

Fox Cities After Hour Plan

Providing reasonable access to those experiencing homelessness after hours

The Fox Cities Housing Coalition service area includes Outagamie, Calumet, and Northern Winnebago County. Within that region, there are three emergency shelters that are available. In the event that someone is in need of shelter after normal business hours, each shelter can do an intake throughout the night. Each of the shelters has historically exceeded capacity in the event that someone presents for shelter and has nowhere else to go.

Homeless Connections: Homeless Connections is a 78 bed emergency shelter that serves single men, single woman, and families. It is open 24/7 365 days. Furthermore, Homeless Connections operates a Street Outreach Program that works with individuals that are sleeping in places not meant for human habitation.

Fox Valley Warming Shelter: The Fox Valley Warming Shelter is a 60 bed emergency shelter that serves single men and single women. It is open from 5:00 pm- 8:00 am 365 days a year.

Harbor House: Harbor House is a 55 bed domestic violence shelter that serves single women and single mothers that are fleeing domestic violence situations. It is open 24/7 365 days a year.

In the event that an individual or family is identified by law enforcement, the local police departments have been informed of the available resources within the community, and will reach out to the above listed shelters to assist the person in accessing emergency shelter.

Providing access to the Coordinated Entry System

As part of the Fox Valley Warming Shelter's intake process, a VI-SPDAT is completed, and a referral is made to the Coordinated Entry Prioritization List. At Homeless Connections and Harbor House, the VI-SPDAT is completed while meeting with the case manager or advocate. Referral timeline for placing people on the prioritization list is 1 business day.

Staff from the Street Outreach Program routinely contact individuals or families who are unsheltered, living in areas not suited for human habitation. Once the client agrees to participate in services, the Street Outreach Case Manager administers the VI-SPDAT as part of the assessment process and places the client on the Fox Cities Housing Coalition's coordinated entry housing priority list.

Providing access during the Point in Time Count

On the night of Point in Time, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition will utilize the Salvation Army of the Fox Cities building as a gathering place for volunteers. During the Point in Time Count, the space is open to individuals or families that were identified during the street count. Individuals or families are provided food and are allowed to remain there throughout the night. There are also people trained in administering the VI-SPDAT available to conduct the survey and refer people to the prioritization list.

Local Coalition Communications Plan

In order to insure that application of the CE after Hours Plan is administered consistently, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition will do the following:

1. Distribute the plan through the Fox Cities Housing Coalition's weekly updates email list
2. Distribute the plan at the December 2017 monthly housing coalition meeting and train attendees on the contents of the plan.
3. Post the plan on the housing coalition's website.

After Hours Plan Review and Revision Process

This plan will be reviewed by the housing coalition's PIT committee each year during preparations for the January PIT count. In the event revisions are necessary, the committee will revise the plan as necessary and distribute to members of the local housing coalition requesting feedback. Once feedback has been obtained and incorporated into the plan, the revised plan will be presented for approval at a monthly meeting. When approved, the revised plan will be communicated in the manner outlined above.