

Heading Home Minnesota Funders Collaborative

Our Mission

Our goal is to assure that every Minnesotan has access to safe, affordable and stable housing.

We accomplish this through a private-public partnership, working closely with public agencies to assure that all investments are efficient, effective and accountable.

Some of the state's most recognized foundations and non-profit organizations have come together as the Heading Home Minnesota Funders Collaborative. By marshaling resources and aligning investments, collaborative members amplify the work of public agencies and the private and philanthropic sectors to replace the revolving door of housing instability with a front door to a safe, stable home for all Minnesotans.

The Need

The number of Minnesotans in **homeless families with children increased by 10 percent** from 2010 through 2014.

There are as many as 13,000 homeless and highly mobile K-12 students in Minnesota in the course of a school year.

A key strategy in closing the education achievement gap is to assure that every child has a safe and stable home in which to live and study. Homeless children are far more likely than other children (even children who are struggling with poverty) to do poorly in school.

We also need to assure that homeless teens and young adults under 21 have stable housing. According to Wilder Research, **2,500 young people are homeless on any given night – a number that increased 33 percent** between 2006 and 2012. Homelessness is not just an urban issue. According to the 2012 Wilder Research study, 40 percent of homeless youth are in Greater Minnesota communities and 10 percent are in metro suburbs.

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Our Core Strategies



We Know What Works

By targeting resources to evidence-based solutions, since 2010, chronic homelessness has been reduced by 39 percent and homelessness among military veterans by 47 percent. By targeting resources to support families, youth and other at-risk populations, we can similarly achieve the goal of preventing and ending their homelessness.

Housing Instability Threatens School Success

Homeless children are far more likely than other children (even children who also are struggling with poverty) to do poorly in school, according to research conducted by Dr. Ann Masten, University of Minnesota.

