



Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County

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Seasonal Updates

Community Engagement

In the picture below, Amy from Waukesha Public Library will deliver some plarn mats (created by the library's patrons) to Jackie Smith from the Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County, Inc. HAC will be delivering these plarn mats to those experiencing homelessness in Waukesha County! Plarn mats are repurposed plastic bags used to make sleeping mats. These mats can be used by unsheltered homeless individuals to provide a waterproof barrier for sleeping on the ground.

Waukesha Public Library will accept completed plarn mats at any time. Just drop them off at the Reference Desk and they will get them to organizations who need them.

HAC would like to thank the library's patrons who crafted the plarn mats. Plarn mats can make a huge difference for those in the community who are currently sleeping outside. It is acts of kindness like this that bring communities together.



Waukesha Overflow Shelter Construction Commences!

Earlier this year, HAC put the plan in motion to renovate the decommissioned fire station on Sentry Drive in Waukesha. The Waukesha Overflow Shelter will be operational and serving single men, women, and families with children during the inclement weather each season to help provide additional shelter and support for those experiencing homelessness.

This will also allow HAC to set a foundation in the community with permanent offices for the staff members!

The Fire Station is still under construction at this time with Catalyst Construction operating as the general contractor. HAC is working with community partners to ensure there are shelter options in place ahead of the upcoming winter season.

**WAUKESHA OVERFLOW
SHELTER
&
FUTURE HAC OFFICE
ADDRESS:**

**1210 Sentry Drive
Waukesha, WI 53186**



The current Fire Station location on Sentry Drive prior to construction.

Agency Awareness

Learn more about the agencies that serve Waukesha County.

Hope Center

Located at 502 N East Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

Phone Number: 262-549-8726

The Hope Center has been serving Waukesha County since 1987. Throughout the years, The Hope Center has become a beacon of hope for those experiencing difficult times. Through an array of services, Hope Center is able to help individuals and families in need. Some of the programs Hope Center offers are:

- Packaged to-go lunch every day at 12:00 PM
 - Hope Center Also serves dinner on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday every week starting at 5:30 PM.
- **Project Move** - Hope Center offers major appliances and furniture. You can call or stop by the center to sign up. Clients' requests will be filled according to donations received. Project Move offers delivery within Waukesha County.
- **Financial Assistance** - Hope Center offers assistance with transportation to maintain employment, limited medical copays, and replacement of IDs and birth certificates. Call ahead for consultation.
- **Clothing Shop** - Hope Center provides all types of clothing for the entire family. They offer bedding, household items, personal hygiene items, and layettes for expectant mothers.
 - guidelines for limits on clothing are posted at the check-in counter.

Hope Center's 2020 Accomplishments

1. 2,845 unduplicated individuals have visited the Clothing Shop 11,375 times.
2. 899 unduplicated individuals have visited the Day Center 10,930 times, 8,529 breakfasts and 9,875 lunches were served.
3. 481 unduplicated individuals have visited the evening Meal Program 6,371 times. 8,554 dinners were served.
4. Project Move received and delivered 495 furniture items to 151 households.
5. Hope Center distributed \$9,954 in Financial Assistance to 318 clients.
6. 1,921 volunteers have donated a total of 6,348 direct service hours!

Hope Center Hours:

Monday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM; 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM; 6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

*Hours will be extended from **November 6th - April 30th**. Weekend service will be the same as weekdays operating from 8 AM to 4 PM.*



Community Events, Information & Highlights



Literacy Services of Wisconsin has a new Waukesha office location! LSW partners with motivated adults to provide access to quality basic education and skills training so they can improve their lives, enrich their families, and strengthen our community. The new address is 831 N. Grand Ave. 2nd Floor - Suite 200 Waukesha, WI 53186.

For more information please check out <https://literacyservices.org/> or call (414) 344-5878.

Project Homeless Connect & Waukesha Homelessness Awareness Week!

October 17th - 23rd, 2021

United Way and ProHealth Care will be sponsoring this year's Project Homeless Connect event! ProHealth Care will be reaching out to the emergency shelters to set up nurse visits and immunization clinics to offer flu and/or COVID vaccines to guests who are interested. Volunteers will be putting together health and hygiene kits along with basic needs kits. These will be hand-delivered to shelters in Waukesha during Homeless Awareness week. If you would like more information, please email Krystina Kohler at kkohler@unitedwaygmwc.org

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day December 21st, 2021

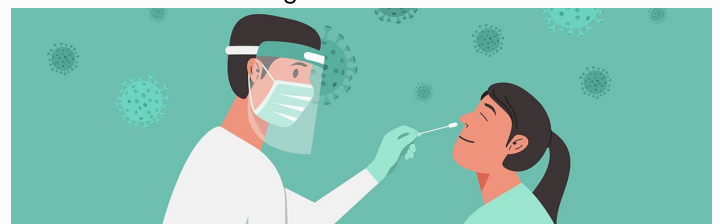
HAC will be hosting its third annual event which falls on winter solstice and the longest night of the year. A day we can all commemorate those who passed away during 2021 who may have been experiencing a housing crisis, street homelessness or were not residing in safe and stable housing. This is a public awareness event that will take place in downtown Waukesha along the riverfront on Union Street at 11:00 A.M.

Point-In-Time

Point-In-Time (PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. The count is conducted twice a year; once in January and once in July. Our upcoming PIT date is January 26th, 2022. To volunteer for the upcoming PIT count, please contact Jackie Smith at cocwaukesha@gmail.com or call (262)-336-0413.

COVID-19 Testing

Waukesha Free Clinic (237 Wisconsin Ave, #200, Waukesha) offers testing on Tuesdays from 12p-5p by appointment only. Patients can pre-register by calling 262-544-6777.



Training Courses

Ryan Dowd Training



ONLINE TRAINING

Ryan Dowd will be conducting his core training on December 16, 2021! Upcoming training opportunities can be found on the BOS website at:

<https://www.wiboscoc.org/trainings.html>. In this training, you will learn about enforcing the rules with compassion, empathy, when is best to involve police officers, and how to work with individuals who have a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

- Sessions are not recorded. Sign-up will be first come, first serve. Registration will be done through Eventbrite.
- Participants should have access to a camera, speaker, and microphone.
- Cost is \$75/ person for BOS members and \$100/person for non-BOS members. If your agency is registering 4+ people, the cost is \$50/person.

HMIS & Balance of State CoC Trainings!



<https://icalliances.org/wisconsin-training-requirements>

<https://icawisconsin.helpscoutdocs.com/category/1614-balance-of-state-coc>

<https://icawisconsin.helpscoutdocs.com/category/1457-bitfocus>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/housing-action-coalition-of-waukesha-county-inc/>

Coordinated Entry

Coordinated Entry is an important process through which people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness can access the crisis response system in a streamlined way, have their unique needs assessed, and quickly connect to appropriate housing and other services within the Waukesha community.

Coordinated Entry helps our community prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and risk to ensure people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner.

Currently, the following agencies utilize Coordinated Entry and can conduct the appropriate assessment & referral:

**Center for Veteran Issues
Community Action Coalition For South Central WI
Hebron Housing Services
Housing Action Coalition
Lutheran Social Services of WI & Upper MI
The Salvation Army**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Coordinated Entry System in Waukesha County, please contact Jennifer Kropiwek via email at jenniferk@waukeshacoc.org or by phone at 262-349-7284

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness and need immediate shelter, listed below are agencies in Waukesha County:

Juno House: 812 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186
Phone #: 262-549-8722
Serves single women & Families w/ Children

Siena House: 1519 Summit Ave. Waukesha, WI 53188
Phone #: 262-549-8732 (Temporarily Closed)
Serves single men (no sex offenders)

Jeremy House Safe Haven: 1301 E. Moreland Blvd.
Waukesha, WI 53188
Phone #: 262-549-8735
Serves individuals suffering from a severe and persistent mental illness. Sex Offenders can reside at this location.

The Salvation Army: 445 Madison St. Waukesha, WI 53188
Phone #: 262-547-7367
Serves single men

The Women's Center: 505 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186
24-Hour Hotline #: 262-542-3828
Serves anyone impacted by domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking.

Family Promise of Waukesha County: 139 E North St,
Waukesha, WI 53188.
Phone #: (262) 968-2321
Serves single women and Families w/ Children

