



2022-2025
Blue Ridge Continuum of Care
Strategic Plan

September 2022 Update



VISION

The Blue Ridge Interagency Council on Homelessness envisions all persons and families in the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem, and the Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke to have a permanent, safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.

SYSTEM METRICS

Overall System Goal: Achievement of Functional Zero for all populations and becoming a HUD-designated High-Performing Community

Metric	FY 2021	YTD
Length of time persons remain homeless	37.2 days	44.7 days
Extent persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness	26.6%	10.8%
Number of homeless persons	1,098	761
Employment and income growth for homeless persons in CoC projects	22.2%	100.0%
Number of persons who become homeless for the first time	725	253
Placement from street outreach and retention of permanent housing	39.5%	90.9%

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Prioritization of the Most Vulnerable People
- Low-Barrier
- Housing First Orientation
- Person-Centered
- Standardized Access and Assessment
- Inclusive
- Informed by Local Planning

GOALS



COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT



COORDIANATED
SYSTEM



DATA &
PERFORMANCE



HOUSING
STABILITY

HOW WE'RE DOING THE WORK

COORDINATED ENTRY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

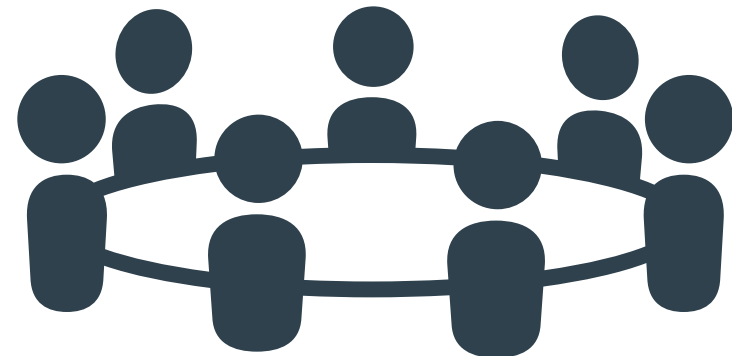
- Work with HUD technical assistance provider to review our system's current Coordinated Entry process, policies, etc.
- Coordinated Entry workgroup reviews HUD requirements and discusses openly where we do and don't meet these requirements; come up with strategies and actions to make appropriate adjustments to our process in the areas of:
 - ACCESS
 - ASSESSMENT
 - PRIORITIZATION
 - REFERRAL
- Define the most important , "HIGH IMPACT" strategies for our community
 - Emergency Services/After Hours Access
 - DV Access
 - Geographical Coverage for entire CoC



HOW WE'RE DOING THE WORK

MEETINGS & WORKGROUPS

- Reduce the number of CoC meetings to allow for workgroups to spend time on actions to move strategies and goals forward
- Ensure the right people are at the table
- Revise committee structure to reflect the work that needs to be done:
 - Standing Committees:
 - Community Engagement
 - Data & Performance
 - Coordinated Entry
 - Housing Stability
 - Monitoring & Evaluation
 - Nominating
 - Point-in-Time
 - Training
 - Ad hoc Committees:
 - Policies & Procedures
 - Ranking & Review
 - Workgroups:
 - Community Case Review





QUESTIONS?