



COORDINATED  
STREET OUTREACH:  
BRIDGING THE  
GAPS IN YOUR  
HOMELESS  
RESPONSE SYSTEM

2023 Homes within Reach

# WELCOME

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# ACCESS SERVICES

- Access services is a non-profit human services provider operating in 14 counties
- In Montgomery County, it intersects with the issue of homelessness in several ways:
  - Many of its mobile services in the mental health, SUD and Forensic systems support folks who are housing insecure and experience homelessness
  - It is the provider for the county providing Homeless Street Outreach services
  - It is the provider in the county providing Mobile Crisis services
  - It is a founding partner in the Montco Street Medicine program

# FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Friends & Neighbors of Pennsylvania, Inc., is a nonprofit organization operating several initiatives in York County around street outreach and stable housing advocacy.

In York County, “F&N” provides:

- Coordinated street outreach for those living outdoors or in places not meant for habitation across the entire County
- “The Beacon” day shelter/resource center, providing afternoon indoor respite, snacks, and access to service providers 4 days a week for 2.5 hours per day
- Backbone organization for the Stable Housing Collaborative, a community effort to make safe, affordable housing accessible to all York Countians
- Piloting Street Medicine program – providing health services at the resource center & street outreach
- Intensive Case Management partner with YCCH – working on complex cases where traditional homeless response system programming is not the best fit

# MONTGOMERY & YORK COUNTIES

## Montgomery

Total Population: **856,553 (2020)**

2023 Point in Time Count: **586**

Street Outreach Available: **7 years**

Annual Number Served by Street Outreach: **1,953 (2022)**

Unique Individuals on Wait List for Housing Who Are Outdoors (11/2023): **625**

Number of Evictions: **4<sup>th</sup> highest county in Pennsylvania**

## York

Total Population: **456,438 (2020)**

2023 Point in Time Count: **332**

Street Outreach Available: **3 years**

Annual Number Served by Street Outreach: **705 (2022)**

Unique Individuals on Wait List for Housing Who Are Outdoors (11/2023): **107**

Number of Evictions: **2<sup>nd</sup> highest county in Pennsylvania**



# WHAT THIS MEANS

- There are a lot more people living outside for longer
- There is increased need for Outreach services to support people while they are outside
- More people are trying to access other services and supports directly from the street
- There is an increasing need for Outreach services to link people to those services
- Street Medicine and Legal Aid services are 2 demonstrations of that work

LET'S TALK!



# QUESTIONS?

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