

Homeless Prevention Strategic Priority 4: Service Coordination

What's been happening?

- The County continues to use innovative and strategic ideas and initiatives on how best to use funds of the Homeless Prevention Program yearly. The Social Services Department continuously checks in with Ontario Works caseworkers, community partners and individuals they support to ensure the right services and supports are made available.
- The County continues to raise awareness of the increased homeless and at risk of homelessness populations through council reports, presentations and community conversations.
- The County implemented the use of the Homeless Individuals and Family Information System (HIFIS) in 2022. The Manager of Social Services and the Community Navigator have access to the system. In 2023 discussions started with CMHA TVAMHS, YOU – Next Wave and WRRRC to bring these organization on board. The three organizations will join using HIFIS in 2024.

Strategic Initiatives

Through the current [Middlesex County Homeless Prevention and Housing Plan 2019 – 2024](#), Middlesex County is addressing “Service Coordination” through the following strategic initiatives.

Service Coordination Strategic Initiatives

1. Continue to allocate CHPI funding to meet identified community need.
2. Conduct a homeless prevention enumeration event every two years.
3. Create an awareness campaign about homelessness.
4. Look for funding opportunities that support community need.
5. Continue to support and be involved with community tables.
6. Ensure that the diverse needs in our communities are being considered.
7. Identify and leverage opportunities to work with community partners