2022 ANNUAL REPORT

KANSAS STATEWIDE HOMELESS COALITION

KANSAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE



ABOUT US



The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition, Inc. (KSHC) is a not for profit organization based in Lawrence, KS. Our work is to coordinate with communities throughout the state to provide advocacy, training, education, and support in an effort to end homelessness in Kansas. We also provide remote access to services for persons experiencing homelessness in areas with limited resources.

As the current Collaborative
Applicant for the Kansas Balance
of State Continuum of Care
(COC), we focus on helping 101
mostly rural counties within the
coverage area. This includes all
counties in Kansas excluding
Sedgwick, Shawnee, & Wyandotte.

OUR MISSION

"To be the catalyst for safe, appropriate, and affordable housing for all Kansans in collaboration with local, state, and national partners."



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

COC Collaborative Applicant/ CoC Lead

The Collaborative Applicant is the eligible applicant designated by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to collect and submit the CoC Registration, CoC Consolidated Application (which includes the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing), and apply for CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition.



Individuals who live or work in the KS BoS CoC geographic area and are passionate about ending homelessness.

CoC Steering Committee

The decision-making entity with designated seats which represent a particular entity or region.
Representatives for designated seats are selected by the entity or region that they represent.

CoC Committees

Groups composed of CoC General Members that carry out the high-level work of the CoC.

HMIS Lead Agency

The agency appointed by the CoC to administer and operate HMIS. In the KS BoS CoC, this role is filled by Kansas Housing Resource Corporation.



Organization History

The Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition (KSHC) was founded in 1999 by a group of government agencies and non-profit organizations to bring attention to the issue of homelessness throughout the state. Acting as a coordinating entity for homeless service providers across Kansas, KSHC is committed to putting an end to homelessness in the state by advocating for enhanced housing and support service options. Additionally, KSHC facilitates the Balance of State Continuum of Care and has assisted in securing funding for rural Kansas projects. KSHC's contributions have been recognized, resulting in KSHC and the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care becoming two separate organizations, with KSHC serving as the collaborative applicant for the KS BoS CoC.

COC HIGHLIGHTS

2022 Special NOFO Awards

Coordinated Entry Southeast Expansion \$197,419

HMIS Project - Rural Set Aside \$167,418

Oak Street Development \$1,227,420

SEK Rural Set Aside Project - PSH \$1,009,568

2022 Annual NOFO Awards

Blaylock Residences \$141,099

CCNEK PH RRH BoS Homeless to Housed FY23 \$68,028

CoC Planning Project 2022 \$159,851

Housing and Beyond \$311,538

Housing Plus \$108,108

Housing with Opportunities \$204,192

KCSDV Housing First Rapid RRH Program for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault \$284,130

KCSDV Housing First Rapid RRH Program for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Expansion \$265.000

KS BoS Coordinated Entry Improvement Project 2022 \$168,734

Marion Apartment \$117,792

Meadowlark Leasing \$107,920

My Father's House Community Services \$219,778 CoC

Permanent Supportive Housing \$321,032

Southeast Kansas RRH 2022 \$206,300

Southwest Kansas Housing Program \$419,569 CoC

Supportive Housing Program HMIS \$135,533

In 2022, the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care (KS BoS CoC) was awarded \$3,238,604 through HUD's annual competitive Notice Of Funding Opportunities (NOFO). The award was distributed to 16 programs to support homeless initiatives across the state thorough a collaborative application.

The funding will be used to provide essential support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. The Continuum of Care is committed to using Housing First practices to help individuals and families achieve stable housing and self-sufficiency.

In addition to the Annual NOFO Awards, the KS BoS CoC was also awarded HUD's Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. The award of \$2,601,825 was awarded to 4 Programs.



CES HIGHLIGHTS



323

Assesments

KSHC operates a statewide remote CES access point. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Kansas are able to complete an assessment, remotely, which is the first step to find stable housing solutions.

Collaborative Efforts for Positive Change

In November 2022, KSHC facilitated a CoC wide survey to evaluate the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Assessment, with input from Homeless Services Providers, Mainstream Resource Providers, and Community Members including individuals and families impacted by homelessness.

Feedback provided in the survey concluded the need for change. KSHC facilitated an intense review of the assessment with outstanding participating from service providers and others. The work continued through 2023.

452

Help Desk Tickets

KSHC resolved 452 help desk tickets and referrals from March 2022 to December 2022.

HMIS HIGHLIGHTS

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is the information system designated by the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care (KS BoS CoC) to comply with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards and used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.



Revised the HMIS Policies & Procedures, which consolidated all HMIS guiding documents into one and updated target goals based off of data entered since migrating to Clarity Human Services.

KSHC provided assistance with 91 HMIS Help Desk Tickets between March 2022 and December 2022.

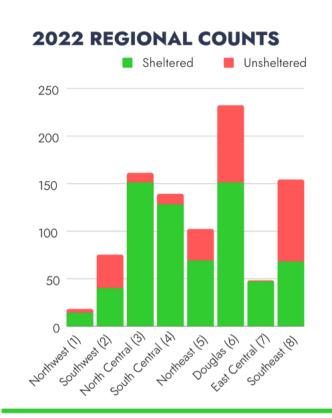
Implemented HMIS datainformed scorecards for CoC-funded projects. Established working connections with other Kansas CoC HMIS leads by participating in monthly Peer to Peer meetings.

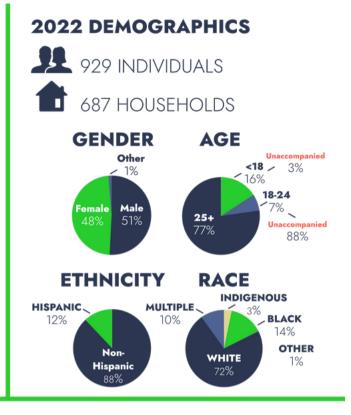
Prepared and submitted
HUD reports, including
Longitudinal Systems
Analysis (LSA), Systems
Performance Measures
(SPM), Point-in-Time (PIT),
and Housing Inventory
County (HIC).

A Year in Review



2022 PIT SUMMARY

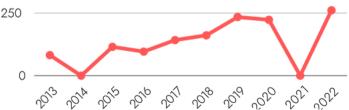




PAST 10 PIT COUNTS



•	Sheltered 	Unsheltered
2013	1,059	82
2014	1,225	0
2015	1,093	115
2016	807	96
2017	895	142
2018	757	161
2019	822	234
2020	720	223
2021	783	0
2022	668	261



DESTINATION HOME

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO END HOMELESSNESS

Destination Home is a joint initiative of the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition (KSHC) and the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). The program marks a significant milestone for the agencies' partnership and collaboration. By leveraging each organizations' strengths and expertise, the partnership aims to improve the lives of those in need and provide better care and services to the community.





Destination Home was designed to support the creation of permanent housing solutions and introduce a Housing First model across the state. Furthermore, it aims to provide a supportive transition process to help individuals move from state institutions into the community.

The Director of Destination Home has contributed to the development of policies and procedures aimed at facilitating the transition of individuals from state institutions to community living.





Destination Home has taken steps to enhance the delivery of health services to individuals in Kansas. The program has begun to send key stakeholders through Health and Wellness Life Coach training programs. This approach is intended to offer a more comprehensive and holistic method of providing health services to the community.

TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH SEMINARS



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE

In June 2022, in partnership with KDADS, KSHC held it's first part of the Transitional Aged Youth Seminar (TAY) Homeless Prevention Seminar Series in web-based format.

64 Unaccompanied Youth were counted as homeless during the 2022 PIT Count.

7% of the homeless population in Kansas were Unaccompanied Youth.

Top Regions with the highest number of identified unaccompanied youth are: Flint Hills, South Central, and Southwest Kansas



This informational series is for youth and young adults (YYA) between the ages of 16-24 years old transitioning into adulthood. Parents and caregivers, organizations, as well as community members who work with this age range are also encouraged to join!

The Seminars are designed to cover risk factors as well as protective factors of homelessness including but not limited to: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Foster Care/Juvenile Corrections experience, Housing Insecurity (couch surfing, literal homelessness, and doubled up family homes), Financial Insecurity, Education/Employment, topics regarding the most vulnerable of this population; BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+, and community resources to help prevent it.

BOUNDARY SPANNER PROGRAM

In 2022, in partnership with KDADS, KSHC was the first agency to establish a Boundary Spanner Program in Kansas. The program established a Housing Crisis Counselor (HCC) who collaborates with organizations throughout the CoC to refer clients to the appropriate housing or services.

The Program, though KSHC's HCC has been a huge success in connecting clients with the resources they need to address their housing crises. By working closely with partner organizations, KSHC has been able to expand its reach and provide more comprehensive services to those in need. The program has also helped to break down silos between different organizations and create a more collaborative approach to addressing the complex issue of homelessness. Through the Boundary Spanner program, KSHC is committed to continuing its efforts to support those who are experiencing housing instability and to build a more equitable and just society for all.

The HCC has been working closely with various agencies including the Kansas Balance of State CoC, KDADs and Community Mental Health Centers to establish relationships and coordinate services for referred clients. These responsibilities include conducting assessments referring to the Coordinated Entry process and attending regional meetings to ensure individuals are connected to both the COC by-name lists and recommended programs. To ensure accurate and efficient reporting, a data tracking mechanism has been developed.

Through KSHC's
HCC,133
Individuals and
Households were
referred to
Coordinated
Entry in 2022



To ensure accurate and efficient reporting, the HCC has developed a data tracking mechanism. This allows the HCC to track the progress of referred clients, monitor outcomes, and make adjustments to the referral process as needed. The HCC is committed to helping individuals and families overcome housing crises and achieve stability.

2022 AT A GLANCE

From the Executive Director

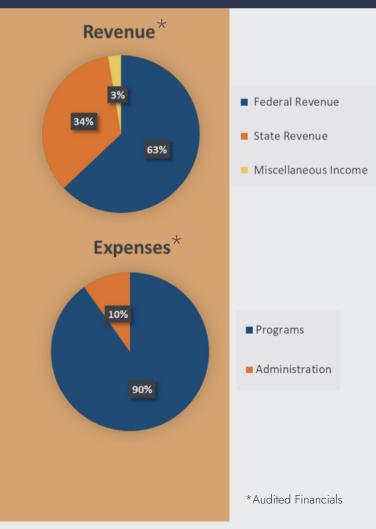
When I reflect on 2022, the words operation improvement immediately come to mind. Internally, Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition spent our time in 2022 improving our internal practices and procedures, which seem mundane, but our effort greatly improved our internal functioning. As the Collaborative Applicant for the Kansas Balance of State Continuum of Care (KS BoS CoC), we worked with members of KS BoS CoC to pass CoC internal operational policies and written standards that enhanced consistent service provision across KS BoS CoC.

Challenge is another word that comes to mind for year 2022. KSHC met the KS BoS CoC's challenge by applying successfully for the highly competitive Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness, while at the same time, applying for the annual competitive NOFO. With our close partner, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, we started several new challenging projects that when completed will have lasting impact on the State of Kansas and its most vulnerable citizens.

We also spent time enhancing our statewide education and advocacy efforts. Overall, in 2022, KSHC and its members spent valuable time preparing for the challenges ahead by strengthening our foundation to respond effectively and efficiently. I believe our time was well spent

Christy McMurphy





KSHC BOARD MEMBERS



We want to acknowledge our Board of Directors for their Passion, Expertise and Leadership.

Their unwavering commitment and dedication have been instrumental in propelling our organization forward.

Their passion for our mission has inspired us all and has kept us focused on the ultimate goal of making a positive impact in the world. Their expertise has enabled us to make informed decisions and navigate through challenges with confidence. And their leadership has been a guiding force, empowering us to strive for excellence and achieve our goals. We are incredibly grateful for their contributions and look forward to continuing to work alongside them in the future.

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OUR TEAM

If you seek passionate, dedicated partners to end homeless in Kansas, look no further than the KSHC team.

Christy McMurphy



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