

National Conference of Regions

Ending Homelessness in America

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Opening Doors

Opening Doors is the nation's first comprehensive federal strategy to prevent and end homelessness. It was presented to the Office of the President and Congress on June 22, 2010, and updated and amended in 2015 to reflect what we have learned over the past five years.

Goals

- Prevent and end homelessness among **Veterans** in 2015
- Finish the job of ending **chronic homelessness** in 2017
- Prevent and end homelessness for **families with children** and **youth** in 2020
- **Set a path** to ending all types of homelessness

What Does Ending Homelessness Mean?

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan To Prevent And End Homelessness



Why focus on veterans?

- Over representation in the homeless population
- Unique access to benefits
(healthcare, housing, disability)

Why focus on veterans?

- Surge in investments around homeless veterans
 - HUD-VASH (HUD & VA)
 - Supportive Services for Veteran Families (VA)
 - Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (DoL)
 - Veteran Homelessness Prevention Demonstration (DoL/VA/HUD)

To use these resources most efficiently, increased collaboration is needed.

Federal Technical Assistance Initiatives

25 Cities

Zero: 2016

Vets@Home





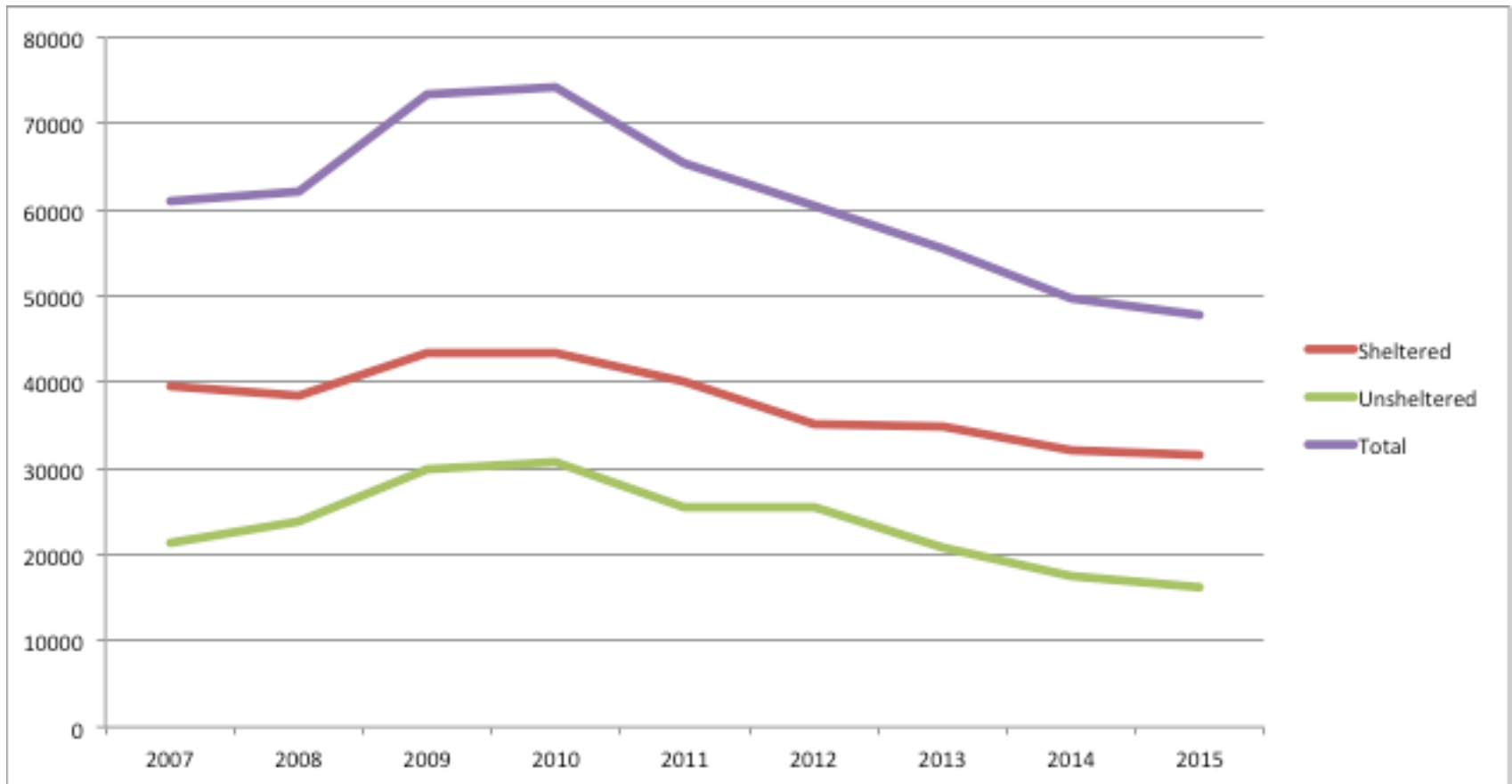
859 local leaders

- 684 mayors
- 166 county and city officials
- 9 Governors
- 45 states, DC & Puerto Rico



Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton with Denver Councilman Chris Herndon.

Veteran Homelessness (2007 – 2015)



What does the end of homelessness look like?

Criteria:

- All homeless Veterans identified
- Shelter immediately provided to those who want it
- Service-intensive housing in limited instances only
- Can swiftly move Veterans into permanent housing
- Community has resources, plans, and system capacity to help homeless or at-risk veterans in the future

Cities certified as meeting the Mayors Challenge:

Albany, NY

Biloxi, MS

Cumberland County/Fayetteville, NC

Flagler County, FL

Gulfport, MS

Houston, TX

La Cruces, NM

Lancaster City and County, PA

Las Vegas, NV

Mobile, AL

New Orleans, LA

Philadelphia, PA

Rochester, NY

Rockford, IL

Saratoga Springs, NY

Schenectady, NY

Syracuse, NY

Troy, NY

Virginia

Winston-Salem, NC

What can you do?

- Join the Mayors Challenge
- Landlord Engagement
 - Charleston, SC; Omaha, NE; Tucson, AZ
- Proactive Police Engagement
 - Syracuse, NY; New Orleans, LA; Las Vegas, NV
- Business Community Engagement
 - Virginia (Gov. McAuliffe and Dominion Power)

Questions?

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