

Dutchess County is directing more resources to **homeless outreach** than ever before.



Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS)



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Homeless Outreach Team: Coordinated Approach

- **HONORS** - Countywide homeless outreach focused on mental health
- **Hudson River Housing** - Countywide homeless street outreach team
- **SPOA (DBCH)** - Countywide housing point of entry
- **DCFS** - Countywide homeless outreach
- **Mobile Crisis Team** (Mental Health America of Dutchess County) - County wide Outreach
- **BEAT** (City and Town of Poughkeepsie & Hyde Park Police with MHA)
- **LEAD (People USA)** - City of Poughkeepsie outreach for alternative to police arrest
- **ECHO** (MHA) - Beacon outreach

Homeless Outreach Team Hotline: 845-486-3300

Eviction Prevention

1. Partnering with **United Way 211** to connect people to information and resources to help avert eviction
2. Conducting **outreach** with Dutchess County Department of **Community and Family Services** staff and through the County's contract with **Hudson River Housing**
3. Our **Rental Supplement Program** has helped move over 25 single adults from the PODs into permanent units

Helping Our Youth

To prevent youth homelessness, DCFS supports **River Haven** and **Pat's Place**, two youth-dedicated projects. We partner with the Poughkeepsie Housing Authority to implement a **Foster Youth to Independence** initiative which provides former foster youth with Section 8 vouchers. Several DCFS foster youth obtained housing through this program.

Removing Barriers to Stable Housing

To connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing, we must address barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, and service participation requirements. DCFS provides **housing case management services**, both directly and through contracted agencies, to help maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

Shelter Diversion

Before someone gets placed at a shelter, we work with them to **identify housing alternatives** such as staying with family or friends or resolving a landlord dispute to prevent imminent eviction or re-establish lease terms. DCFS provides assistance and supportive service referrals, including limited financial assistance to cover move-in costs.

Veterans Housing

Together with Mental Health America, the **HERO Program** has funds available for emergency housing, which can be used to keep our veterans and families safe and sleeping with a roof over their heads. For more information, call 845-473-2500 ext. 1367.



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