



THE COLLABORATIVE

The Delaware Interagency Collaborative to End Homelessness

INITIAL SURVEY REVIEW

MEETING 9-29-2025

THANK YOU TO
MEMBERS FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!

SURVEY RESPONDERS

Survey Responses	Literally Homeless
DHSS	X
DOE	
DOL	
DOC	X
DSCYF	X
HAD/COC	X
NC County	X
Kent County	X
Sussex County	X
City of Wilmington	X
City of Dover	

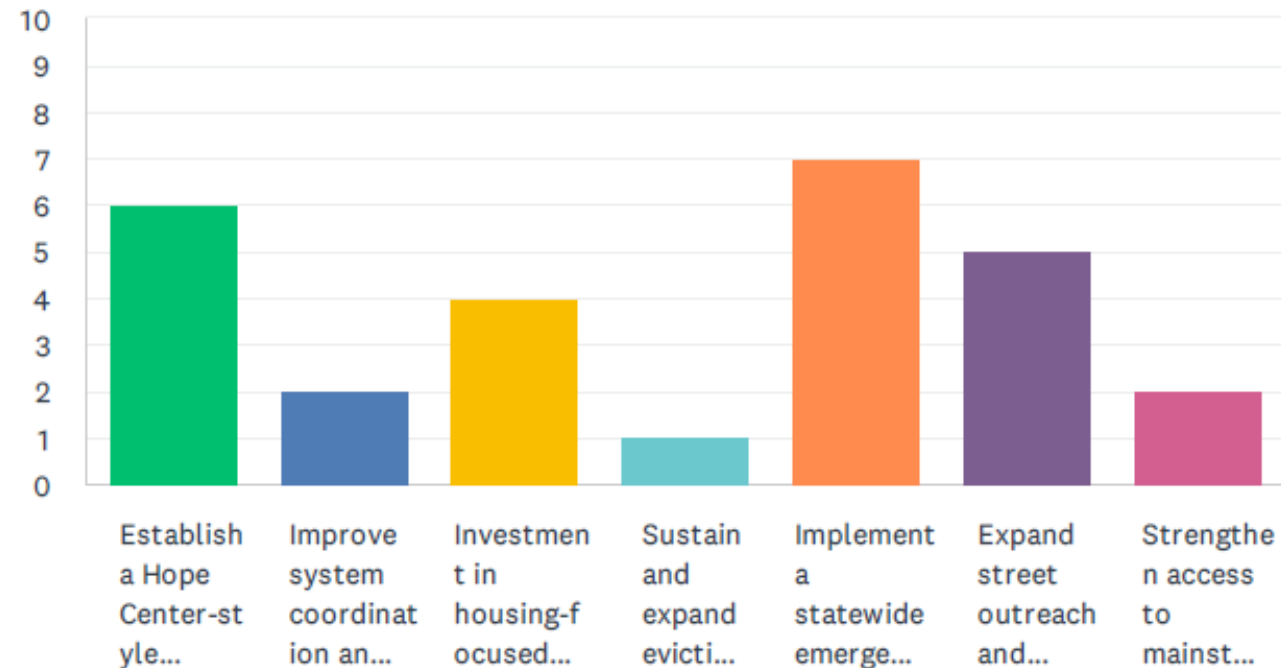
SURVEY RESULTS

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Establish a Hope Center-style similar operation in Kent and Sussex counties	66.67%	6
Improve system coordination and data sharing	22.22%	2
Investment in housing-focused case management capacity and supports	44.44%	4
Sustain and expand eviction prevention programs	11.11%	1
Implement a statewide emergency rental assistance program for homelessness prevention and eviction prevention	77.78%	7
Expand street outreach and encampment response	55.56%	5
Strengthen access to mainstream benefits and services (such as institutional discharge planning, workforce development, transportation, childcare, financial coaching, etc.)	22.22%	2
Total Respondents: 9		

SURVEY RESULTS

Q3 Of the list provided below, please choose your "top 3" action items for the Collaborative to prioritize:

Answered: 9 Skipped: 0



REPORT REQUIREMENTS

a. Directing reports and recommendations on increasing services and decreasing homelessness rates across the state by:

- 1 Providing the Governor, the General Assembly, and the general public with analyses and recommendations on state and federal legislative proposals and regulations, and policies affecting individuals experiencing homelessness, including proposing legislation, regulations, and policies to improve the delivery of services.
2. Preparing and submitting to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report, due January 15th, of the activities of the Collaborative and the status of services and programs for individuals and families who are homeless, for the previous year; and
3. Examining the feasibility of, and making recommendations for, the creation of the successful HOPE Center model in both Kent and Sussex Counties.

REPORT OUTLINE

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose & Mission of the Collaborative
2. Membership/Collaborative Structure

II. MEETINGS/COLLABORATOR ENGAGEMENT

1. May 13
2. July 8th
3. September 10th
4. September 29th

III. OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Resource-Based Listening Sessions
2. Online Submissions & QR Code

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Purpose & Mission of the Collaborative

- Established by Executive Order #8 under Governor Matt Meyer.
- Goal: Cut homelessness in half stateside and end youth homelessness in 5 years.

2. Membership/Collaborative Structure

- 15-member collaborative, including state agency leads (DHSS, DOE, DOL, DSYCF, DSHA, DOC), county executives (New Castle, Kent, Sussex), city mayors (Dover, Wilmington), legislative chairs (Rep. Johnson), and nonprofit and Continuum of Care leadership (HAD/COC)
- Roles: Advise the Governor, review programs/policies/funding, recommend coordination across agencies, explore expansion of successful models (e.g. Hope Center)

II. MEETING/COLLABORATOR ENGAGEMENT

1. May 13, 2025

- Presentation by Housing Alliance Delaware
- Data/information from Housing Needs Assessment & National Low-Income Housing Coalition
- [Meeting Minutes](#)

2. July 8, 2025

- Review of Collaborative Survey
- Agreement to focus on Phase 1 – Emergency Shelter/Navigation/Street Outreach
- [Meeting Minutes](#)

3. September 10, 2025

- Review of Phase 1 Survey Findings
- HAD Blueprint Presentation

III. OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Resource-based Listening Sessions

- Dover Public Library (08/11), Wilmington Homelessness Task Force, Hope Center, Harrington Public Library (09/25), Georgetown Public Library (08/27), Food Bank of Delaware in Milford (09/08), Seaford (scheduled - 10/16)
- Public community meetings held to gather insights on strategies and needed resources
- Goal: receive feedback from people with lived experience, community stakeholders, and service providers.
- Listening sessions also served as venues to raise awareness, share information, and promote existing services

2. Online Submissions & QR Code

- The webpage encourages people to “Share your experiences, thoughts, and ideas to end homelessness” via the survey link
- Utilize and promote the QR code in listening sessions and announcements

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

PHASE 1

1. Reaching people where they are

- Improve outreach for literal homeless
- Revitalize and reimagine the coordinated intake process and data collection
- Consolidate the administration of an investment in homelessness prevention programs

2. Emergency shelter and navigation

- Establish a HOPE Center in Kent and Sussex Counties
- Support the NCC Hope Center to embrace low-barrier entry and operating needs
- Consolidate state funding sources and collaborate on funding policy

3. Enhanced exit strategies

- Create 150 units of permanent supportive housing
- Expand SRAP to take referrals directly from shelters
- Expand and consolidate the administration of rapid re-housing programs

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations were informed by the Collaborative's recommendations, which include (in order of prioritization):

- Implement a statewide emergency rental assistance program for homelessness prevention and eviction prevention
- Establish a Hope Center-style similar operation in Kent and Sussex Counties
- Expand street outreach and encampment response
- Investment in housing-focused case management capacity and supports
- Improve system coordination and data sharing
- Strengthens access to mainstream benefits and services (such as institutional discharge planning, workforce development, transportation, childcare, financial coaching, etc.)

OPEN DISCUSSION

Thoughts?
Concerns?
Comments?



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