

POINT IN TIME SURVEY OF THE HOMELESS

We need your help!
Wednesday, JANUARY 26, 2011

We need volunteers to count and survey the homeless in Salem County.

Before the day of the survey you can:

- *Join a committee
- *Collect donations for the homeless
- *Put care packages together
- *Post flyers at various locations in the County



On the day of the survey you can:

- * Be part of a team to Count the homeless on January 26th
- *Volunteer at one of our two sites to complete surveys
- *Volunteer at one of our two sites to serve meals
- * Volunteer at one of our two sites to give away care packages

The Salem County Continuum of Care is gathering numbers and information to

- Plan for Services
- Measure and Identify Needs
- Document Data for Funding
- Be sure Salem County receives its share of funding to address the needs of the homeless



For more information or to sign up please contact
Cora Santiago at 856 - 935 - 7510, Ext. 8319

Donations of blankets, non perishable foods, hygiene items, drinks, scarves, socks, gloves and hats would be greatly appreciated, as will other items available.

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO VOLUNTEER?

Where Will You Sleep Tonight?

If you lack a permanent residence or are
homeless and are in need of services join us on

January 26, 2011



A one-day one-stop event to deliver services to people
experiencing homelessness in the community

**Location: The Puerto Rican
Action Committee
114 East Main Street
Penns Grove**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Services to be provided: Food Stamp and Social Security information,
Intakes and Give-Aways**

For more information or to volunteer for this day contact:

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88 Market Street, Salem

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**PROJECT
HOMELESS
CONNECT**



New Jersey

January 26, 2011

Project Homeless Connect is a one day event sponsored by community leaders and designed to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model for people experiencing homelessness. More than 35 cities have replicated this model nationwide, and New Jersey was the first state to coordinate a statewide Project Homeless Connect.

The New Jersey Alliance for the Homeless is coordinating a statewide Project Homeless Connect (PHC) day which will take place in conjunction with the HUD mandated Point in Time Count (PIT).

The Point in Time Count (PITC) is mandated by HUD on a bi-annual basis, in odd-numbered years. On this date the Salem County Continuum of Care (CoC) will survey/count the homeless in Salem County. This includes those living on the streets and those in emergency and transitional programs. In order to perform a successful count CoC's must outreach to volunteers, local churches and businesses for donations of time and useful items that can be distributed to those that fill out the survey. Holding PHC on the same day as the PIT will allow CoC's statewide to reach out to and survey more of the homeless people in their communities. In addition it will allow the CoC to provide those people with much needed services.

The success of Project Homeless Connect is reliant on the community's support. Through the participation of local business, corporations, hospitals, doctors and a variety of other providers, this one day event will positively affect the lives of many individuals who are homeless throughout the state. To see of a list of suggested services to be provided on the day of the event please see the reverse of this page.

To learn more about Project Homeless Connect please visit :

<http://www.usich.gov/slocal/NationalProjectHomelessConnectPromo.html>

If you are interested in becoming involved in your County's Project Homeless Connect;
please contact the Salem County representative:

Cora Santiago

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98 Market Street, 2nd floor

Salem, New Jersey 08079

(856) 935-7510, Ext. 8319

Email: cora.santiago@salemcountynj.gov

Suggested Services to be Provided at Project Homeless Connect

Service	Who to Involve
Alcohol/Drug Treatment: Provide information, referrals for substance abuse issues and treatment. Possible on-site treatment, i.e. methadone	Alcohol & Drug treatment providers, Detox, Hospitals, Counselors.
Behavioral Health: Provide information, referrals and onsite assessment.	Mental Health Providers, Hospitals
Books: Provide free books for both adults and children.	Donations from Libraries / bookstores / thrift stores / hold book drive.
Children's donations: Donations of toys, board games, other activities (i.e. bouncy bounce)	Local businesses, entertainment providers, gift certificates to local attractions (i.e., bowling).
Dentists: Provide teeth cleanings on-site and make future appointments for dental care. Dispense toothbrushes/paste, and other useful items.	Local Practices, Donations of Toothbrushes/paste, etc. from corporations.
Employment: Enroll in job training and counseling programs to help link with jobs. Representative on-site to discuss local job opportunities. * Provide clothing for interviews	County one-stop center, Workforce Investment Board, Local Temp agencies, Local employers. Dress for Success, Local clothing donations from thrift stores and clothing stores.
Food Pantry: Distribution of non-perishable/ perishable food. County can run a food drive at a local grocery store prior to the event to collect these items.	Local Supermarkets, corporations, libraries, schools county/city Government, etc. can all hold food drives
Foot Washing	Volunteers
Free Clothing: Donations of clothing collected through clothing drives held throughout the county. * Coats, Socks, Underwear, Boots/Shoes are very useful items.	Dress for Success, Local clothing Drives, Veterans Affairs, Thrift Stores. Local department and clothing stores- i.e. the Gap donated T-shirts in one city.
Free Lunch	Food donated by supermarkets, donations from local restaurants to cater the event. Volunteers to serve
Haircuts/Manicure	Local barbers, salons, to attend event and provide service.
HIV/AIDS testing	Local Clinics, Planned Parenthood
Housing: If possible, set aside vouchers to distribute on-site.	Housing providers, Housing Authorities
Identification: Help individuals obtain I.D.	NJ DMV, County ID, other agencies to help in process.
Legal Aid: To solve small cases on-site (i.e. vagrancy tickets)	Legal Services of NJ, Local Attorneys, Local Judges
Mail: Provide free shipping of letters	Post Office, Fed Ex, DHL, UPS, etc.
Massages	Local masseuses donate time and service on-site
Medical Doctors, Nurses, and Urgent Care: Medical screenings, wound care, physicals, referrals and prescription medication. Possibly some treatment on-site.	Local Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics, VA
Needle Exchange: Clients can exchange used needles for clean.	Local needle exchange programs / hospitals/other substance abuse treatment providers.
Phone calls and Voicemail accounts: Free phone calls and set-up free voicemail accounts.	Local cell phone stores and telephone service providers.
Podiatry	Local Doctors / Hospitals
Public Benefits: Individuals can apply for mainstream benefits (i.e. GA, food stamps, TANF, etc.)	County / local board of social services. Providers that could help people to access services.
Shelter- Info and referral/reservations	Local Shelter staff
SSI/SSDI Advocacy: Offer potential eligibility screening and advocacy. Legal aid for those that have applied already	Social Security, Legal Services of NJ
Vision Care: Eye exams and free glasses	Local optometrists, Eyeglass providers ex- Pearl Vision and lens crafters for donation of doctors and glasses.
Veterans benefits: Information and referrals for veterans	VA to provide giveaways & services for this population, can also register eligible candidates for Veteran's benefits.
Volunteers: A number of dedicated volunteers are necessary on the day of the event, and also for the services they can provide.	Local colleges, community members, faith-based organizations. Businesses, county & city government to encourage volunteers by making it a paid work day.
Wheelchair repair	Local stores/ volunteers capable of this type of work.



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New Jersey

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM
2011 "POINT IN TIME" SURVEY/PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT**

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (856) _____

Fax: (856) _____

Cell: () _____

Location Preferred –
Penns Grove _____ Salem _____

Hours of Availability _____

Are you bilingual? Yes _____ No _____

Special Needs _____

**Volunteer Coordinator: Cora Santiago – 935 – 7510, Ext. 8319
Cora.santiago@salemcountynj.gov**

**Please return form to Cora at:
Inter Agency Council
98 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079-1912**