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Tuesdays at 2 Webinar Series: Reductions in Chronic Homelessness

Many North Carolina communities are seeing results in ending chronic homelessness. This webinar series will spotlight strategies that have resulted in dramatic decreases in three communities: Asheville, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem. Success in each of these communities has centered on the use of permanent supportive housing, and each one has a unique approach and informative story to tell. The calls are each free for members/ \$15 for non-members.

Asheville, NC

August 20, 2:00-3:30

[Register Here](#)

Presenters:

- Brian Alexander, Homeward Bound of Western North Carolina
- Heather Dillashaw, City of Asheville

Asheville has reduced chronic homelessness by 82% since 2006 and is on track to achieve their ten-year plan goal to end chronic homelessness by 2015. Presenters will discuss how they have created many different pathways to permanent supportive housing through a strategic use of new and existing resources, including Continuum of Care, HOME, SAMSHA, and private funds; a local preference at the Housing Authority for chronically homeless people; and a whole lot ingenuity and willingness to change existing systems.

Wilmington, NC

September 24, 2:00-3:30

[Register Here](#)

Presenters:

- Dan Ferrell, United Way of the Cape Fear Area
- Katrina Knight, Good Shepherd Center

Wilmington and the Cape Fear area (New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender Counties) have reduced chronic homelessness by almost 70% since 2007. The area's SOAR caseworker assists individuals to obtain disability benefits and local housing caseworkers assist with housing placement. On this call, we'll learn more about how this partnership works, as well as delve into what came as a surprise—the community's complex reaction to the decrease in chronic homelessness.

Winston-Salem, NC

October 15, 2:00 – 3:30

[Register Here](#)

Presenters:

- Andrea Kurtz, United Way of Forsyth County
- Tim West, City of Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem has reduced chronic homelessness by 58% since 2005 and, in 2013, had its lowest Point-in-Time Count on record since 1996, when collection first began. A strong public-private partnership has enabled this community to better target and prioritize resources. Winston-Salem has worked to make sure that permanent supportive housing is being targeted to the most vulnerable population and is creating other options for permanent housing through rapid re-housing programs. This call will use local HMIS data to help us understand how these programmatic changes can impact the overall homeless system to reduce the number of people who are homeless at one point-in-time.

More about Chronic Homelessness:

Under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition, a chronically homeless individual is someone who has a disability and has experienced homelessness for a year or longer, or who has experienced at least four episodes of homelessness in the last three years. A family with an adult member who meets this description would also be considered chronically homeless.