

Topic Area: **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

Goal:

To provide affordable housing based on per capita income with financial literacy, educational opportunities and supportive services.

Suggested Strategies:

- Increased the number of rehabbed abandoned housing and make available to consumers.
- Develop more transitional housing with educational services.
- Implement a sweat equity program.
- Recommend greater flexibility within existing programs that will allow for individualized comprehensive case management plans.
- Increased code enforcement.
- Change attitudes (NIBY)
- Establish a system to help navigate the social service process; and facilitate a process for providers to coordinate and communicate.

Accountability Measure(s):

- Chart clients' progress based on individualized plans
- Establish a calendar of meetings amongst providers; and disseminate information within their perspective agencies.
- Develop an open dialogue with code enforcement and follow-up.
- Use faith based initiatives to change attitudes, measured by the number of churches participating.
- Change the perception of who is homeless through education
- Tri-County must develop an affordable housing plan for Salem County
- Increase homeownership by 10% over 2 years
- Develop a local homeless network and participate in the statewide network.