

**Fact Sheet: Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**

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<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>The Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program assists individuals in accessing housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability benefits, and other services to stabilize them and facilitate recovery. Persistent and consistent outreach, and providing services at the client's pace, are important steps to engage people with serious mental illness who are homelessness.</p> <p>PATH Annual Report measurements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of homeless persons contacted;</li> <li>• The percentage of contacted homeless persons with serious mental illness who become enrolled in PATH services; and</li> <li>• The percentage of enrolled homeless individuals who receive community mental health services;</li> </ul> <p>The number of PATH providers trained on SSI/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) to ensure eligible homeless clients are receiving benefits.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p>	<p>Per the federal legislation PATH eligible means that an individual has a serious mental illness, or serious mental illness and substance use disorder, and is experiencing homelessness or is at imminent risk of becoming homeless.</p>
<p><b>Authority</b></p>	<p>The PATH program is administered by the Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PATH Program was authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990.</p>
<p><b>Budget</b></p>	<p>PATH is a formula grant to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The 2016 federal award for Washington State totaled \$1,329,000. Cash or in-kind match is required of at least \$1 for each \$3 of federal funds.</p>
<p><b>Rates</b></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><b>Costs and Numbers Served</b></p>	<p><b>2015 Outcomes:</b>                  Total served by PATH - 4,094                  Total enrolled in PATH – 1,666                  Total receiving community mental health services - 902                  Housing status of PATH enrolled individuals at first contact:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literally homeless - 998</li> <li>• Outdoors - 542</li> </ul> <p>Demographics - Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Male - 940</li> <li>• Female - 674</li> </ul> <p>Demographics – Age of individuals enrolled in PATH in 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 - 23 Years: 65</li> <li>• 24 - 30 Years: 174</li> <li>• 31 - 50 Years: 749</li> <li>• 51 - 61 Years: 460</li> <li>• 62 and over: 161</li> </ul>
<b>Partners</b>	<p>The DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) contracts with regional Behavioral Health Organizations who subcontract PATH services to licensed community behavioral health agencies. In three locations, the contracts are issued directly with licensed community behavioral health agencies. There is a PATH site in all nine regions and four locations have two PATH providers due to the large urban population. To contact a PATH provider in your region visit:</p> <p><a href="http://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grants-programs-services/path-program/state-provider-contacts">http://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grants-programs-services/path-program/state-provider-contacts</a></p> <p>PATH data is expected to be entered through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Homeless Continuums of Care and the Department of Commerce are key partners for data collection to the HMIS data standards. Information on the SOAR partnership with WA Dept. of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and the DSHS Community Services Division can be located at <a href="https://soarworks.prainc.com/">https://soarworks.prainc.com/</a>.</p>
<b>Oversight</b>	<p>DBHR is the state PATH recipient and administers the project statewide. The BHOs provide local oversight and sub-contract with local, state licensed private, non-profit mental health agencies to provide services directly.</p>
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