



Opening Doors

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness :: 2010



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Supportive Housing Network
of New York

Health Reform and
Ending Homelessness





USICH Mission

Coordinate the federal response to homelessness and create a national partnership at every level of government and with the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation while maximizing the effectiveness of the federal government in contributing to the end of homelessness.

HEARTH Act of 2009



Vision



- **No one** should experience homelessness.
- **No one** should be without a safe, stable place to call **home**.



Goals & Targets



1. Finish the job of ending **chronic homelessness** by **2015**
2. Prevent and end homelessness among **Veterans** by **2015**
3. Prevent and end homelessness for **families, youth, and children** by **2020**
4. Set a path to ending **all** types of homeless



The Plan

1. Increase **leadership, collaboration, and civic engagement**
2. Increase access to stable and **affordable housing and permanent supportive housing**
3. Increase **economic security**
4. Improve **health** and stability
5. **Retool** the **homeless crisis** response system



Health Reform

- Increased access to affordable health insurance can **prevent homelessness** caused by an unexpected, uninsured health problem
- **Expansion of Medicaid** increases the number of low income people with access to health care
- Other health reform options will **improve care, improve health and lower costs**, tied to better **integrated care** and new payment models
- This could include **supportive housing service** models for people experiencing chronic homelessness



Health Reform

- This is what we have been saying all along
- Around the country, **some providers are doing it:**
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/reports/2011/ChrHomlr.pdf>
- Dependent on how NY structures its programs, how health care is purchased, and the capacity and partners of supportive housing service providers
- Not easy, but when we do, we will be much better positioned to end chronic homelessness and take supportive housing to scale



Q&A

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