

Charlotte County

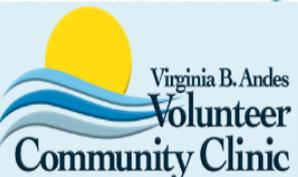
10 Year Plan

To Prevent and End Homelessness



The GCP is a partnership made up of:

- Government Agencies
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Businesses
- Homeless Advocates



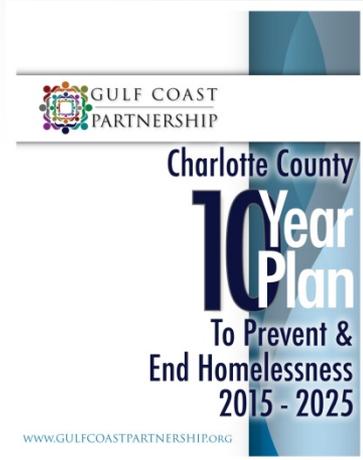
The Gulf Coast Partnership



Mission: “Working together to prevent and end homelessness in Charlotte County”

- Oversees & Implements the Charlotte County 10 Year Plan Prevent and End Homelessness
- Directs the community’s limited State & Federal resources for projects with the most impact
- Facilitates community collaboration to reduce duplication of efforts and services
- Encourage the creation of programs to meet the needs of our community’s homeless & ELI

What is the 10 Year Plan?



“The 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness is a community-wide initiative to understand homelessness, identify best practices to meet the need of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness and to forge a community consensus to implement goals and strategies to raise the quality of life for all Charlotte County residents.”

Framework for Action

- Housing
- Job Creation Partnerships
- Crisis Intervention
- Legal Aid
- Adult Protective Services
- Resource & Referral
- Case Management
- Access to Health Care
- Early Child Education
- Partnership with CCPS

Bridges Out of Poverty

**Our
BIG
Ideas**



Housing

- Implement a non-profit developer model for affordable housing construction and operation.
- Create a privately endowed housing trust fund to provide rental subsidies to our community's low-income residents in perpetuity.



Job Creation Partnerships

- Create an annual award to be given to employers who enrich the lives of homeless & ELI.
- Promote tax incentives for businesses that create employment for the homeless and ELIs.
- Create a job certification program by building partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions.
- Encourage local businesses to create local internships and apprenticeships.



~~UNEMPLOYED~~



Crisis Intervention

- Diversion programs
- Engagement with law enforcement

Legal Aid

- Homeless people spend more time in jail or prison than in a mental facility or service provider agency, being tremendously costly to states and counties
 - Prison bed \$55,000/year
 - Juvenile commitment bed \$64,000/year
 - State forensic hospital bed \$125,000/year

Adult Protective Services

- Guardian Ad Litem training model for adults



Resource & Referral

- Intake, assessment and referral system
- Immediate access to emergency services



Case Management

- Master case management of hundreds of individuals suffering of medical and mental disability for SSI & SSDI



Access to Health Care

- Primary Care
- Dental and Vision
- Mental and Substance Abuse

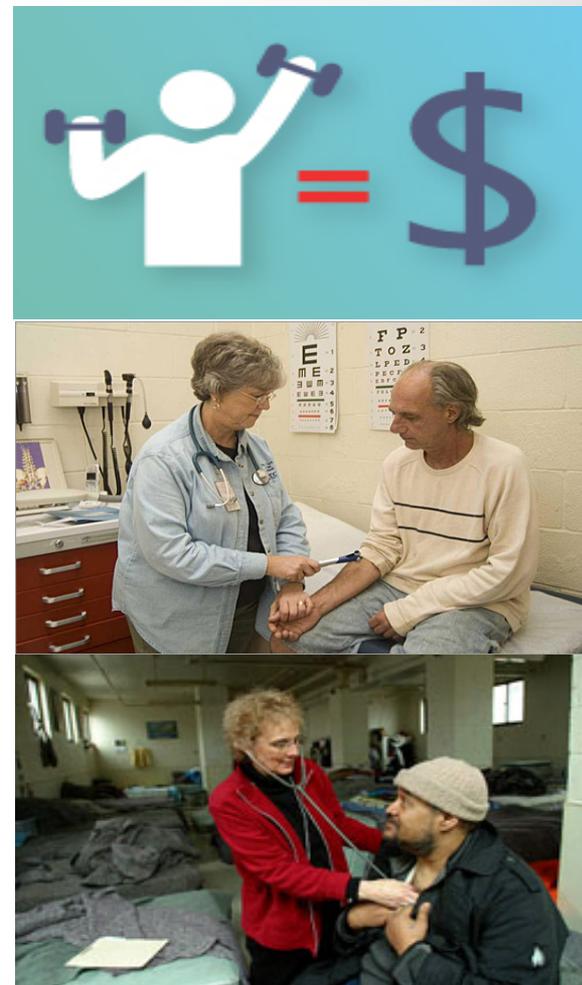
Prevention Saves the Community Money!

“Homeless people spent an average of four days longer per hospital visit than comparable non-homeless people. This extra cost is of approximately \$2,500 per hospitalization.”

Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness

“Florida spends \$2,128 per child for prevention services, while the amount committed to residential and correctional facilities is \$42,606.”

Source: Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation



Early Intervention and Building Strong Partnership with CCPS

- Affordable-high quality early childhood education programs
- ESL, literacy, and parenting classes
- Increased coordination between non-profits & CCPS to bring additional resources for student success
- Professional development opportunities such as Bridges Out of Poverty
- Mentoring programs
- After school and summer programs
- Vocational & Life Skills for students who drop out of High School





The Impact of Homelessness

- Homelessness is expensive

Jail: \$2100-2700/month

Vs.

Shelter: \$1200-1500/month

- Prevention saves money!

Shelter: \$1200-1500/month

Vs.

Housing: \$550-600/month





Together We Can Make a Difference!

Thank You!

*For more information, please visit:
www.gulfcoastpartnership.org*