

2014 Toledo Lucas County

PIT Count

The Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board (TLCHB) and The Toledo Area Alliance to End Homelessness (TAAEH) are working in conjunction to complete the **PIT** Count for Toledo, Ohio on Tuesday January 28, 2014.

There will be numerous drop-in centers throughout the greater Toledo area, most will have items for the homeless, i.e., Blankets; Socks; underwear, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves and some may have food also. These drop-in sites will be listed on the TLCHB website www.endinghomelessness Toledo.org. Drop-in sites will be open from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM or during normal operating hours of the agency or location.

At 6:00 PM the drop-in sites will close and the volunteers will begin their count of unsheltered homeless in Toledo from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., currently we have plans for each volunteer outreach count team to consist of the following: 1 uniformed veteran, 1 current homeless and 2 volunteer counters. We are planning on roughly 15-20 teams for the 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. count, depending on how many zones we need to break the city and county into for maximum coverage.

During the unsheltered portion of the count, the count teams will have access to call in a van for transportation if they find homeless persons that wish to be sheltered.

The five current committees are:

Volunteer and volunteer training, food/donations, outreach, and steering committee.

The outreach committee is focusing on drop-in sites that are effective and will allow volunteers.

The volunteer committee is focusing on recruiting volunteers for the drop-in sites, and for the outreach count teams.

The volunteer training committee is focusing on the training needs for the volunteers at the drop-in sites and the outreach count teams. There will be three trainings, one in December and two in January to train all of the volunteers in survey methods and best practices to interact with unsheltered homeless persons.

The donations/food committee is focusing on getting donations of items to hand out at the drop-in site and during the unsheltered count. TAAEH has partnered with Whitmer High School and other local area schools, and churches to do a drive to collect items for that purpose. The intent is to have donuts, coffee, pizza and other items of food at the United Way drop-in site. The committee will also have approximately 300 sack lunches made by volunteers to hand out to people during the walk around Toledo.

Mildred-Bayer is making their transport van available during the day for transport of any clients that are in need of medical services.