



Big Bend Continuum of Care (CoC)



Continuum of Care Mission

- Promotes the coordination of community-wide goals of ending homelessness
- Provides funding for efforts to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families to minimize time spent homeless
- Promote access to mainstream program benefits to promote self-sufficiency.
- BBCoC service area includes Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Taylor, Franklin, Liberty, Jefferson, and Madison counties.



How to Address the Need

- ▶ A community system focused on assisting persons and families facing homelessness to obtain permanent housing. This is accomplished through prioritizing those with the greatest need.
- ▶ Coordinated Entry provides a mechanism to assess need for housing and services and prioritize based on that need.
- ▶ How do communities address different needs based on unique make-ups?



Community Resources

- **Emergency Shelters** for individuals and families that provide temporary stays in shelter and not on the streets, parks, abandoned buildings
- **Transitional housing** for individuals and families that provide shelter for longer periods until permanent housing can be obtained.
- **Homeless Assistance programs** provide financial assistance to help people remain in their current housing and not become homeless.
- **Permanent supportive housing** provides housing those individuals with disabilities that require services to achieve/maintain housing stability.

ARPC and the CoC Working Together

- ARPC as the Collaborative Applicant for HUD funding for the CoC
- Providing workspace and HR and Administrative assistance to the CoC
- Share access to community partners and leadership
- Collaborate on funding opportunities to address community needs
- Work in Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Wakulla, and Leon Counties to share resources to increase community knowledge about each others programs and act as a bridge to foster relationships
- CoC Board is comprised of community partners of housing providers, County and City officials/Commissioners, and WorkForce Center, and social service agencies