

DISCHARGE PLANNING

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The Calhoun County Continuum of Care (CoC) will develop protocols to ensure that persons being discharged from publicly-funded institutions or systems of care are not discharged immediately into homelessness. To the maximum extent practicable, the CoC will coordinate with and/or assist in the development of local discharge planning policies that ensure persons are not routinely discharged into homelessness. The assessment/discharge planning process will identify and coordinate the individualized supports and services needed to live successfully in the community for any Calhoun County citizen with a disability, condition, or problem related to life transition.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The lives of homeless people change; therefore homeless people will have different support needs at different times in their lives and mechanisms need to be in place to provide for on-going planning.

MAINSTREAM SERVICES

Calhoun County Continuum of Care aims to maximize homeless people's access to mainstream benefits and services and enhance service delivery and benefit access by homeless individuals and families in order to financially stabilize homeless individuals and families. Mainstream services programs (such as Medicaid, TANF, and General Assistance) must be maximized to emphasize stable housing and support needed services.

MCKINNEY-VENTO

Calhoun County Continuum of Care aims to ensure children and youth experiencing homelessness in Calhoun County maintain stable educational access, and can stay in their school of origin, school of residence, or enroll in any public school that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend, according to their best interest per the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Acts of 2001.

ACTION REQUIRED

Identify all agencies that may discharge people into homelessness, review policies at agencies, develop an MOU with agencies that requests for them to refer those who may be discharged into homelessness to the Housing Assessment Resource Agency, Summit Pointe Housing. Educate agencies on the county Coordinated Entry System policies and procedures. Completion of the actions will be by August 2020 and monthly progress reports are required at the Housing Solutions Board.