

Akron Ohio – OH506

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Akron, Ohio (between Cleveland and Canton)

- Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care – OH-506
- Populations: Summit County 541,943; Akron 197,859
- Akron is largest city and lowest income level in county.
- 4th largest funding area in State of Ohio
- Info Line, Inc. – CoC home of Centralized Intake & HMIS.
- 2016 PIT – 61 Homeless Veterans – 7 Unsheltered

Our Timeline to Functional Zero

- January 2016 – The group begins. A representative from any provider working with Vets. All VA areas, (HUD-VASH, Veterans Safe Haven, GPD, etc.) SSVF, CoC, Shelter providers, Street Outreach, Central Intake & HMIS.
- Used the USICH template.
- List viewed by group at meetings. No electronic sharing.
- Partners bought into the meetings. Time commitments as long as 3 hours. Always productive. Entering all fields as you go.
- Ran regular analysis of the computation.
- Used the TA available in our community. Asked questions and invited into group meetings for quarterly updates.
- Goal – Build a system to identify, engage and offer housing.

Housing Resources for Vets

- Screened for Veterans Programs by Centralized Intake – Diverted for eligibility before returning to CoC beds.
- 75 HUD-VASH Vouchers
- 10 dedicated beds at CoC PSH Housing project
- Veteran Safe Haven – 16 beds
- TH- Treatment – Valor Home 16 beds
- SSVF Programs – 2 providers
- RRH programs – ESG, HOME, HCRP, TANF, CoC funding

Submission Time

- We had not made 4/4 for 6 months up to submission. Mostly 3 of 4 and identifying more than we were placing by approximately 2-4 per look-back period.
- T/A urged us to submit 3/2018.
- Conference call with partners. What is your system? How strong is the process? Do you know the resources? Are you reducing barriers?
- Central Intake, Veterans drop in, street outreach and shelters start addition to the BNL and a eligibility screening. List housed with HMIS Administrator for ease of update.
- Solutions & Case plans developed quickly. Let Vets choose, make sure you document what you do.
- May 2017- Partners follow up regarding Avg. days to housed. We were able to document each case and show proper system movement.

We Get It!!

- May 25, 2017 We are certified!
- The release highlights the work of community partners and the collaboration that made it happen.
<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/veteran-homelessness-in-akron-reaches-functional-zero-1.769947>
- We announce with the Mayor office in Akron.
- The work continues. That's the point of the whole undertaking. Are you building something sustainable?
- Group meets monthly. Names added as identified and referred for assistance.

Thanks for listening.

- Questions – Send an e-mail or call anytime.