

Governor's Challenge on Family Homelessness

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Week #1 Update - 24 Families Housed!

On Thursday, September 20th the state of Connecticut kicked off the Governor's Challenge on Family Homelessness. This effort is being led by the CT Department of Housing, with support from the Partnership for Strong Communities, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Department of Children and Families, Department of Mental Health and Addiction



Services, the Office of Early Childhood, and the State Department of Education. Kay Moshier-McDivitt and Kristi Schulenberg from the National Alliance on Ending Homelessness (NAEH) are providing the Coordinated Access Network (CAN) teams with technical support and guidance throughout the challenge. (View the NAEH [PowerPoint presentation](#) from the kickoff event.)

During the daylong event, teams from each CAN representing Shelter, Rapid-Re-Housing, Permanent Housing, and CAN staff came together to discuss best practices and strategies for housing families faster and to share the system-level challenges they are facing as they work to stabilize families in housing. Some of the barriers and areas of focus highlighted throughout the course of the day included: landlord engagement, increasing communication between shelters and rapid re-housing programs, increasing family diversion rates, and discussing how to utilize "Moving On" for families who have stabilized in PSH and are able to move off the subsidy.

By the end of the kick-off, the CAN teams set the audacious goal of housing 360 families by December 10th! Throughout the challenge, we will be collecting data and highlighting the number of children and families being served by each CAN. DOH created a Governor's Challenge Dashboard that will provide data on the number of families and children being served; with specific on the age of the children being housed, disabilities, and parenting youth. The tool will be sent out shortly to the CANs and each Team will be responsible for entering data on families served during the Challenge.

**Governor's
Challenge
Dashboard:**

Governor's Challenge on Family Homelessness (TEST)

This is a data collection form for the Governor's Challenge on Family Homelessness, to keep track of all the families returned to housing throughout the challenge. **You will need to complete this form for each family housed.**

Also, please note that this progress tracking form is not connected to CT HMIS. Any data entry—including updates to the BNL—for these housing placements that should also be entered into CT HMIS must be done separately directly into CaseWorthy.

In the spaces below, please enter your name, agency, and e-mail address. *

First Name * Last Name * Agency * Email Address *

Please select your CAN from the list below. *

-- Please Select --

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Statewide Goal: House 360 Families by December 10th

CAN Goals:

Central CT: 30

Eastern CT: 77

Fairfield County: 75

Waterbury Litchfield: 45

Greater Hartford: 68

Greater New Haven: 40

Meriden, Middlesex, Wallingford: 25

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Successes: Huge shout out to the Greater Hartford and Central CT CANs for getting \$5,000 in mattresses donated by Bob's Discount Furniture and for soliciting donations for Move-In baskets for the families they house during the challenge!