



The MDHA is a 501(c) (3) member organization composed of a broad spectrum of stakeholders committed to end homelessness. Through MDHA, 86 agencies that represent shelters, hospitals, government agencies, local municipalities, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, housing and treatment providers, individuals (including homeless consumers), businesses, medical / educational leaders, and other community members meet routinely to collaborate on issues to fight homelessness.

The Dallas City Council resolved that MDHA is the "regional authority on homelessness" and provides leadership to develop programs and secure funding to assure quality, effective services for persons experiencing homelessness.



OUR PURPOSE

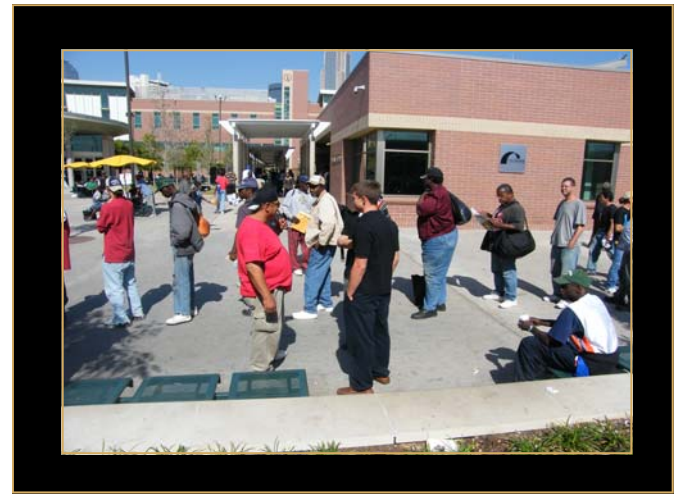
To end homelessness in Metropolitan Dallas through advocacy, planning, and education that creates and sustains needed change.

OUR VISION

All people live in appropriate housing.

OUR VALUES

Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Courage.



The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center	Dallas Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness	Permanent Supportive Housing Plan	Continuum of Care Grant Process Coordinated, Effective Support Services	Annual "Point-in-Time" Homeless Count & Census	Membership Advocacy & Community Education
<p>The Bridge is a combined emergency shelter and transitional housing program that provides basic needs, i.e. meals, showers, mail service, and laundry; as well as, case management and services from 17 co-located agencies including Parkland, MetroCare, VA, job seeker services, housing and mental health/addiction programs.</p>	<p>A HUD initiative to end chronic homelessness driven by local communities, this plan is to be implemented by the City of Dallas and MDHA. The goals of the 10 year plan are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease the number of homeless on the streets • Increase the amount of housing • Increase HUD funding • Increase support services 	<p>The Permanent Supportive Housing Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops 700 units over 5 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 leased units • 500 newly constructed units • Makes direct referrals from The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center • Targets individuals & families who are long-term or chronically homeless • Provides individualized wrap-around services 	<p>The purpose of the Continuum of Care Committee includes service coordination, grant compliance, and technical assistance. The Continuum of Care Committee also helps to identify priorities for new projects which will seek funding in the upcoming grant cycle.</p>	<p>In conjunction with the City of Dallas, conducted our annual count and census of the homeless population in Dallas County, this count is a "point-in-time" count and provides a good snapshot of the homeless population that can be identified in one night.</p>	<p>MDHA's Membership is composed of individuals and organizations which are concerned about the Homeless issue in Dallas and Collin Counties. The Membership Committee meets once a month. In addition, MDHA maintains an e-mail listserv which provides information to the community regarding issues which are of interest to the homeless and the community of agencies who serve them.</p>