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Overall Goals for 2011

- Build the infrastructure needed to end homelessness.
- **Maintain** existing level of **emergency services** for families and singles.
- Pursue and increase permanent supportive and other affordable housing options.
- Increase **housing options** and **emergency services** for youth.
- Maximize funding from public and private sources to end homelessness.
- Educate community partners regarding best practices for ending homelessness.
- Collaborate to increase employment opportunities across the region.
- Improve **coordination** across systems, sectors and geographies.
- Promote the engagement and leadership of communities most impacted by homelessness.
- Work across systems to provide more effective **transition support** to those coming out of institutional settings.

Action Teams 2011

**Housing**
- Housing/Funders Council
  - Funders Council

**Prevention**
- Prevention
  - FHPAP
- Stability
  - Employment and Education
- Youth
  - Youth

**Community Engagement**
- African American
- Suburban Faith

**Systems Change**
- Work Across Systems
- Maximize Funding

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School Data on Homeless Children

Over 1,000 students were reported as homeless across Ramsey County School Districts in the 2005-06 school year. By the 2009-10 school year the number of reported homeless students had almost doubled to 1,996. Growth occurred more dramatically in three of the four school districts serving Suburban Ramsey County. During this 5 year period there was a 200% increase in suburban Ramsey County compared to a 70% increase across all of Ramsey County.

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<td>WHITE BEAR LAKE SCHOOLS</td>
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<td>All Ramsey County Schools</td>
<td>1176</td>
<td>965</td>
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<td>1744</td>
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Ramsey County has a total of 105 emergency shelter beds for families. Sixty-five at the Family Services Center in Maplewood (used to be 55) and 40 at Project Home (network of congregations) and 104 domestic violence beds. The domestic violence shelters report being almost always full. There are times when the county is able to extend the Project Home funding and they are able to run three congregational sites for an additional 20 beds.
Homeless Youth and Young Adults

Unaccompanied minors, ages 12-17, are the most invisible of the homeless population because there are fewer services through which to contact them.

Many have come from difficult home situations:
- 38% physically abused (47% girls/26% boys)
- 20% sexually abused (32% girls/4% boys)
- 27% stayed in an abusive situation because they had no other housing (32% girls/22% boys)

Sixty-one percent have been in a social service or corrections placement, including:
- Foster home (34%)
- Mental health treatment center (20%)
- Group home (19%)
- Juvenile corrections for more than one week (36%)

They have the shortest episodes of homelessness, but are homeless more frequently. The main barriers to housing they report are:
- Age (64%)
- Lack of employment (62%)
- Lack of affordable housing (38%)
- No rental history (19%)

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2009 STUDY COUNTS AND INCREASE OVER 2006

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<td>Unaccompanied minors (12-17)</td>
<td>227</td>
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<td>Young adults (18-21)</td>
<td>1,041</td>
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<td>Adults (22+)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,654</strong>*</td>
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* This includes 24 homeless people (of unknown age) in detox on the night of the survey.
Ramsey County
Has a total of **16 self referral beds** for youth emergency shelter. Ten for those 5 to 17 years old, and six for those 16 to 20 years old.

- Ramsey County has a number of providers focused on serving homeless youth.
- Good history of collaboration across agencies, many work together on StreetWorks.
- Good overall outreach capacity, but very limited shelter capacity.
- Most shelter beds can only be accessed by county or city staff (law enforcement officers, social workers, child protection workers).
- Most services are concentrated close to Downtown Saint Paul.

**Youth Services**

Providers of Services to
Homeless Youth within Ramsey County

- Ain Dah Yung
- GLBT Host Home Program
- **Breaking Free**
- Freeport/ StreetWorks
- Lutheran Social Services
- **Model Cities**
- RS Eden 7th Landing
- Safe Zone, Face to Face
- Salvation Army – Foyer
- YWCA

Youth Drop In Center
Emergency Shelter (Self)
Supportive Housing
Outreach Services
Medical Services
GLBT Host Home

Those bolded are primarily Family Providers who have a number of youth and young adults that they serve.
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