Street Outreach Programs

The following community organizations have programs that provide resources and services to persons on the streets. These organizations work to assist individuals to move into housing or shelter.

Maryhaven – Collaborative Outreach Program: 449-1530
Mobile street and homeless camp outreach, as well as material assistance for literally homeless persons; provides linkages to shelter and housing.  [http://www.maryhavenhomelessoutreach.com/](http://www.maryhavenhomelessoutreach.com/)

Capital Crossroads: 228-5718
Mobile street outreach and material assistance for homeless persons in downtown business district provides assessment services, guides linkage to mental health services, shelter, housing, or other needed services.

Columbus Neighborhood Health Center – Health Care for the Homeless: 645-0521
The CNHC Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) program mission is to provide access to services that improve the physical health status of the homeless person, particularly those who have experienced barriers to healthcare.

Mt. Carmel Community Outreach: 546-4200
Mount Carmel’s Community Outreach Program is a department that extends its reach into the community and helps provide free health services to those in need. Among the services the program provides are physical exams, diagnoses and treatments, health assessments and screenings, health education, referrals and social service assistance.

Netcare Access – Reach Out: 276-2273
Reach Out provides transportation of inebriated (intoxicated) homeless persons to the Maryhaven Engagement Center or to an individual’s home.

Southeast, Inc. – Project Liaison & PATH Mobile Psychiatric Van: 444-0800
The program provides mobile mental health assessment services and short-term behavioral health treatment services for homeless persons. These programs provide linkages to mental health services, shelter, and any available housing options. These services are designed to serve homeless individuals with behavioral health needs not yet referred/linked to mainstream mental health services.

Southeast, Inc. Health Care for the Homeless FQHC Program: 225-0990

Veterans Administration – Outreach Program: 257-5219
Outreach and healthcare for homeless veterans provides linkages to appropriate health services, housing, or other services.

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission: 525-2500
Although not a street outreach program, VSC is able to provide short term emergency financial assistance to eligible veterans with a discharge under honorable conditions or a recognized service-connected disability. Financial Assistance is provided for basic living needs and not to subsidize an unsatisfactory lifestyle.

Homeless Youth Outreach Programs

Huckleberry House Youth Outreach Program: 294-8097
The Youth Outreach program goes to the streets and talks to young people ages 12 to 22 in their own neighborhoods, in school, at recreation centers, shopping malls — any place where teens hang out.

OSU Star House Homeless Youth Outreach: 299-2101
The Youth Outreach program conducts outreach to homeless youth ages 18-24 on the streets, soup kitchens, libraries, parks, and woods.
Emergency Shelter for Single Adults

Coordinated Point of Access for Single Adults: HandsOn Central Ohio
1-888-4SHELTR (1-888-474-3587)
HandsOn Central Ohio provides 24-hour call center assistance for single adults experiencing a housing crisis. Intake staff will discuss all possible shelter diversion options with single adults who are seeking shelter. Individuals with no other resources will be assisted in finding emergency shelter at Faith Mission, Nancy’s Place, Friends of the Homeless, Rebecca’s Place, Volunteers of America, or other programs.

The Engagement Center at Maryhaven: 449-1530
Admissions received via Netcare Reach Out and Columbus Police Department. Any referral from a hospital must have a nurse-to-nurse report prior to acceptance. Priority is given to persons who are inebriated, homeless, and are unable to care for self due to alcohol and/or other substance intoxication. The program provides 24-hour emergency services, case management and linkage to treatment for up to 42 men and 8 women.

Emergency Shelter for Families with Children

YWCA Family Center: 253-7970
The YWCA Family Center provides 24-hour assistance to families experiencing a housing crisis. Staff will discuss housing options with families who are seeking shelter. Every attempt will be made to divert/prevent families from entering shelter through the utilization of their current resources and/or prevention assistance. Families with no other resources will be assisted in finding emergency shelter and may be admitted to the Family Center program. YWCA makes referrals to Homeless Families Foundation, Volunteers of America, the Salvation Army and other family programs.

Youth and Transition Age Youth Programs

Huckleberry House 24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 294-5553
The Crisis Program is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to talk to teens that need help and to offer a shelter when needed. If youth have run away from home, or are thinking of running, Huck House listens and helps come up with a safe plan. They also talk with parents who have questions or concerns about their teens.

OSU Star House: A Drop-In Center for Homeless Youth: 299-2101
The Star House is dedicated to providing homeless youth, ages 14-24, a safe respite from the streets where they are able to meet their basic needs and begin reconnecting with the larger social system.

Street Card:
A listing of local homeless assistance programs published by the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless:

Further information about programs serving those experiencing homelessness, local plans for services, and statistics about programs serving Columbus and Franklin County are available at www.csb.org.