


**The Housing Action Coalition
of Waukesha County, Inc.**

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The mission of The Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County, Inc. (HAC) is to educate, advocate, and raise awareness while providing a cohesive and coordinated response to homelessness and the issues related to it such as affordable housing, throughout Waukesha County.

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What is the Purpose of a Coalition?

- Collaboration provides a forum for open discussion and mutual support of a common goal, here it's homelessness or supportive services in some capacity.
- Reduces the chances of duplicating efforts, eliminates competition for resources and improves communication within the community.
- Allow agencies to own, embrace, and commit to program goals, discuss system gaps, enhance service delivery, and support one another.
- Improve data and system performance measures that are tied to funding sources.
- Strengthen the core mission at hand, promote change to help determine if our programs and services are meeting the needs of the community.
- Develop relationships with agencies and members of the Coalition

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HAC began in 1986 and serves as the Lead Agency for the Local Continuum of Care.

HAC is tasked with finding responsive solutions to address housing instability in Waukesha County and leads a collaborative membership network of local government representatives, healthcare, housing, and non-profit agencies.

The State of WI is broken down into COC' s (Continuum of Care), Milwaukee, Dane and Racine counties are their own COC' s, while the Balance of State covers the other 69 counties throughout WI.

Of the 69 counties, communities are compiled into Coalitions, Waukesha County is 1 Coalition out of 21 Coalitions in Wisconsin

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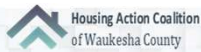


What Agencies are Current Members

- The Food Pantry
- Hope Center
- NAMI
- Family Promise
- Waukesha Police Dept **
- Community Action Coalition SW WI
- Center for Veteran's Issues
- ERAs Network
- Lutheran Social Services
- Waukesha Free Clinic
- Aurora Health Care
- * Hebron Housing Services
- * Literacy Services of Wisconsin
- * The Women's Center
- * Waukesha Housing Authority
- * ProHealth Care
- * The Salvation Army
- * United Way of Milwaukee/Waukesha
- * Safe Families
- * St. Vincent DePaul - Getting Ahead
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** Active Partner - non-voting member

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What Do We Do?

The members of HAC serve approximately 700 - 1000 individuals and families each year providing:

- shelter
- housing resources
- clothing, mental health
- domestic violence counseling/advocacy
- case management
- job placement
- food services
- utility/rental assistance

By furthering our understanding of homelessness, we can support our community partners and we are better able to provide the right level of support to move individuals and families towards self-sufficiency and finding permanent and stable housing.

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HAC's Role in the Community

HAC will advocate and continues to find responsive solutions to address housing instability throughout Waukesha County.

HAC has been tasked with being the Lead Agency for the Waukesha Coalition to serve as the point-of-contact for the Wisconsin Balance of State, the Department of Administration, HUD, and other local city and county government entities.

HAC prepares the annual grant application for state funding, in addition to the completion of the annual CoC Competition Application for the WIBOS.

HAC serves as an important catalyst for increasing and improving system performance measures, strategic partnerships, and encouraging peer-to-peer learning around housing programs and service delivery within the Coalition.

HAC has successfully been coordinating and operating the winter overflow shelter for several years to offer additional support to the agencies and the community.

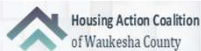
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We are Information and Referral

- HAC does not provide direct client services.
- HAC does not have any monetary funding for rental or utility assistance,
- HAC can refer individuals or families seeking additional information or conduct a Coordinated Entry assessment and referral to the Waukesha Prioritization lists.
- HAC does not get anyone into housing.
- HAC does not have rental units.
- HAC does not have motel vouchers.

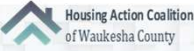
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EOS

- Is one building that is able to safely house single men; women and families
- Families have a separate section of the facility from single people
- Mealtimes occur separately to ensure children are always under supervision
- Laundry facilities on site in both areas
- The Waukesha Community has provided a space that provides not only safety, warmth and food – but **Dignity** to those experiencing a very difficult situation


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The Emergency Overflow Shelter (EOS)


- First FULL season at the permanent location (1210 Sentry Drive)
- Opened on November 14, 2022, and will Close on April 3, 2023
- We have averaged approximately 20 people per day
- Our three family spaces were full by December with only a few days of vacancy
 - Three spaces – each capable of holding 3 sets of bunk beds and a crib
- The Single Mens Dorm fills as soon as someone exits (9 Beds)
- The Single Women Dorm has had the greatest vacancy rate (8 Beds)
- It is staffed 24 – 7 and provides 3 meals/day
- Case Management on site has been an invaluable resource in assisting people
- People come to the EOS by Referral Only from one of the local providers
- "Temporary Layover"

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Wrapping it Up

- HAC will continue to advocate for the housing stability needs in this county
- It will take a **Coalition** of people working together to find innovative and creative solutions
- What we see happening here in Waukesha Wisconsin is happening nation wide – we are not unique
- If you or your company are looking for ways to Give Back to your community and support people with housing insecurity, please contact me:
 - On-Site Volunteer
 - Technical Expertise
 - Creative Ideas
 - Funds to Share



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QUESTIONS?

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