

**PROJECT
HOMELESS
CONNECT**

Veterans Park

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A Report to Klamath and Lake County
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General Information

The Project Homeless Connect Goal: Community Awareness

Project Homeless Connect is part of a national movement to connect communities with innovative, new strategies to end homelessness. We have now hosted our first annual Project Homeless Connect focused on connecting homeless individuals and families with community services. Klamath County Community Corrections, Law Enforcement, and County Officials are in support of this event. Project Homeless Connect provides a means for the community to become engaged in ending chronic homelessness. Project outcomes are driven by the overarching goals of the Project Homeless Connect:

Goals

Inspire the community to help
End homelessness.

Connect people with services to
Help end homelessness

Outcomes

102 Volunteers
22 Participating Agencies
25 Local Business Sponsors

53 people served (Although many
more attended, only 53 filled out
forms.

There is a video of the event on our website at www.klccas.org, if you would like a copy to share with your agency please email LeeAnne Tidwell at: ltidwell@co.klamath.or.us

The Services

The community, businesses and services came together to provide needed services to Klamath and Lake Counties homeless and to track and illustrate the great needs of people on our streets. The services included:

Backpack/School Supplies Program
BBQ Lunch
Bike Repair
Community Resource Guides
Disability Services
Domestic Violence Counseling
Double hours for Community Service Workers
Education Services & Information
Employment Information
Face Painting
Faith Based Counseling
Family Mentoring Resources
Food Box Schedules
Free Books
Free Clothing
Free Condoms
General Health Checkups
Hair Cuts
Housing Applications
Hygiene items
Kids Corner
Mental Health Counseling for Adults
Mental Health Counseling for Youth
Personal packs and blankets
Reading Glasses
Social Service Applications
Veteran Services

By The Numbers

Who participated?

- 53 people were welcomed at PHC.
- 40 reported being homeless
 - 19 living outdoors
 - 11 living at someone else's house
 - 7 living in short term shelter
 - 3 living in a hotel/motel
- 13 reported not homeless
 - 1 living in transitional housing
 - 11 living in their own apart, room, house
 - 1 living in a residential treatment facility
- 33 were single adults
 - 29 homeless
 - 4 not homeless
- 8 were 2-parent families
 - 2 homeless
 - 6 not homeless
- 3 were male single parents
 - 1 homeless
 - 2 not homeless
- 4 were single female parents
 - 4 homeless
 - 0 not homeless
- 5 were married couples without children
 - 4 homeless
 - 1 not homeless
- 7 were employed
 - 5 homeless
 - 2 not homeless
- 46 were unemployed
 - 35 homeless
 - 11 not homeless

By The Numbers

Who participated?

- 18 left their last living arrangements because they couldn't afford rent
 - 17 homeless
 - 1 not homeless
- 4 left their last living arrangement because of Domestic Violence
 - 4 homeless
 - 0 not homeless
- 3 left their last living arrangement because of Drug & Alcohol to self
 - 3 homeless
 - 0 not homeless
- 5 left their last living arrangement because of unemployment
 - 2 homeless
 - 3 not homeless
- 4 left their last living arrangement because of eviction
 - 3 homeless
 - 1 not homeless
- 8 left their last living arrangements by choice
 - 5 homeless
 - 3 not homeless
- 3 left their last living arrangement because of medical issues
 - 0 homeless
 - 3 not homeless
- 4 chose not to comment on why they left their last living arrangement
 - 2 homeless
 - 0 not homeless
- 1 left their last living arrangement because of criminal history
 - 1 homeless
 - 0 not homeless
- 3 left their last living arrangement because of Drug & Alcohol at home
 - 3 homeless
 - 0 not homeless

By The Numbers

What services were sought?

- 6 sought veteran Services (11%)
- 18 sought reading glasses (34%)
- 2 sought veteran employment services (4%)
- 10 sought Salvation Army services (19%)
- 7 sought mental health services (13%)
- 7 sought education services (13%)
- 14 sought shelter (26)
- 9 sought bicycle repair (17%)
- 12 sought disability information (23%)
- 20 sought dental care (38%)
- 6 sought DHS/Welfare (11%)
- 2 sought alcoholics anonymous (4%)
- 5 sought Domestic Violence services (9%)
- 14 sought free books (26%)
- 7 sought veterinarian care (13%)
- 29 sought Hygiene Products (55%)
- 5 sought Public Health Services/Condoms (9%)
- 13 sought general health checkups (25%)
- 8 sought disability employment information
- 3 sought mental health services for youth (6%)
- 11 sought community resources (21%)
- 5 sought LCS/Social Services (9%)
- 16 sought haircuts (30%)
- 24 sought free clothing (45%)

By The Numbers

Upon Exit: 44 satisfaction surveys were completed

What services did you access at Project Homeless Connect?

- 5 accessed Veteran Services (11%)
- 7 accessed Reading Glasses (16%)
- 7 accessed Salvation Army (16%)
- 6 accessed Mental Health (adult) Services (14%)
- 4 accessed Education Services (9%)
- 7 accessed Shelter (16%)
- 9 accessed Bicycle Repair (20%)
- 13 accessed Disability Information (30%)
- 4 accessed DHS/Welfare services (9%)
- 3 accessed Alcoholics Anonymous (7%)
- 3 accessed Domestic Violence Services (7%)
- 10 accessed Free Books (23%)
- 28 accessed Hygiene Products (64%)
- 6 accessed Public Health / Free Condoms (14%)
- 6 accessed Free Health Checkups (14%)
- 5 accessed Disability Employment Information (11%)
- 4 accessed Community Resources (9%)
- 4 accessed LCS/Social Services (9%)
- 9 accessed Hair Cuts (20%)
- 19 accessed Free Clothing (43%)

What was the primary reason for attending PHC?

- 22 people said Services (50%)
- 18 people said Basic Needs (41%)
- 4 people had no response (9%)

By The Numbers

What was the most helpful service provided?

- 20 people said all the services were most helpful (45%)
- 14 people said Basic Needs (Hygiene, Blankets, Clothing, and Food) (32%)
- 10 people had no response (23%)

Services needed but not available?

- 5 people said Shelter / Rent Vouchers (11%)
- 30 people said all services needed were provided (68%)
- 3 people said Dental (7%)
- 3 people said Disability (7%)
- 2 people said Social Security Information (5%)
- 1 person said a Winter Coat (1%)
- 1 person said Gas Voucher (1%)

What would you change about this event?

- 35 people said they would change nothing (79%)
- 2 people said make it bigger (5%)
- 2 people thing we should have the event more often (5%)
- 2 people said to provide shelter / camping for the night (5%)
- 2 people suggested more advertising (5%)
- 1 person said they would lower the volume of the band (1%)

How did you hear about Project Homeless Connect?

- 30 people heard from Agency Referrals and Friends (68%)
- 11 people heard from Flyers (25%)
- 3 people heard from newspapers/news (7%)

Why we do what we do

Volunteer Comments...

"I feel like I am making a positive difference in someone's life."

"This is just my way of contributing to a healthy community."

Participant Comments (thoughts from our homeless):

"I'd like to see a safe place where the homeless can go set up before winter so they can be someplace warm."

"I appreciate you putting things on like this because nobody looks at the homeless, no one."

"Other places have more to offer than what this town does."

"I don't have anywhere special to camp at because the police are acting up, so I just camp wherever I can."

"I don't choose to be homeless; I just have nowhere to go."

"We need to town to have a meeting and decide where we can camp."

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