

One Roof: Joining the Initiative to Combat Homelessness

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Introduction

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One Roof
Fifth floor of Cooper Green
Mercy Health Services,
1515 6th Ave South
Birmingham, Alabama 35233

Mission Statement:

“To equip and empower our community to prevent and end homelessness through advocacy, education, and coordination of services.”

1. Coordinated Entry (CE)
2. Street Outreach

Project Objectives

- Utilize social work practice knowledge to connect clients to community resources.
- Network with social service, housing, and mental health agencies to report services and eligibility data.
- Enhance understanding of homelessness and the various barriers and challenges they face.

Community Impact

One Roof aims to alleviate experiences of homelessness and economic & racial disparities.

1. Homelessness verifications:
2. Most Vulnerable Outreach (MVO):
3. Updated Resource & Referral sheets:

Total Service Hours: 168

Challenges and Rewards

1. Difficulty learning the PromisSE database mechanisms.
 2. No responses when attempting to reach out to agencies for resource and referral updates.
1. **Shadowed the Coordinated Entry performing in-take assessments and referral screenings.**
 2. **Honed organization skills to structure effective resource lists**

Academic Learning

- Established connections between social work values and agency code of ethics.
- Practiced ensuring client privacy and autonomy through service coordination.

Recommendations

- **Expand the One Roof partnership to allow MVO populations to receive basic health services.**
 - Aid in One Roof relocation process.
 - Advocate for increased funding.



Conclusion

- Strengthened skills concerning trauma-informed care, active listening, and service coordination.
- Reinforced passion for social work.

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