



The Montgomery County Foundation

Your Way Home Montgomery County

Montgomery County, PA

Challenge

Transform Montgomery County's approach to serving homeless families and individuals to make the experience of homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring by 2020, while ensuring that families and individuals who do experience homelessness achieve housing and financial stability with better health outcomes, food security, higher quality of life, and lasting independence.

Innovation

Your Way Home delivers a collective impact approach to solving a complex community problem. The participating nonprofit, philanthropic, and county government agencies embrace a common agenda, shared measurement systems, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, and technical assistance from a backbone support organization.

Your Way Home (YWH) is a public/private partnership among government, philanthropy, business, and community stakeholders. Taking a systems perspective, YWH is transforming the county's former continuum of care and services using a collective impact approach. Your Way Home leveraged the collective talents and wisdom of its community to create a new system that improved the coordination of services, eliminated duplication, enhanced provider capacity, and unified the county's resources and programs through a shared vision. Using private dollars from foundations and contributions from the community that supplement government funds, YWH clients receive support to rapidly re-house and stabilize their housing. Pooled foundation grants follow the consumer through all phases of service delivery and are not dependent upon where a client is being served. Tailoring support to each client reserves the greatest amount of resources for the most vulnerable and difficult to serve. In its first year alone, it increased exits directly from shelter to permanent housing by almost 50 percent, and to date more than 94 percent of the people re-housed have maintained housing stability.

Public Sector Partners

Montgomery County
Housing & Community
Development

Other Partners

9 additional funders
and more than 20
community partners

