

Cattaraugus County Continuum of Care

Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. is a proud partner in the Cattaraugus County Continuum of Care. (CoC). The CoC is a network of local human service agencies collectively provided a full spectrum of services to homeless and at-risk households in Cattaraugus County. Collectively, the CoC is responsible for the following:

1. Promoting community wide efforts to end homelessness.
2. Provide funding to address homeless in the community and rapidly re-house homeless households.
3. Promote access and use of mainstream resources by homeless singles and families.
4. Maximize the self-efficacy of homeless households.

CoC services include eviction prevention, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, permanent supported housing, case management, and service linkages. Funding for services comes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) along with numerous state, local and private funding sources. Inquiries regarding services for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness may be directed to the CoC Board Vice-Chair, Jodi Fuller, at jfuller@ccaction.org.

The CoC is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets quarterly and is comprised of representatives from various CoC provider agencies. Meetings are open. The CoC Board is tasked with oversight of the local Continuum of Care, and ensuring that the Cattaraugus County CoC remains in compliance with all HUD and funding source rules and regulations with respect to operating a CoC. Responsibilities of the Board include, but are not limited to: coordination of the Annual CoC application, facilitation of the Point in Time (PIT), Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and subsequent reporting, designation of a Collaborative Applicant, designation of an HMIS lead and program monitoring, development and implementation of a coordinated assessment process, and seeking out additional funding opportunities that will enhance service provision to homeless and at-risk Cattaraugus County households.

Input regarding service provision and local policies is provided by the General Partnership. This partnership meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 10am in the second floor conference room of the County Building in Olean. Anyone interested in attending quarterly Board meetings or monthly General Partnership meetings is welcome to do so and can get additional information by emailing the CoC Board Vice-Chair, Jodi Fuller, at jfuller@ccaction.org.