

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Women's Center
Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries of
Greater Houston (ACAM)
Amerigroup
Association for Family and
Community Integrity, Inc.
Behavioral Health Alliance of Texas
Bering Omega Community Services
Care for Elders
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese
of Galveston-Houston
ChildBuilders
CHILDREN AT RISK
Children's Defense Fund
Coalition for the Homeless of
Houston/Harris Co., Inc.
Coalition of Behavioral Health Services
Collaborative for Children
Communities In Schools
Community Family Centers
Community Health Choice, Inc.
Covenant House of Texas
DePelchin Children's Center
Depression & BiPolar Support Alliance
Greater Houston (DBSA)
Easter Seals of Greater Houston, Inc.
Family Services of Greater Houston
Fort Bend Regional Council on
Substance Abuse, Inc.
Gateway to Care
Good Neighbor Healthcare Center
Greater Houston Healthconnect
Gulf Coast CHIP Coalition
Harris County Healthcare Alliance
Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston
Houston Area Association for the Education
of Young Children
Houston Area Community Services
Houston Area Women's Center
Houston Center for Literacy (formerly Houston
READ Commission)
Houston Food Bank
IntraCare Behavioral Health
Jewish Family Service
Jewish Federation of Greater Houston
KIPP Houston
League of Women Voters Houston
Legacy Community Health, Services Inc.
Lesbian Health Initiative
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Mental Health America
of Greater Houston
NAMI Gulf Coast
NAMI Metropolitan Houston
NAMI West Houston, Inc.
National Association of Social Workers-Houston
Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
Neuhaus Education Center
New Hope Housing, Inc.
Northwest Assistance Ministries
Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.
SEARCH
Spaulding for Children
Spring Branch Community Health Center
St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities
Texans Together Education Fund
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Medical Center-Women's Health
Network, Inc.
The Arc of Greater Houston
The Foundation for Hope Village
The Immunization Partnership
The Methodist Hospital System
The Network of Behavioral
Health Providers
The Non-Profit Housing Corporation of Greater
Houston
The Rose
The Women's Home
United Way of Greater Houston
Wesley Community Center
YMCA of Greater Houston

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Basic Needs Housing: Access to Safe, Appropriate, and Affordable Housing and Support Services for Special Needs and Low-Income Texans

Position Statement Approved by One Voice Texas: December 13, 2012

Issue/Concern:

A lack of safe, appropriate, and affordable housing is one of the biggest concerns and unmet needs for special needs and low-income Texans. This is made even more difficult by the limited financial resources provided by the State of Texas to housing programs and support services.

Specific Policy Recommendation(s):

Support initiatives that fund, create, and expand the availability of and accessibility to safe, appropriate housing and support services for special needs and low-income individuals and families.

How Will This Impact State Funding? What Can Be Accomplished?

Providing housing and support services for Texans with special needs, such as those with behavioral health disorders, as well as low-income individuals/families, would help provide an improved quality of life for some of the most vulnerable Texans who are either experiencing homelessness or who are at an increased risk for homelessness. It would also reduce the need for more expensive services that homeless individuals access when they have no alternatives, such emergency rooms, EMS/police, and county jails.

Supporting Facts/Research Resources:

According to the Texas Homeless Network:

1. There are close to 80,000 Texans experiencing homelessness on any given day
2. There are close to 265,000 Texans experiencing homelessness over the course of a year
3. 40% of Texas households experiencing homelessness include at least one child
4. 11% of the homeless in Texas are veterans
5. 21% of the homeless in Texas are chronic substance users
6. 19% of the homeless in Texas have a severe mental illness
7. 20% of the homeless are victims of domestic violence.

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