



WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE ON HOMELESSNESS?



The **Continuum of Care (CoC)** is a community collaboration that seeks to improve the community's response to poverty and homelessness. There are five CoCs in Kansas, each covering its own geographic region and consisting of a range of community partners, advocates and stakeholders working together.

A COMMUNITY COMMITMENT TO END HOMELESSNESS

A CoC is...



A **community effort** to identify & address the needs of those at risk or experiencing homelessness



A **system of care** providing temporary & permanent interventions to solve homelessness



The **Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding program** for homeless services in a region



A **geographic area** of jurisdictions working to develop coordinated homelessness services

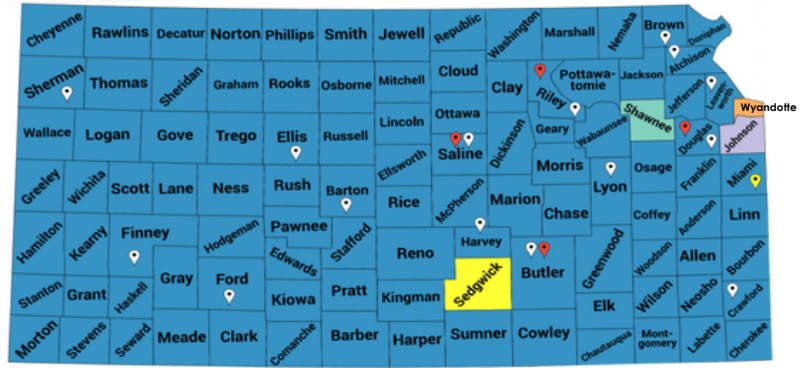
CoC Goals

- Coordinate homeless services, including prevention, outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, transitional & permanent supportive housing
- Optimize self-sufficiency for individuals & families experiencing homelessness
- Implement a Coordinated Entry System
- Coordinate grant funding
- Monitor individual & system data



WHO MAKES UP THE CoC?

There are five CoCs in Kansas and each covers its own geographic region. Johnson, Sedgwick, and Shawnee counties have their own CoCs. Wyandotte is part of a bi-state CoC with Jackson County, Missouri. The Kansas Balance of State CoC manages all other counties, divided into 9 regions.



📍 Emergency Shelter 🟡 Transitional Housing 🟢 Permanent Housing (Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Supportive)

CoCs are made up of a wide range of public and private partners, advocates, and stakeholders which could include: social service providers, healthcare and mental health providers, faith groups, local government, substance abuse providers, domestic violence agencies, schools, corrections, public housing authorities, people with lived experience and community members.

WHO DOES THE CoC HELP?

Kansans at risk of losing housing or who are homeless, including:



Individuals & Families



Survivors of Domestic Violence



Older Adults



People with Physical/Mental Disabilities



Transition Aged Youth



Corrections Re-Entry



Veterans

WHAT SUPPORT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- Street outreach services
- Assistance to prevent homelessness
- Short-term shelters for: families, individuals, transitional aged youth, and adults and families fleeing domestic violence
- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Rehousing: 3-24 months of rent assistance and case management
- Permanent Supportive Housing: long-term rent assistance and support services for households with disabilities



HOW CAN I HELP?

CoCs are open to all who wish to work together to prevent and end homelessness in their community. To learn more about getting involved, contact your region's CoC lead agency.