



**Working Together to End Child and Family Homelessness in Sioux Falls
Summary**

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"In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now." —Wangari Maathai

(2004 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient)

Executive Summary

On a blustery day in February 2010, over 70 committed community leaders gathered for a day long Summit to identify the services, the barriers, and the priorities that need to be tackled in order for family homelessness to be eliminated in Sioux Falls. Many people have looked incredulous when we talk about ENDING family homelessness, but those that gathered were willing to think outside the box, to take a new look at an old problem, and to work to create solutions. Having even one child homeless is unacceptable to those who participated. We know, realistically speaking, prevention is the only way to prevent a family from ever having to experience homelessness; however, it may be possible to dramatically shorten the length of time it takes until they are permanently housed.

With the guidance of facilitator, Patricia Julianelle, three priorities were established and with each of those priorities, strategies were outlined delineating a plan of action. Many of the strategies will require work and dedication to see them to fruition. It will require people stepping forward, willing to tackle the challenge of a specific task. As you read through this, our hope is that you and/or your organization will find a priority and a strategy or two that you would be willing to take ownership of, and that you would be willing to work with other members of the Sioux Falls community on. We know that although Sioux Falls may have many resources available, there is much still needed. Together we can all have a role in establishing the "*community will*" to create lasting change.

Listed below are the 3 priorities identified and a small sample of the various strategies:

Affordable Housing

Strategy 1: Create a Housing Trust Fund

Strategy 2: Empower homeless coalition and service providers to pursue and obtain all funding available through the Veterans Administration

Strategy 3: Provide incentives and support so that property management companies will increase affordable housing units.

Transportation

Strategy 3: Increase transportation options by obtaining business sponsorship for transportation.

Strategy 4: Work with mechanics to develop an education program for low-income people to teach them basic auto maintenance and repair.

Education

Strategy 2: Create a business-sponsored job skills training program targeted to the skills needed by local businesses.

Strategy 3: Develop a basic, pre-employment training course, with a focus on parents

We thank you for your time and commitment to helping families experiencing homelessness in Sioux Falls!

Respectfully submitted,

Homeless Advisory Board

BARRIERS

The top priority barriers and gaps the groups identified, in approximate order of importance according to the group, were:

1. Families and youth lack transportation.
2. There's an overall lack of affordable housing in the community.
3. Families and youth need access to training and education opportunities leading to employment at a living wage.
4. The community needs a "one-stop" shop for services, so families/youth don't have to travel around the city/county and navigate various systems to access services.
5. There's a need for increased coordination and awareness in the community.
 - a. particular emphasis on business community
 - b. inter-agency coordination and information sharing
 - c. sensitivity and awareness in the overall community is lacking, and once people are aware, they are not sure how to help
 - d. how can we generate the will and commitment to tackle this problem among community leaders?
6. Families/youth lack information about the services available and how to access them.
 - a. including information about tenants' rights and tools to advocate for themselves to prevent eviction and homelessness
7. We need more funding.

A summary of all the barriers and gaps identified (taken from Activity 3 of the Summit) can be found in the Appendices on page 11.

The Top Three Priorities Identified During the Summit on Ending Family Homelessness:

- 1) Create and Sustain More Affordable Housing**
- 2) Increase Transportation Opportunities**
- 3) Education – Workforce development as well as increasing community awareness on homeless issues**

Priority 1
Affordable Housing

Strategy 1: Create a Housing Trust Fund

To tentatively consist of: \$10 million (\$1.5 million city; \$1.5 million county; \$2 million United Way; \$2 million business community; \$3 million Legacy Giving; perhaps seek additional funding from Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation and faith-based community) Program can be administered via SF Housing voucher program and may include a work requirement.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Bring idea to HAB to make it a priority | Jeff B, Hugh G, Wendy | 2/8/10 |
| 2. Identify funders | HAB | 2/10 |
| 3. Compile research on homelessness in Sioux Falls in a format marketable to funders | Mike and Stacey | 2/18/10 |
| 4. Develop a solid proposal for funders with details and outcomes | Kerri (Wendy will inform her) | ? |
| 5. Ensure coordination with Affordable Housing Study | Mike Cooper | ongoing |

Strategy 2: Empower homeless coalition and service providers to pursue and obtain all funding available through the Veterans Administration.

Educate the Homeless Coalition, DOC, County Commissioners and the City about the funding available through the VA and ways to gain additional information.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Hugh as chair of HAB contact Candace to request she make a presentation to the HAB | Hugh Grogan | |
| 2. Candace makes presentation to the HAB about all the VA funding available and how to access it. | Candice Cummings | |
| 3. HAB identifies 3-4 agencies to approach and support so they can obtain VA funding (VOA, SF Housing, city government, county government, St. Francis, Catholic diocese, others?). | | |
| 4. HAB provides support to interested agencies, including statistics and assistance in completing the applications and submitting them. | | |
| 5. Three-four agencies in Sioux Falls will submit applications and obtain VA funding. | TBD | Next funding cycle. |

Strategy 3: Provide incentives and support so that property management companies will increase affordable housing units.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Contact the larger management companies in the community. | | |
| 2. Find out what they would need to be able to offer some affordable units; what kind of support would make it financially and logistically feasible for them? | | |
| 3. Seek tax breaks from the city and county for properties that offer affordable housing units. | | |

Priority 2
Transportation

Strategy 1: Transport information, rather than people.

Develop an on-line or telephone portal to apply for benefits and services, so people don't have to travel to offices during office hours.

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| 2. | | |

Strategy 2: Develop additional convenient, accessible, affordable transportation options.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Assess the transportation opportunities available for all people in Sioux Falls and smaller surrounding communities. | | |
| 2. First Congregational Church will partner with BYC, Community Outreach or other organization to distribute gas vouchers. <i>Specific action steps to make this happen, from first contact to the gas voucher in a customer's hand?</i> | | |
| 3. Approach First Congregational's Refugee Outreach Program (Patrick Muyej) to coordinate faith-community to provide car maintenance. | | |
| 4. Approach VOA to run a route downtown when buses are not running. | | |
| 5. Approach faith-based community to provide early morning and evening transportation. | | |
| 6. Approach colleges to develop transportation programs for students traveling to training and re-training classes. | | |

Strategy 3: Increase transportation options by obtaining business sponsorship for transportation.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Approach city and business to see if they will sponsor a particular bus route in exchange for advertising on that route. | | |
| 2. Ask local car dealerships to donate vans that can be used for additional transportation routes. | | |
| 3. Ask businesses to provide quarterly donations of gas for the van routes. | | |
| 4. Create an access card for customers that will be distributed by agencies to use the van. The access card will be scanned as people board the van, to collect data on van use, times of heavy use, etc. | | |
| 5. Analyze data from van use to determine if van is sufficient or if larger bus is necessary. | | |
| 6. Seek donations of bikes and locks for adults and children to use for transportation (a PSA could be used to solicit donations). | | |
| 7. Approach businesses for sponsorships of transportation for adult students to GED classes. | | |

Priority 3
Education and Training Leading to Gainful Employment

Strategy 1: Develop targeted education and training programs designed to lead to employment at a living wage.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Establish a Job Training for a Living Wage task force as part of the HAB, with a strong business representative. | Hugh Grogan | |
| 2. Ask Chamber of Commerce to launch a survey of the business community regarding which jobs are hard to fill. | Don Lake will approach state and SF Chamber of Commerce; also Mary Medema at SF Development Foundation | 2/15/10 |
| 3. Identify the education and skills needed for those hard-to-fill jobs. | | |
| 4. Communicate those needs to state and federal legislators and seek funding for a training program targeted to those skills and education. | | |
| 5. Write letters to the editor about needed education and training programs. | | |
| 6. Develop capacity to reduce and/or forgive loans for students who complete designated education and training programs. | | |
| 7. DOL will request grants to fund specialized programs. | | |
| 8. Contact large medical centers to ensure that lower income positions are eligible for employer-paid training that can lead to a better wage. | | |

Strategy 2: Create a business-sponsored job skills training program targeted to the skills needed by local businesses.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Recruit a community business leader to participate in the HAB. | Hugh Grogan | |
| 2. Ask Chamber of Commerce to encourage local business owners to sponsor trainings in their businesses, including leadership and mentor programs. | Don Lake will approach David at SF Chamber | 2/15/10 |

Strategy 3: Develop a basic, pre-employment training course, with a focus on parents.

Should provide each student with a mentor/job coach, and course should include: literacy; "economic survival" (financial management and literacy, taxes, budgeting, etc.); basic keyboarding skills; resume writing; employment options; employment skills.

| What | Who | When |
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| 1. Contact community centers, Good Shepherd Center, and schools for their collaboration in offering locations for the course. | | |
| 2. Seek funding to pay adult students for completing the course. | | |
| 3. Contact grocery stores and other community partners to donate food to offer during the course. | | |
| 4. Contact community partners to build a child care schedule to allow parents to attend the course. Possible partners include: Genesis, high schools, churches, colleges. | | |
| 5. Determine a source for donated school supplies for the course and clothing appropriate for interviews. | | |
| 6. Get service agencies to include an employment needs assessment as part of intake and refer clients to the course. | | |

Appendices

A. Identified Barriers

(Taken from Activity 1: What are the Barriers)

| <p>What are the barriers that prevent children and families from accessing the services your agency offers? What are most important and critically-needed services that you are not able to offer, or are not able to offer in an accessible way?</p> | |
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| <p>School District</p> | <p>District cannot identify all the students experiencing homelessness. Need better outreach and communication methods to get information to families and students. Children of incarcerated parents are not tracked. Hard to develop programs without accurate counts/numbers. Transportation is lacking, both for students and for parent activities and meetings. Need more funding for transportation. Children don't have enough food, especially during school breaks. Lack of funding for after-school programs and other programs. Lack of funding to increase identification and tracking. Communication with families is difficult—no phone, addresses change. Shame and embarrassment—families and youth are afraid to reveal their situation and access services. School-based health clinics are only available to students who attend the school where the clinic is based. Wait list for backpack program. There are not enough counselors, social workers, nurses, or mentors. Sometimes parents do not enroll their children. Should increase programs to teach children financial literacy and money management. Need more mentor families and supporters who "adopt" schools.</p> |
| <p>DSS (Child Protection and Foster Care)</p> | <p>There is not always good communication between CPS and schools. Lack of funding. Not enough case workers to care adequately for all the families and children in need. Needs to focus on family connections.</p> |
| <p>Public Health and Welfare Offices/Programs</p> | <p>Hours must be extended to offer families flexible services. Many people cannot take time off work between 8:00 and 4:30 to seek help. County cannot cover all health care needs. Long waits for services and medications. Program should be more proactive/preventive than reactive. Lack of collaboration among agencies. The community needs a respite care program. Need more mental health providers, psychiatrists, urgent access to medications. Lack of dental services. Need more food programs—people are hungry. TANF and refugee payments are not enough for people to survive. It takes too long to get approved for eligibility for disability benefits. Many people need help with basic skills, including financial literacy training. We need a better resource clearing house, as sometimes even 211 doesn't know where to refer families or youth. All services need to recognize diversity—not only cultural, but also economic diversity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and others. Need a one-stop shop, centralized service application center for government-based services. It takes too long to gather documentation, travel to different providers, complete several application processes.</p> |

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| <p>Private Health and Welfare Offices/Programs, Including Those Through the Faith Community</p> | <p>Limitations of time and energy. Balancing energy. Need to focus more on preventive health and mental health care. Need more funding for those efforts. Need more efforts to include people and organizations outside the faith-based community. Long wait lists, lack of providers. Lack of substance abuse prevention, and providers for treatment. Not enough services for employment training, work skills. Jobs are very competitive (except Goodwill employment program). Lack of jobs. Lack of daycare, which makes it hard to get a job. Lack of mental health and substance abuse treatment on reservations. It's important that consumers don't have to adopt a particular religion or spiritual approach in order to access services—services should be open to all people and all faiths.</p> |
| <p>Head Start, Child Care, & Other Early Childhood Programs</p> | <p>Need more affordable, quality child care services. Wait lists are a big barrier to access—need more funding to create greater capacity. Income guidelines for low income are too low.</p> |
| <p>Shelters and Subsidized Housing Programs</p> | <p>People need the opportunity to earn a living wage. There is not enough affordable housing, particularly units large enough for families with children. There is not enough affordable housing for people with disabilities. Lack of shelters for people with substance abuse issues. Transportation is a challenge. Lack of space in shelters and housing programs. Wait lists for subsidized housing, lack of funding to increase number of available subsidies and serve all eligible families. Individuals need skills to get work. We need more employment training programs. Lack of housing options and education for people leaving prison. Lack of funding to maintain shelters and living programs and hire needed staff. Credit checks for families are not standard, and families often don't qualify. Barriers for registered sex offenders and those with substance abuse issues. Some housing not safe or appropriate for children. Tenants do not know their rights. Need tenant education and more accountability for landlords. Need more funding for rent and utility assistance, to prevent housing. More accountability for clients served in Section 8 housing. Efforts to stop abuses of programs. Need more support for families to move into self-sufficiency. Mentorship to accompany families. We need more vouchers for subsidized housing, and more housing options that accept vouchers and/or provide tax credits.</p> |
| <p>Drop-In Centers, Street Outreach Programs & Other Youth Services</p> | <p>Lack of emergency shelter for young adults (18-22). Resources are not open every day. Lack of funding for services, especially street outreach. Lack of positive peer-mentor relationships. Need more transitional housing for youth. Programs don't offer youth enough privacy or space.</p> |
| <p>Law Enforcement & Juvenile Justice</p> | <p>There are barriers to information sharing across agencies, especially with the school. Need more options for programming for youth. Homeless people are afraid of law enforcement—think they are in trouble.</p> |

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| <p>County and/or City Government</p> | <p>People must live here 30 days to qualify for services. Long wait to receive answers about health care. Lack of city-county partnership and clarity on responsibility. Should improve public transit system. More routes and more hours.</p> |
| <p>State Government</p> | <p>Not enough financial commitment to the issue—should provide more funding. State currently considering cutting Family Link program for children exiting foster care.</p> |
| <p>Business Community</p> | <p>Business community needs to be educated and informed about the issues. Current economy is a challenge—it's difficult to offer money when businesses are struggling. Not offering credit to people who are homeless.</p> |
| <p>Advocacy efforts</p> | <p>Need to involve consumers—get their insights and ask them to share their stories with legislatures. We need to empower the person who is homeless or on the brink of homelessness. General lack of understanding and awareness is a barrier to all efforts.</p> |
| <p>Community Foundations</p> | <p>Need more resources, new donors. Do not understand the depth of the need. Hard to determine where to invest resources. Lack of communication.</p> |



B. Identified Community Resources

(Taken from Activity 2: What do we have?)

| What is the role of your agency in preventing and ending child & family homelessness in Sioux Falls? What services and resources do you offer? | |
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| School District | Keep homeless children in the same school. Transportation to school. Identify children and families who are homeless. Outreach. Referrals and access to community services. Based education and academic support, tutoring. Early homework help 6 am. Stability. Distribution of donated and some purchased items (clothes, food, hygiene supplies, blankets, etc.) Bus passes. Free meals at school (breakfast and lunch). Homeless liaison. Classes on poverty (Red Apple). After-school programs, including Youth Link at 2 middle schools (teaches life skills to at-risk students). Early childhood evaluations and programs. Backpack program (sends food home over the weekend). School social workers and counselors. Home liaison workers. School-based health clinics. Dental checks/fluoride. Mentoring programs. Title I and McKinney-Vento. Building trust within the community and between kids/families and schools. ELL services. Translator of culture program. Children's Connection program provides counseling to children of incarcerated parents. Teachers give time and money to students in need. |
| DSS (Child Protection and Foster Care) | Referrals to community resources. Keep children safe (mandatory reporters). Provide stability and opportunities for children to help break the cycle. Support youth who are aging out of foster care and transitioning to adulthood. |
| Public Health and Welfare Offices/Programs | Assist in accessing housing, employment, benefits, mental health, substance abuse, physical health, case managers, cash benefits available, housing vouchers, emergency housing 3-60 days (Veteran's Administration and HUD VASH program). Homeless services (4,300-4,500 primary care visits), nurse case management, dental vouchers, transportation, eye exams, mental health, and case workers, refugee services (Falls Community Health). Clinics in Hawthorne and Terry Redlin Elementary Schools. Ryan White program provides HIV-related health care. Americorps Vista program volunteer works to advertise helpline services. Siouxland Community Health. |
| Private Health and Welfare Offices/Programs, Including Those Through the Faith Community | Referrals to community resources. Financial assistance. Education and awareness. Volunteers. Identifying people's needs and assisting to meet those needs. |

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| | <p>Advocacy. Contract with schools for home-based counseling and therapy (SE Behavioral Health). Shelter Plus CARE (subsidized and supported) (SE Behavioral Health). Daycare program for senior citizens and people with disabilities (Goodwill). Work with vocational rehabilitation to develop skills (Goodwill). Victims of violence grant to help obtain employment (Goodwill). Vouchers for clothing (Goodwill). Assist with gas, food, rent, bills, spiritual relationships (Faith Temple). Food giveaway on Fridays (500 people last week) and Wednesday dinners (Faith Temple). KidsCount free after-school program, 30-35 kids (United Methodist). Summer camp program Wednesdays (United Methodist). Medical resources, diabetes services, van transportation to Wagner, HIV program, eyeglass program, social workers. Sliding fees and accepts insurance (Urban Indian Health). Funding to prevent evictions, utility shut offs (Genesis). Scholarships, housing, child care, community awareness activities (United Way).</p> |
| <p>Head Start, pre-K, Child Care, & Other Early Childhood Programs</p> | <p>Head Start serves 414 children in poverty, 3-5 years old; school and community based. Early childhood special education for children 3-5. Early intervention services for children birth to 3. Title I preschool services Early Head Start-ICAP for 2-3 year olds.</p> |
| <p>Shelters and Subsidized Housing Programs</p> | <p>Subsidized housing through federal programs. Tenant-based funding to prevent homelessness. Housing Choice voucher program (3-year wait list, with 3,400 households waiting). 8 studio apartments under \$400/mo. in Pettigrew Heights. Shelter. Life skills education. Case management. Domestic violence shelter transitional housing (approximately 6-month stay, focusing on native population), also provides food, transportation, 1st month rent and deposit, legal advocacy, budgeting assistance, resume help, basic needs, referrals (My Sister's Friend's House/Mita Maske Ti Ki). Housing for 39 individuals and 9 families, plus food, clothing, budgeting, employment (50% goes into house savings account), max 1 year stay, zero tolerance (St. Francis House). Case management, home-based case management (Dakota House).</p> |
| <p>Drop-In Centers, Street Outreach Programs & Other Youth Services</p> | <p>Identifying homeless youth. Providing direct services. Advocacy. Community education. Referrals, St. Vincent vouchers, lunch W-F, computer access, phone access, showers and laundry, hygiene kits, day labor, job service (Good Shepherd Center). Native American Scholars provides mentors and monthly powwows at fairgrounds (Big Brothers/Sisters). Emergency shelter for runaway youth under 18 (Bowden Youth Center). Independent living for youth 16-21 (Bowden Youth Center). Drop-in center Tues.-Thurs., 3-9 pm, with snacks, evening meals, HIV education, life skills, transportation (Bowden Youth Center). Street Outreach 2 days/week (Bowden Youth Center).</p> |
| <p>Law Enforcement & Juvenile Justice</p> | <p>Identify people experiencing homelessness. Referrals. School resource officers on-site in middle and high school, and assigned to elementary school. ICAN program (was DARE). Re-entry support for offenders, including employment programs.</p> |

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| | <p>Substance abuse treatment services. Parenting group. Financial planning. Diversion program for youth to prevent incarceration. Rise and Wolverine programs.</p> |
| <p>County and/or City Government</p> | <p>Homeless Advisory Board. Emergency relief: rent, prevention services, transitional housing, utility assistance. Portal for folks seeking services. (Minnehaha County Welfare/Human Services). Medication assistance, emergency dental care, vision, emergency transportation (bus, cab, gas) (County Veteran Office). Hospitalization, medical pre-authorizations, human services admissions fee \$500 (Safe Home program) Referral agency, including child care, suicide hotline, and immediate needs; Over 60,000 calls last year (211, County Human Services). Warming center when temperatures drop below 28 degrees. Funding for housing to be built (SEBHC and DakotAbilities). Public transportation and free bus pass program ("Pass it on"). Parks & Rec: free swim pass, free park program, community center. HUD-funded revitalization program. Landlord/tenant property rights seminars.</p> |
| <p>State Government</p> | <p>Work with other agencies (LSS, TANF, homeless coalition coordinator, housing).</p> |
| <p>Business Community</p> | <p>Identify people in need. Offer resources. Make referrals. Provide temporary housing. Support the community. Pay a fair wage. Connect employees to the issue through awareness and education (Wells Fargo has over 3000 employees). Financial support for events and housing. Volunteers. Mentoring.</p> |
| <p>Homeless Coalition</p> | <p>Education and information to the public. Inter-agency collaboration and coordination.</p> |
| <p>Whole Community as Advocates</p> | <p>Advocate on public policies that affect families, homelessness. Education and community awareness. Connection.</p> |
| <p>Federal Government</p> | <p>Direct inquiries to proper agencies in the community (Sen. Jim Johnson's office). Assist with federal benefits programs (Sen. Jim Johnson's office). Secure funding (ongoing and new and earmarks (Sen. Jim Johnson's office). Veterans Administration, HUD, Supplemental Security Income.</p> |
| <p>Community Foundations</p> | <p>Encourage charitable investments. Increase awareness of needs/communicate those needs.</p> |
| <p>Think Tanks and researchers</p> | <p>Make scientific data and statistics relevant to homelessness available to others (Native American Leadership Institute and American Indian Research Institute).</p> |

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