

10-Year Plan Goal

Progress

Reaching our goal.

Our goal is that by Dec. 31, 2018, every person who is homeless or at risk of being homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community is able to access appropriate affordable housing and the services needed to keep them in their homes.

Even after homelessness has ended in our community, people will continue to experience crises that put them at risk of homelessness. There always will be some people who will choose homelessness over other options that are available to them.

Our community plan references three high-level goals and 10 strategies for ending homelessness. On the following pages you will see our community's progress toward the three high-level goals. For more information on the strategies outlined in our community plan, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.



Our ultimate goal: By Dec. 31, 2018, every person in our community is able to access appropriate affordable housing.

GOAL 1

The total number of people who are homeless and not in permanent housing decreases every year over the next 10 years, from 1,800 persons in 2007 to the goal of ending homelessness in 2018.

Decrease since 2007: **14.22%**

- On Jan. 27, 2010, there were 1,544 people who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community. To read more about the annual Point-in-Time Count, go to page 6.
- This decrease represents the difference between people who were identified as literally homeless in 2007 and those who were identified as such in 2010.
- The decrease since 2009 was 10.75 percent, from 1,730 individuals to 1,544.

on who is homeless or at risk of being homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church housing and the services needed to keep them in their homes.

GOAL 2

The number of people who are chronically homeless and not in permanent housing decreases every year over the next 10 years, from 372 persons in 2007 to the goal of ending homelessness in 2018.

Decrease since 2007: **34.95%**

- On Jan. 27, 2010, there were 242 people who were chronically homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community.
- This decrease represents the difference between people who were identified as chronically homeless in 2007 and those who were identified as such in 2010.
- The decrease since 2009 is 18.51 percent, from 297 individuals to 242.

GOAL 3

The time it takes a person who is homeless to access appropriate housing is 90 days or less for at least 90 percent of people who are homeless by year four of the 10-year plan implementation.

Data not available for FY 2010

- Data was collected during Fiscal Year 2010 (from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) to establish a baseline measure of 322 days, including transitional housing participants. For more information on transitional housing programs, see page 22.
- Significant efforts have been made to reduce the time it takes for a person who is homeless to access permanent housing as noted in this report.



Our Neighbors

A point-in-time.

The 2010 Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Persons in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community took place Jan. 27, 2010. This survey is designed to provide an unduplicated count of people who are homeless in the community and provide information for local, regional, state and national planning. This annual survey follows the Department of Housing and Urban Development reporting guidelines and covers people who are literally homeless — those who are in shelters, in transitional housing or unsheltered living on the street. The count does not include people who live in temporary arrangements but do not face immediate loss of shelter, who self-pay to live in a motel, or youth who are staying temporarily with others but who do not have a permanent

stable residence. The numbers also do not include people who were formerly homeless and who now live in permanent housing or people who live in permanent housing with supportive services to maintain housing stability and prevent a return to homelessness.

- The numbers on the next page show how many people were homeless in our community **on a particular day** in FY 2010 (Jan. 27, 2010).
- Page 13 highlights the **total number of people** who experienced homelessness during FY 2010.

“ I was raised not to ask for help — I felt like it was degrading. I was afraid, but my case-worker showed me such respect and such caring. He was so kind. I didn't feel bad about needing help anymore — I felt like I was a human being having a hard time.



 On Jan. 27, 2010, there were **1,544 people** who were literally homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community. **652** of them were single individuals and **892** were people in families.

 During all of FY 2010, our community served **3,076 people** who were literally homeless.



Families That Were Homeless on Jan. 27, 2010

Persons in families: **892**

- The number of families that were homeless decreased by over 16 percent since 2009.
- Nearly 58 percent of all people who were homeless were in families.
- 36 percent of all people who were homeless were children under the age of 18.
- More than 60 percent of adults in families that were homeless were employed.

Single Adults Who Were Homeless on Jan. 27, 2010

Single adults: **652**

- The number of single individuals who were homeless decreased slightly by 1.7 percent since 2009.
- Single individuals who were homeless represented 42 percent of the total number of people counted.
- 60 percent of single individuals who were homeless suffered from disabilities, such as serious mental illness, substance abuse, chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities.

Programs for People Who Are Homeless



Working Together

Serving the most vulnerable.

A network of providers from nonprofits, faith-based communities, businesses and local government agencies actively participate in providing the services and supports that are the life's blood of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. Without the commitment of these partners, thousands of people in this community would face the hardship of dealing with homelessness alone.

By providing a range of services from homelessness prevention to those that make up the supportive component of permanent supportive housing programs, our community partnership prevents deaths from hypothermia, helps to increase people's income, stabilizes

children in the school system and affects lives for the better in many other ways each day.

While faced with increased demand for services that help people who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness, the resources that our community works with are rapidly diminishing.

Unless otherwise noted, all of the data on the following several pages depicting the state of homelessness in our community during FY 2010 have been collected from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).



Our community partnership is facing **increased demand** for services to help people who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness while faced with **diminishing resources**.





Of the 3,076 people who were literally homeless in FY 2010, **482** moved into permanent housing.

People Who Experienced Homelessness During FY 2010: **3,076**

Of the 3,076 people who experienced homelessness, 482 moved to permanent housing from emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and permanent supportive housing programs.

People in families: **1,444**

- 425 families: 568 adults, 876 children.

Single adults: **1,632**

Success Story

A family with a teenager with special needs had been sleeping on the floor of a relative's home in a verbally abusive environment. The father was employed and the mother was diligently working with an employment specialist to find a job. One of the community partners was able to negotiate a lease for the family in a local apartment complex. The family needed assistance with their security deposit. With some case management assistance on budgeting and employment services, they are living in a safe, happy and healthy environment.

