Contribute to neighborhood re-development and the greening of our community. (PUSH Buffalo video)
- Now expanding our Continuum of Care to neighboring counties: Madison County has joined and we hope to add Herkimer County next year.

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THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Steve Darman, Chair



**Mohawk Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition**