

10 Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness in the Lewis – Clark Valley

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Lewis Clark Homeless Coalition Task Force

The Coalition is a well-established ongoing community dialogue focusing on the issues of homelessness in our region of Idaho. The group is comprised of a variety of social, ministerial and local governmental units. Due to the nature of our valley this plan encompasses the Lewiston, Idaho/Clarkston, Washington services areas.

We conducted a survey of our members to prepare this plan, respondents included:

- YWCA of Lewiston- Clarkston
- Idaho Housing and Finance Association
- Community Action Partnership
- Family Promise Shelter Program
- Family and Children's Services
- Navigation Program- Department of Health and Welfare (Idaho)
- Quality Behavioral Health
- Nez Perce Tribal Housing
- New Bridges Community Church/In the House Program
- St. Vincent De Paul of the Lewis-Clark Valley
- Salvation Army
- Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Regional Advisory Committee for Substance and Alcohol Abuse
- Region 2 Probation and Parole (Idaho)
- Department of Labor (Idaho)
- City of Lewiston
- Lewiston Public Library
- Express Personnel Services
- Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Development Program
- Asotin County Sheriff's Department (Washington)
- Lewis-Clark State College –Adult Basic Education Program
- Lewis-Clark State College – Educational Talent Search Program
- Snake River Community Clinic
- Clarkston School District (Washington)
- USDA Rural Development
- Habitat for Humanity

In addition to those listed, many other community members participated in planning meetings or provided feedback.

A Summary of Homelessness in the Lewis-Clark Valley

There are many familiar and persistent misconceptions about homeless people. Some communities assume that the homeless they “deserve” their circumstances. After all, anyone could work and support themselves if they really wanted to, right? The public’s pervasive fear of rising taxes to support ever-spiraling numbers of people accessing emergency services is a concern to many. However, the conditions surrounding homelessness are far more complicated than these judgments would allow.

Some studies suggest that 80% of all homeless families and individuals are homeless for a very short time, never to be homeless again, and are referred to as temporarily homeless. Job displacement, low wages, the rising cost of housing, domestic violence and family breakup account for most of these temporary circumstances. The other 20% of homeless are repeatedly homeless—often referred to as chronically (a year or longer) or episodically (repeatedly for short periods of time) homeless—and have more barriers to stable housing than family circumstances and finances, often including struggles with mental illness, drug dependency, or both.

When we look at the situation of the homeless here in our area, we see a very different type of crisis than exists in larger metropolitan areas. According to the 2011 PIT Count (Point in Time Count is a report required annually by HUD), which was conducted in January; there are 102 individuals homeless on any given night in Lewiston. However, this number is far below the actual numbers of adults and children, who are ‘camping’, staying with relatives or friend or otherwise invisibly homeless who do not access homeless services and who do not respond to surveys in our region. Estimates range as high 350-400 homeless individuals per night, based on school records and those accessing services.

Our Vision for the Future

We realize that ending or even reducing a complex problem like homelessness is going to require steadfast commitment throughout our communities: city government, school districts, hospitals, social service providers, housing providers, law enforcement, ministerial associations and concerned individuals. We need to approach the issues with a willingness to take a fresh approach to the contributing factors surrounding our individuals and families in housing crises.

The Coalition acknowledges that most of the strategies currently in place at the state and federal level are concerned with long-term solutions which focus on providing decent, affordable, permanent housing for all. However, persons experiencing homeless have a basic right to safety and are in fact at risk while in a homeless condition. This means that we need to also work toward integrating the limited emergency service funds that we have so that we can effectively help reduce the amount of time that a person stay homeless, thereby reducing the probability that they will become homeless again.

Goal: To reduce the number of homeless persons in the Lewis-Clark Valley by 50% by the year 2021

Prevention: The Key to Ending Homelessness

It's simple: there is no one-size fits-all approach to working on a huge issue such as homelessness. Homelessness is a symptom, not the disease. We need to work together to find ways to keep people from falling into homelessness by identifying people who are experiencing episodic, *unanticipated* crises due to job loss, health issues, chemical dependency or other contributing factors. If we can intervene early enough, then we may effectively inoculate the household against homelessness.

There are many barriers to permanent, affordable, safe housing which include:

- Limited access to transitional housing units
- Limited access to on-site case management
- Overwhelmingly detailed application processes for services that can prevent a client from accessing services in a holistic manner
- A service – based economy with few living wage jobs
- A poor transportation system with limited schedule and service areas
- Ineffective re-entry plans from the prison and jail systems as well as the mental institutions and hospitals
- Over –reliance on state and federal funded services
- Extremely limited housing options for those with low or no income
- Aging rental stock at extremely high prices

- Dangerous rental stock – poor wiring, bad infrastructure.

- “Not in my backyard” attitude when it comes to developing housing strategies

Short Term Prevention Activities

*We, the social service providers and other members of the Coalition have noted an ongoing propensity of some of our long-term clientele to access certain emergency services annually. Since emergencies are by definition unanticipated, this annual access needs to be curtailed and we have been working toward this end through networking between several of our largest service providers to effectively distribute educational material geared to helping household to learn more effectively manage the assets that they do possess.

1. **Provide prevention assistance for any short term need that can be linked to preventing or curing homelessness:**
 - A. Transitional housing funds to help with: Eviction prevention, first month's rent/deposit, gradually diminishing rental assistance till the household is providing their own rent when possible.

Providers to include:

1. The In the House program at New Bridges Community Church
 2. YWCA's transitional housing program
 3. Salvation Army funds
 4. Nez Perce County Social Services
 5. Veteran's Funding through Nez Perce and Asotin Counties
 6. CAP crisis funding/ CSBG Emergency Assistance
 7. St. Vincent DePaul assistance
 8. Navigation funding through Department of Health and Welfare
 9. Kincare funding through Department of Health and Welfare
- B. Access to case management services to develop a transition plan to prevent recurrence of situational homelessness or at-risk of homelessness:
1. Housing Counseling Programs: Consumer Credit Counseling Service and Idaho Housing and Finance Association
 2. Emergency/ Crisis Counseling: YWCA (shelter and Domestic Violence counseling)
 3. Department of Health and Welfare – Navigation Program
 4. Workforce Investment Act Training Program at Department of Labor
 5. Community Resource Workers in the schools
2. **Rapid re-housing for households who have lost their shelter.**
- A. Funding or temporary shelter provided through:
1. The In the House program at New Bridges Community Church
 2. YWCA Shelter/ transitional housing program
 3. Salvation Army- providing either transitional housing or motel nights as available
 4. Family Promise Shelter
 5. Veteran's Funding through Nez Perce and Asotin Counties
 6. CAP crisis funding/ CSBG Emergency Assistance
 7. Navigation funding through Department of Health and Welfare
- B. **Material goods and other physical services to provide some shelter for temporary solutions:**
1. Healthy, easy to prepare foods that will the family avoid food insecurity/malnutrition. Area Food Banks are appended herein, it is also useful to note that we need to be sure that individuals and families are applying Food Stamps , WIC, Senior Nutrition and other permanent food programs as appropriate.
 2. Camping equipment through either St. Vincent DePaul or the Salvation Army
 - a. These agencies provide, when available: a tent, a sleeping bag, flashlight, cooking equipment and food stuffs.
 3. Showers and laundry facilities for the homeless will be offered at the new Salvation Army site.
 - a. A strategy that can help a person keep their job and will assist in getting them re-housed more quickly
 4. Weather/work appropriate clothing, various agencies
 - a. Obviously, without proper clothing it would be difficult to secure a job, especially in our job market. No income = no lease-up
 5. Car repair or other work related needs provided for by Navigation Programs at Department of Health and Welfare
 - a. This will help people to hold onto their jobs and help them to become a part of their solution

Housing Strategy: Explore and expand housing options: a tri-part approach.

OVERVIEW: FOR MOST OF THOSE WHO WE WOULD DESCRIBE AS 'CHRONICALLY HOMELESS' THE BARRIERS TO SECURING A LONG-TERM STABLE HOUSING UNIT ARE MORE THAN JUST A FINANCIAL MATTER. HOUSING COUNSELORS AND OTHER CASE MANAGERS IN OUR REGION HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT AREA LANDLORDS ARE USING CRIMINAL REPORTS, CREDIT REPORTS AND WORK HISTORY WHEN DETERMINING TO WHOM THEY WILL RENT. THEREFORE, IT MAKES SENSE TO START BY LOOKING AT THOSE ISSUES HEAD-ON WHEN DEVELOPING AN ACTION PLAN FOR THIS POPULATION.

TO STATE SIMPLY OVER AND OVER THAT WE NEED MORE SHELTERS AND MORE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IS NOT GOING TO CURE THE ONGOING SITUATION. THIS IS NOT A PERMANENT SOLUTION ANYWAY; IT LASTS FOR A FEW MONTHS OR MAYBE A YEAR. SO ALTHOUGH IN THE FIRST PART OF THIS REPORT WE DID DISCUSS AND OUTLINE THESE SERVICES, WE FEEL THAT FOR THE FOLKS WHO ACCESS HOMELESS SERVICES IN OUR REGION MORE ONGOING CASE MANAGEMENT IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE REQUIRED.

SUITABLE, DECENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE AREA, IT IS A LANDLORD'S MARKET AND THEY SET THE RENTS ACCORDINGLY. SO FOR THOSE WITH THE ABILITY TO WORK WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE GETTING INTO THE AREA'S WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO BUILD THEIR JOB SKILLS SO THAT THEY CAN QUALIFY FOR HIGHER WAGE JOBS. AS PARTICIPANTS EARN MORE MONEY, IT WILL BE VITAL TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO BUILD THEIR FINANCIAL SKILLS AS WELL. THE ABILITY TO CREATE A WORKABLE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET IS GOING TO BE VITAL TO THEIR ACHIEVING STABILITY.

FOR THE LONG TERM, ASSET BUILDING PROGRAMS ARE VITAL TO BUILDING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE A HOME, PAY OFF DEBT OR SECURE RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION. WE FEEL THAT A COMBINATION OF FINANCIAL, WORK/ TRAINING AND HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES WILL PROVIDE THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THAT WILL MAXIMIZE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVING HOMELESSNESS AND MOVING ON TO PERMANENT HOUSING STABILITY.

HEALTH STRATEGY

Within the existing programs that we have here in Region 2, we would begin by helping clients to access the types of health care services that will lead to better health and then to healthy lifestyle choices.

1. **Mental Health Care/ Substance Abuse Treatment/ Co-occurring disorders.** We realize that there is a huge need for Adult Mental Health and Addiction Treatment. These service are not generally available to those without insurance or the ability to pay. Medicaid and Medicare are only available to assist a very few however, starting where are we will begin to move ahead.
 - A. Utilize the Regional Mental Health Board and Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for Substance and Alcohol abuse to keep current on changes in treatment options.
 - B. When appropriate be sure to refer clients to the providers who are available in the region, see Appendix 7.
 - C. Continue to support the building of a social Detoxification Center. The need for this has been well-documented in a Twin County United Way Study conducted in our Region.
 1. This will help to indentify other services needed by homeless adults in our region.
 - D. Be vigilant in giving out referrals to the existing health care providers in our region who accept Medicaid and/or provide services on a sliding fee scale so that basic health needs do not go unmet. Please see the sections on Health Care in each of the appended resource guides (Appendices 3, 4, and 5)

2. **Healthy Lifestyle Choices.** We will develop our system of referrals further to include linkages to current parenting, nutrition and other healthy lifestyle education. We have a healthy regional interagency network, we would continue to grow that network as it is a forum for advertising classes to be held and program updates and for addressing specific needs.

Referrals would include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. The North Central District Health Department
 1. WIC Program
 2. Healthy choices classes
 3. Immunizations
- B. CAP Program
 1. Aging and adult protection services
- C. The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension
 1. Classes and materials in nutrition
- D. Lewis-Clark State College
 1. Dental hygiene program
- E. Department of Health and Welfare – Navigation Programs
 1. Also available Kincare programs
- F. Family and Community Services
 1. Community Resource workers
 2. Social Worker there for CPS issues
- G. Hope Pregnancy Counseling Center
- H. Lewis Clark Health Clinic
- I. Snake River Community Clinic
- J. Lewis- Clark Early Childhood Program

Income Strategy

Within the homeless population here, we see people who fall into two very general income streams. Those with the ability to work and those who are unable to perform work for pay due to variety of reason including disability, age, chemical dependency or other reasons.

Strategy for the Employed or Job Seeking

It is normal to meet individuals in various stages of employment who come through the door to access homeless services. The needs presented can be broken into various categories:

Career assessment, GED completion, work search, job retention, retraining due to injury or job loss, the list goes on. We will continue to utilize the many area resources to provide training and education for our participants.

Phase One: Moving to more stable employment and housing.

1. Adult Basic Education program
 - A. GED's and other work-related skills (math computation English proficiency)
2. Department of Labor
 - A. free work search classes and career development, job referrals, help with applications, CIS for resume building and appropriate job planning
3. CAP programs weatherization and apartment management
 - A. Helping households to secure more energy efficient units

4. Case management through housing counseling programs.
 1. Family Self-Sufficiency Program at Idaho Housing and Finance Association
 2. Navigation Program
 3. Consumer Credit Counseling Services.
 - A. Working through credit report issues
 - B. Household spending plan and budgets
 - C. Decision making
 - D. Goal setting
 - E. Market research
5. UI Child Care Resource and Referral Services
 - A. Can resolve unmet needs for appropriate childcare
6. Idaho Housing and Finance Association
 - A. Housing Counseling
 - B. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Phase 2

Then moving into homeownership/ long term tenancy issues:

1. Finally Home
 - A. First Time homeownership class
2. Rent Sense!
A Responsible renter class through Idaho Housing and Finance Association – coming soon!
3. Habitat for Humanity
 - A. Permanent affordable homeownership
4. Family Self-Sufficiency Program
 - A. Long term case management, asset-building program
5. USDA Rural Resources
 - A. Affordable home loan and repair programs
6. How to stay in your home.
 - A. Home maintenance class- coming soon!
 - B. HUD Housing Counseling Services

Strategy for the Disabled or Elderly

Income strategy for this group is vital as there are usually extremely limited funds to work with so it is vital to ensure that all available funds are accessed. However, many of the same programs listed above are available to the group.

Phase 1

1. Social Security Administration
 - A. Are funds being received? If not:
 1. Does SSA have the correct/often new mailing address?
 2. Is there an application in the process of being determined?
2. Department of Health and Welfare
 - A. Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled
 - B. Medicaid
3. Department of Labor – for those interested in suitable employment
 - A. Older Workers Program
4. Consumer Credit Counseling Services
 - A. Debt Management Plan
5. CAP
 - A. Area Agency on Aging
 - B. Weatherization
6. Idaho Housing and Finance Association
 - A. Housing Counseling
 - B. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Phase 2

1. Rent Sense Class.
2. Finally Home Class
3. Homeownership Voucher Program
4. USDA Rural Development Program
5. In-home health services to help a person remain in their own home.

Conclusion

The Lewis Clark Homeless Coalition Task Force sees its role in the reduction of homelessness as a supporting role. Of course, we are working with the other at the city, county and state levels to refine and support growth and improvement in 'bricks and mortar' development of better rental stock and better housing stock in general. Of course we support the ideas behind bringing more living wage jobs to our region. However, we are in the business of providing referral, networking and direct case management services to regional participants and as such we need to ensure:

- That we are reducing homelessness, not propagating it
- That we implement best practices that lead to positive outcomes with clients
- That we bolster our support network so that it is better coordinated to respond to client needs on an individualized basis.
- That we assist homeless households in achieving economic self-sufficiency.
- That we facilitate participants in developing long-term, realistic personal objectives.
- That we offer support services and resources to enable participants to achieve their personal objectives.
- That we assist households in evaluating and improving their quality of life.
- That we engage households in participating in the community.

Homelessness does not have to be a given.

Appendix 1 - Copy of LC Coalition Survey

The Lewis-Clark Homeless Coalition Task Force is asking for your help in compiling data to reflect more accurately the homeless services available in our area. Please take a few moments of your time to complete the questions below and return to us by November 19, 2010. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we all work together to coordinate resources for all of our clientele.

2010 - 11 Region 2 Homeless Services Survey

1. What housing services does your organization provide?
2. What other support services does your organization offer?
3. What services are necessary to serve the homeless and are not available in our area?
4. Are you planning any addition to your services for the homeless in the 12 months?
5 years?
5. Are you possibly losing services in the next 12 months? 5 years?

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Please return completed email surveys to: deborahw@ihfa.org

Or mail replies to: Idaho Housing and Finance Association

c/o Debbie Winchester

PO Box 342

Lewiston, ID 83501

Appendix 2- Survey Results

2010 Lewis-Clark Homeless Coalition Task Force Survey Results

On November 9, 2010 we emailed out a five question survey to service providers in Region 2 of Idaho. We received 26 completed surveys; the numbers below reflect the number of agencies providing each service where applicable.

1. What housing services does your organization provide?
 - A. Resource and referral – 18.
 - B. Domestic Violence Shelter- 2
 - C. Short Term/Emergency Assistance – 7
 - D. Shelter Services- 3.
 - E. Transitional Housing Services – 4
 - F. Low income/ long term housing assistance- 5
 - G. Home Purchase Options - 2
 - H. None- 7

2. What other support services does your organization offer?
 - A. Information/ Access to technology - 9
 - B. Food – 4
 - C. Support Group – 4
 - D. Rental Rehabilitation – 1
 - E. Medical Services – 1
 - F. Counseling Services -6
 - G. Educational Programming – 4
 - H. Camping Equipment/ Other Durable Homeless Supplies – 2
 - I. Children’s services – 3
 - J. Soup Kitchen - 1

3. What services are necessary to serve the homeless and are not available in our area:
Emergency homeless shelter units for single men and women, supervised transitional housing services for men and women in recovery or those reentering the community after incarceration, more access to soup kitchens, shower/laundry facilities, more family shelter units, behavioral modification classes to break cycle of homelessness, detoxification center, more affordable good-quality permanent housing, short term transitional housing to make arrangements, unknown(4), enough housing, transportation, a comprehensive system to combine resources and energy to break the cycle- to avoid the band-aid solutions.

4. Are you planning any addition to your services for the homeless in the next 12 months?

Unknown: 10

Yes: 2

No: 14

Five years?

Unknown: 8

Yes: 1

No: 17

5. Are you possibly losing services in the next 12 months?

Unknown: 6

Yes: 7

No: 13

Unknown: 18

Yes: 2

No: 6

Appendix 3 – Lewiston Area Resource Guide

LEWISTON AREA RESOURCES

FOR MORE SERVICES CALL IDAHO CARE LINE – Dial: 211

AGING & ADULT SERVICES

- Adult Protection Services (1-800-877 3206) Or call 211
- Community Action Partnership, Area Agency on Aging (743-5580) 124 New 6th St.
- Idaho Senior Legal Hotline (1-866-345-0106)
- Senior Nutrition Program (743-5580 or 800-877-3206) *Meals delivered to the homebound & elderly
- Social Security Administration (1-800- 772-1213) 1617 19th Ave
- Veteran’s Services Lewiston (799-3083) M-F 7am to 4pm at 1225 Idaho Street
- VA Hospital Boise (208-422-1000) VA Hospital Spokane (1-800-325 7940) VA Hospital Walla Walla (1-888-687-8863)

BASIC NEEDS

- Community Action Partnership (743-5580) 124 New 6th Street
- Habitat Restore, 1633 G St., Lewiston (208) 743-1300 Reasonably priced, used household goods.
- St. Vincent De Paul (746 7860) 3138 5th St/Social Services (758-8361) 601 2nd St Clarkston) Clothing, household items, and some emergency assistance for singles and families.
- Navigation Services/ Department of Health and Welfare 799-4432 or 799-4365.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES

- Child Support Services call 800-356-9868/ or use the 2-1-1 line.
- Idaho Child Care Program Call the 2-1-1 line and ask for referrals for Region 2.

CLOTHING

- The Professional Clothes Closet - Valley Christian Center (746 0401)
- Life Choices Clinic (746 9704) 2020 12th Ave. Free maternity and baby clothes/ emergency diapers
- Salvation Army (746 9653) 1835 G Street. See social worker there for a referral to get free clothing. Can also help with other household items.

CONSUMER SERVICES

- Consumer Credit Counseling (746-0127 or 1-800-556-0127) Help with debt management plans.
- Idaho Dept. of Insurance –SHIBA OFFICE (1-800-488-5725) *for seniors

Disability Services

- Commission for the Blind 799-5009 or 2-1-1 Many services for the blind or visually impaired
- Disability Action Center 746-9033. Information, referral, advocacy and peer support.
- Goodwill Industries (743-8285) Job training for the disabled/ other services available as well.
- Opportunities Unlimited (743-1563) 325 Snake River Ave Vocational and business services.
- St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Home Health Care (799-5538) assists with basic life skills/care.
- SL Start (798-8771) Developmental Disabilities Agency. Help with home care/life skills.
- Shriner’s (743-6916) Assistance for children with orthopedic disorders, burn injuries or cleft palate.

EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING

- Adult Basic Education Program -LCSC (792-2238) Helps with GED/High School equivalency.
- Center for New Directions-LCSC (792-2331 or 1-866-263-4968)Free family counseling.

- Department of Labor (799-5000) 1158 Idaho St. Lewiston Unemployment benefits, enhanced work search and Workforce Investment Act training program.
- Tribal Employment (TERO) (843-7363) Training and other assistance provided.
- TRIO-Idaho Educational Opportunity Center (792-2767) Helps with educational applications & removing barriers to training.
- Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (799-5070) 1118 F St- retraining for workers with disabling conditions.

FOOD

- Community Action Food Bank (746 3351 x 242) 124 New 6th Street. Income guidelines apply.
- Salvation Army (746 9653) 1835 G Street Soup Kitchen Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 5pm-6pm
- YWCA Crisis Services (746- 9655) Food Packs Available. Some personal items.
- Summer Food Program 208-748-3000.
- Valley Meals on Wheels (799 5767) Meals delivered to the homebound & elderly 7 days a week.

HOUSING (LOW INCOME HOUSING) for Families and Singles- apply at each complex separately.

- Adams Lane Apartments (743-2092) 422 Adams Lane, Lewiston, Idaho (2 & 3 bedrooms only)
- Garfield School (746-8137) 2912 5th Ave., Lewiston, Idaho (2&3 Bedrooms only)
- Orchard Villa (743-7162) 610 Linden Ave., Lewiston, Idaho (1,2,3 Bedrooms)
- Western Village (746 2093) 1226 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, Idaho (1,2,3 Bedrooms)

HOUSING (LOW INCOME) FOR ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED, AND DISABLED ONLY****

- Burrell Street Station (743-0185) 1124 Burrell #109, Lewiston, Idaho
- Crafton Apartments (743-9925) 1129 Cedar, Lewiston, Idaho
- Highlander Apartments (746-1201) 616 Warner, Lewiston, Idaho
- Mill Creek Apartments (746-8137) 419 Miller, Lewiston, Idaho
- Normal Hill Apartments (746-4049) **must be 62 or older

Resources for the homeless or at-risk of Homelessness

- YWCA (743-1535) 300 Main St., Lewiston, Idaho – family shelter, transitional housing program and domestic violence shelter. Some emergency funding for rental issues.
- Salvation Army (746-9653) 1835 G Street- crisis rental and utility assistance.
- New Bridges Community Church HP/RP (799-0858) “In the House” program can help with transitional housing needs for singles and families must have sustainable income.
- Family Promise (798-3349) 921 9th Ave, Lewiston, Idaho. Homeless shelter for families.
- St. Vincent De Paul (746 7860) 3138 5th St/Social Services (758-8361) 601 2nd St Clarkston)

HOUSING RESOURCES/ Other Long Term Housing Solutions

- Asotin County Housing (758- 5751) 1212 Fair St., Clarkston, Wa.
- Community Action Agency Housing Department (746-3351) Housing Counseling and moderate income rentals.
- Nez Perce County Social Services (799-3094) 1225 Idaho St. Lewiston, crisis rental assistance.
- Housingidaho.com
- Habitat for Humanity, (509) 758-7396 affordable home purchase.

MEDICAL

- Snake River Community Clinic (743-5899) 215 10th St. (Clinic hours are Tuesday & Thursday starting at 5:30PM_ you must pick up appt. card by 2pm of the day of the you want to be seen)

- Lewis and Clark Health Clinic (848-8300) 3386th St. Ste. 101. Sees insured and non-insured clients.
- Lewis and Clark Dental Clinic (208-848-8308 scheduling) 844 6th St. Clarkston.
- Family Beginnings, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center(799-5430) Parenting programs
- Health Dept. (799-3100) 215 10th St. Immunizations, community education, WIC program
- Lion's Club (743-5968) 1205 8th Ave. Assistance with glasses.
 - Medicaid - medical (Molina) 1-866-686-4752 • Medicaid - dental (Idaho Smiles) 1-800-936-

0978

•Medicaid - pharmacy (First Health) 1-888-773-9466 •Id. Medicaid Transportation 1-877-505-1261

- Nez Perce County Social Services. (799-3094) 1225 Idaho Street. Catastrophic medical assistance.
- RX Idaho-call Idaho Care Line (dial 211) or on line at www.rxidaho.org

LEGAL

- Idaho Legal Aid services (743-1556) or online www.idaholegalaid.org 633 Main St. Lewiston
- Nez Perce County Court Assistance Office (799-3191)

TRANSPORTATION

- ALL-WAYS TRANSPORTATION (746-0257 OR 746-7189)
- COAST TRANSPORTATION (1-800-967-2899)
- IDAHO MEDICAID TRANSPORATION 2-1-1 ASK FOR REGION 2 Transportation
- RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (746-7787) *SENIORS ONLY*
- VALLEY TRANSIT (743-2545)

UTILITIES

- Community Action (746-3351) 124 New 6th Ave – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Telephone Assistance program/ Department of Health and Welfare 1-877-456-1233 or 2-1-1

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

- Interlink Volunteers, 817 6th St., Clarkston (509) 751-9143

Appendix 4 Clearwater County Resource guide

Emergency Services

In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1 on your telephone.

Clearwater County Ambulance Services

150 Michigan Ave., Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-3771

Services provided are specifically designed for life saving trauma or medical emergency treatments and transportation to area hospitals. Participate in various community presentations.

Clearwater County Sheriff's Department

150 Michigan Ave., PO Box 724, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-4521

www.clearwatercounty.org

City -Government Services

City of Orofino

217 First Street, P.O. Box 312, Orofino, ID 83544

(208) 476-4725

Full service city providing Police, Fire, Sanitation, Recreation, Building, Zoning, Water, Sewer, Streets, Administration, Economic Development and Youth Services. Operating under a Mayor-Council form of government with a City Administrator to run the day-to-operations of the city. Elected officials consist of one Mayor and six Council Members elected at Large.

City of Weippe

623 N. Main St., Weippe ID 83553

(208) 435-4216

Service

Organizations

Orofino Rotary Club

PO Box 482, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-7322

email lynn@facilitate2yes.com

Orofino Kiwanis Club

PO Box 1317, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-5702

kler@wildblue.net

<http://users. Orofino-ID.com/doug1/>

Adult Behavioral Health – Idaho Department of Health & Welfare

416 Johnson Ave., PO Box 712, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-7703 or toll-free 1-888-400-5771

(208) 476-3636 -fax

www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

Ascension Lutheran Church

215 115TH St., Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-5622

www.mylutheranchurch.net

Clearwater County Economic Development Council

217 1st St., PO Box 1826, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-9829

email cceds@orofino-id.com

www.clearwatercounty.org

Clearwater County Social Services

150 Michigan Ave., PO Box 586, Orofino ID 83544

(208) 476-3864

www.clearwatercounty.org

Clearwater Substance Abuse Workgroup
4040 138th St., PO Box 1114, Orofino ID 83544
(208) 476-5419
www.clearwaterprevention.org

Clearwater Youth Alliance
PO Box 2124, Orofino ID 83544
(208) 476-3160

Community Resources for Families
School District #171 Programs Office, 1145 Ahsahka Rd., Orofino ID 83544
(208) 476-4810
www.sd171.k12.id.us

This program is designed to assist children and their families in meeting emergency needs. These needs can include: food, clothing, housing, utilities, medical care, child care, behavior problems, school performance. Also provides linkages to community resources, counseling, referrals for treatment, and chemical dependency education and referrals. Family participation is voluntary. A family can receive services once within a 12-month period for up to 90 days.

Hilltop Alano Club
216 2nd Ave. E. 200, PO Box 341, Weippe ID 83553
(208) 435-4125 or 435-4827

Provide meeting space for 12-Step/Self-Help groups and community enrichment activities. Current meeting (contact for dates/times) o Alcoholics Anonymous o Narcotics Anonymous o AI-Anon o TOPS

Hilltop Drug & Alcohol Coalition
PO Box 301, Weippe ID 83553
(208) 435-4288

St. Theresa's Catholic Church
446 Brown Ave., PO Box 1169, Orofino ID 83544
(208) 476-5121
email frgking33@cebridge.net

Services include: o Food Bank (by request at anytime someone is available)
o Social Concerns Committee providing limited help for verified need for rent, utilities, travel, other needs when verified and in cooperation with other community agencies.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)
330 Michigan Ave., PO Box 1270, Orofino ID 83544
(208) 476-4117
www.vfw.org

APPENDIX 6 – IDAHO-LEWIS COUNTY RESOURCES

AGING & ADULT SERVICES

- Social Security Administration – 1617 19th Avenue, Lewiston (1-800-772-1213) www.ssa.gov
- Adult Protection Services (1-800-877-3206)
- Community Action Partnership, Agency on Aging and Adults Services 1-800-877-3206 or 743-5580
117 W North Street, Gville (983-0437) or 615 4th Street, Kamiah (935-2412)
- Idaho Senior Legal Hotline (1-866-345-0106) Mon & Tues 9-12 & 1-3 Wed 1-3p MST
- Medicare Reimbursement Information – Idaho: CIGNA Medicare (1-800-627-2782)
- Idaho Dept of Insurance - SHIBA 1-800-488-5725 (also has volunteers to help with Part D drug plans)
- Veteran's Services – Idaho County Welfare (983-0239) Monday & Thursday a.m.
- Senior Citizen Center – Grangeville (983-2033) Senior Meals & Medical Equipment Loan closet

BASIC NEEDS

- Community Action Partnership- 117 W North Street, Gville (983-0437) or 615 4th Street, Kamiah (935-2412)
- Traveler's Aid Fund – Grangeville Ministerial Assn – refer to Grangeville PD or County Welfare in Courthouse □ Loving Hands Thrift and More – 3378 Tamarack, Kamiah 935-0147 Tues thru Fri 10-4
- Navigation Services – Dept of Health & Welfare 983-2522 for appointment or 476-8142. Provide information about and assistance accessing DHW and community resources and services

Clothing

- Idaho County Clothing Bank – referrals made at Grangeville DHW – appts Monday p.m. only
- Syringa Hospital Thrift Shop – Highway 95 N (983-3899) Tues, Thurs, Sat 10-4
- Trico – Main Street Craigmont 8:30-3:30 Mon-Fri
- Second Hand Treasurers – Main Street Fenn Tues-Fri 10-5 Sat 10-3

Food

- Food Stamps – Dept of Health & Welfare, 216 South C St, Gville or 1-877-456-1233
- Idaho County Food Bank - 113 W North Street (983-6114)
- Evergreen Food Bank 407 E Main (POBox 686, Gville) Contact Carlene or Gloria 983-5475 for distribution dates
- Kamiah Community Food Basket Program - (serves Kamiah/Kooskia/Stites) obtain voucher from Community Action Agency-Kamiah Monday-Friday 9a.m.-12 pm.
- Feed My Sheep Food Pantry -Pine Ridge Baptist Church – 108 Pine Rd (top of Hill Street), Kamiah (3rd Thursday)
- Kamiah Food Club thru Idaho Food Bank. Life Center Church – Wed Food boxes 10:00 a.m. – Bread 1-2
- Mobile Pantry – Stites Baptist Church 3rd Wed of each month
- Friends Feeding Families – Kooskia City Hall 4th Tuesday of the month 2-4 p.m.
- Hands of Hope – Kooskia – emergency food distribution Nita Starnes 451-4213
- Kooskia Food Bank – Jim Pankey 926-7128 by appointment only
- Riggins Food Bank – contact City Hall (628-3394) & they will make referral to Pastor Scheline (630-4444)
- Kamiah Soup Canteen – Community Presbyterian Church – 7th & Hill 3rd Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- St. Mary's Hospital Food Bank – Cottonwood (962-3251)
- USDA Commodities – Lapwai (843-7305) must live on Nez Perce Reservation
- Craigmont Food Bank – Pantry of Hope (924-6659)
- Uof I Extension Nutrition Program (983-2667 or 937-2311)) Education Program □ Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) Nita Starnes 451-4213

Housing

- Idaho County Welfare - Basement Idaho Co Courthouse, Grangeville (983-0239) □ Idaho Housing and Finance Association – 215 10th Street, Suite 101, Lstn (1-866-566-1727) – pick up applications at CAA
- Housing Counseling Service - Idaho Housing & Finance, 743-0251 (1-866-566-1727) www.ihfa.org
- USDA Rural Development – Home repair loans for low income 746-9621 ext.119

Low Income Housing

- Irwin Center – Riggins (628-3582)
- Tamarack Apartments – 412 South E Street, Grangeville (983-0188)
- Pleasant Valley Apartments – 220 N Myrtle, Grangeville (983-1471) 8-noon Seniors or disabled
- Burkhart Homes - Kamiah (935-0488) Seniors or disabled
- Lincoln Project Apartments – Nezperce 937-2686 or 1-800-223-3131

Internet Resources for rentals

- housingidaho.com □ apartments.com □ rent.com □ rentalhousing.com

CHILDREN'S SERVICES/PARENTING

- Children & Family Services, DHW, 216 South C, Gville 983-2522 child abuse & neglect, foster care licensing, adoptions and family preservation services
- Infant Toddler Program, DHW, 216 South C, Gville 983-2522 Services to children birth to 3 yrs with developmental delays
- DHW Child Support Services (1-800-356-9868)
- Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) – call Careline - 211 (consumer & providers)
- Idaho Kincare Coalition “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” 1-800-877-2306
www.idahoaging.com/programs/ps.GAPkincare.htm
- Hope Pregnancy Center – 212 North B, Grangeville (983-0093) or Kamiah (935-0376)
hopepc@camasnet.com
- 3R's Grangeville Centennial Library 983-0951 Wed 3-5 Free one-to-one help with academic homework grades 5-8
ThreeR's.org.
 - LCECP – Headstart RIGGINS (628-3854) KAMIAH (935-2811) GRANGEVILLE (983-1671) CRAIGMONT (924-5221)

After School Program for Children

- KIDS Klub –Grangeville (983-2285)
- REACH - Elk City (842-2353)
- Center for Discovery–Cottonwood (962-3122)
- KAP – Kamiah (935-4044 or 935-4052)
- ASK – Riggins (628-2770)
- Discovery Center – Kooskia (926-0964)

EMERGENCY SERVICES / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- American Red Cross – Lewiston (208) 553-5147 or 800-853-2570 ext 202 www.redcrossidaho.org
- YWCA – 300 Main Street, Lewiston (743-1535) 24 hr crisis line (1-800-669-3176) www.ywcaidaho.org
Idaho/Lewis Counties Advocacy Services 743-1535
- Legal Aid of Idaho Domestic Violence Advice Line (1-877-500-2980 – Idaho Only)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – (1-800-273-TALK (8255))
- Child Abuse & Neglect – Children & Family Services 983-2522 216 South C, Gville —after hours 1-866-788-7811
- Nez Perce Tribe women's Outreach Program (208)843-2253 or 800-669-3176 for Nez Perce Tribal members 18+ - victim of intimate partner violence, sexual assault or stalking.

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / TRAINING

- LCSC Adult Basic Education Class – 105 N Myrtle,Gville & Faith Lutheran Church,Kamiah - Beth 507-1786 or LCSC 1-866-527-2223
- LCSC Outreach Center – 201 E Main, Grangeville (983-2164)
- Job Corps Office – 5257 Fairview Ave, Suite 180, Boise (375-9414 or 1-800-863-5627)
- Tribal Employment (TERO) 843-7363 training and other assistance provided
Employment/Training
- Vocational Rehabilitation – 1118 F Street PO Box 1268, Lewiston (799-5070) Thurs at Job Services (983-0440)
- Goodwill Working Solutions—DHW Workfirst Program – 60 Frontage Road #102, Hwy 95N, Gville 1-877-983-1082 or 983-1082
- Dept of Labor - 305 N State Street, Grangeville (983-0440)
- Idaho Industrial Commission-Rehabilitation Division 799-5035 1118 F Street, Lstn cpuckett@iic.idaho.gov

HEALTH / MEDICAL/DISABILITIES

- Women Health Check – Idaho Careline 211 for info & referral (mammogram & pap smear to qualifying women – 50+)

- Family Resource Center – Center on Disabilities and Human Development 1-888-746-2655
- Dental Hygiene Program – LCSC – 792-2930 dental@lcsc.edu
- Cancer Resource Center – Syringa Women’s Health Center 202 North A (983-4664) T &W 10-2
acsarc@syringahospital.org
- Gentle Yoga for Trauma Survivors 352-442-6405 or yoga.harkeystudio.com
- Carelink (medical alert) 1-888-737-7565 or 208 877-1999 P O Box 307, Deary
- Vitalink (medical alert) (208) 816-0293 sales@vitalinkmedical.com or customerservice@vitalinkmedical.com

Disabilities

- DAC (Disability Action Center) 746-9033 www.dacnw.org
- Commission for the Blind – 1118 F Street, Lewiston (799-5009 or 1-800-542-8688)
- Co-Ad, Inc 107 East 4th Street, Moscow (208-0962) co-ad@moscow.com or users.moscow.com/co-ad
- Shriners (743-6916) assistance for children with orthopedic disorder, burns, cleft palate www.calamshriners.com

Indigent Medical

- Idaho County Welfare – Id County Courthouse (983-0239)
- Lewis County Welfare – Lewis Co Courthouse (937-9226)

Prescription Drugs

- RX Idaho - help with prescriptive drugs www.rxidaho.org or Idaho Care Line (211)
- Syringa Hospital Needy Meds Program – Tina Wallace 983-1700
- St. Mary’s Clinic Needy Meds Program (Micki – on Tuesday only) 962-3267

LEGAL

- Nezperce Co Court Assistance Office (also covers Idaho/Lewis Co) – 1230 Main, 2nd Floor, Lstn (799-3191)
www2.state.id.us/cao
- Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program – Boise (1-800-221-3295)
- Idaho Legal Aid Services – 633 Main, Lewiston (743-1556) www.idaholegalaid.org
- Domestic Violence Crime Prevention Act – (983-2776) – Magistrate Court – Idaho Co Courthouse
- Idaho Supreme Court Self-Help Center www.courtselfhelp.idaho.gov

Counseling

- Opportunities Unlimited, Inc., 406 E Main, Grangeville (983-0309 or 798-4595)
- Hope Pregnancy Center – 212 North B, Grangeville (983-0093) or Kamiah (935-0376)
hopepc@camasnet.com
- Behavioral Health – DHW Adult & Children’s Mental Health Services, 216 South C, Gville 983-2300
Children’s After hour emergency 983-2522 or 1-866-788-7811 or Adults 983-2300 or 1-866-499-3815
- ABBADADDY House Inc – Cottonwood (962-7384) www.abbadaddyhouse.org
- Willow Center (grief counseling) (791-7192) P O Box 1361, Lewiston www.willow-center.org

TRANSPORTATION

- Idaho County Rideshare (1-877-983-9309) (cell phone so dial 1-877 even for local Grangeville calls)
- Prairie Transportation (962-3975) Medicaid transport provider
- Senior Citizen Center (983-2033) seniors and disabled – provided by COAST volunteers
- Idaho Medicaid Transportation – 1-877-503-1261 (American Medical Response –AMR) (48 hour notice unless emergency)
- CABS – transportation from Riggins to McCall & Grangeville (628-3394) Public Transportation
- Tolo Transportation (208)451-0252 or (983-0055) Medicaid transport provider
- COAST Transportation 1-800-967-2899 (48 hours advance notice) coast@qwestoffice.net or coa-hs.org Public Transportation
- Rural Idaho Public Transit 208 634-0003 M-F 8a-4p (24 hrs in advance) Transport to/from McCall, New Meadows, Riggins & Grangeville – under umbrella of Treasure Valley Transport
- Appaloosa Express 843-7324 (transportation on Nez Perce Reservation – Lewiston/Orofino/Kamiah)

APPENDIX 7 – ADULT AND CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO ACCEPT MEDICAID

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