

## There is a Pathway from Unhoused to Housed

The many agencies and individuals involved in the Northwest Michigan Continuum of Care are working together to create the best individualized Pathway to housing for everyone experiencing homelessness in northwest Michigan.

The Pathway is not the same for everyone, and shouldn't be. Some folks just need a little guidance while in crisis, others may need lifetime supports, and most will be somewhere in between. The resources available through the Continuum of Care are provided based on assessment results and are personalized for each individual and family.

Inside you will find a map of the different Pathways that will be offered to those facing homelessness in our area.

**Northwest Michigan Continuum of Care (NWCOC)** is a collaborative group of community organizations and individuals with an interest in homelessness, housing needs, supportive housing, or housing related services in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties.

The members of NWCOC serve those who are experiencing homelessness or may be falling into homelessness: you, your neighbors or those living on the streets to name a few. Many members of our communities are experiencing a financial crisis that is affecting their ability to maintain housing stability.

### OUR VISION

We believe that having a safe, permanent home is a basic human right. Our vision is to end homelessness in the Northwest Michigan region.

### OUR MISSION

NWCOC will work collaboratively to end homelessness by addressing housing issues through a community based process that develops a comprehensive coordinated continuum of care to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the community it serves.

### OUR PURPOSE

To ensure that individuals and families have access to safe, decent, affordable housing and support services designed to help them become integrated socially and economically into their communities.

# FACING HOMELESSNESS?

## Northwest Michigan Continuum of Care can help.

If you are facing homelessness in northwest Michigan or know someone who is, please call:

**1-844-900-0500**



Northwest Michigan Continuum of Care



Local work groups meet regularly in Cadillac, Manistee, Petoskey and Traverse City.

[nwmichcoc.com](http://nwmichcoc.com)

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## IN-DEPTH ASSESSMENT/HOUSING PLACEMENT CHOICES

### STEP #4

After the assignment is made to a Housing Resource Assistant through one of the Continuum of Care's member agencies for help, an in-depth assessment is provided to better understand the current housing situation. After the assessment, housing help support will be directed to one of 3 options: **Minimal, Moderate, or Intensive Housing Help Support**. Any and all of these pathways are designed to lead to housing.

## INFORMATION and REFERRAL

### STEP #4

Depending on the individual case, information and referrals to community resources will be provided. The good news is that with just this little bit of help, many people are able to resolve their housing crisis.

Step #4 is either or

## BASIC ASSESSMENT / TRIAGE

### STEP #3

Like triage in health care, basic information will be gathered about your current housing situation to determine the best individualized Pathway to housing. Based on the assessment, the Pathway may lead to **Information and Referral** or an assignment to **Housing Resource Assistance**.

## TEMPORARY SHELTER

### STEP #2

If no other resource can be identified, there may be temporary shelter solutions available.

Step #2 is either or

## DIVERSION

### STEP #2

When a housing crisis arises, it is just that, a crisis. Help is there to talk through the crisis so that possible solutions such as family and friends or other services can be identified.

## HOW CAN I ACCESS HOUSING HELP?

### STEP #1

When someone is in a housing crisis their first point of contact may be at school, community helping organizations, street outreach, shelter, jail, hospital or with a neighbor or friend. Any of them may be able to start your Pathway.

If not, and you or someone you know is experiencing a housing crisis and needs help, please call: **1-844-900-0500**