

Outreach Collaboration

Background

In 2007, the Regional Commission on Homelessness and its community partners created the Outreach Collaboration Team. This team consists of more than seven organizations with experience in mental health, addiction and homelessness. These organizations share a common goal of ending chronic homelessness by working with the most vulnerable, fragile and entrenched individuals living on the streets in the metro Atlanta community.

The Outreach Collaboration Team’s primary goal is to reach the most vulnerable individuals and connect them with housing and other services. The housing first model places individuals directly from the streets into transitional housing and eventually permanent housing. They receive intensive case management and support services. This team has sparked an interest in the community because it is a completely voluntary collaboration.



Outreach Collaboration Team Members

DHR- S.O.A.R	Fulton County Department of MHDDAD	Georgia Law Center for the Homeless
Positive Outlook Foundation, Inc.	Quest 35, Inc.	Business Improvement District
St. Joseph’s Mercy Care	Community Friendship, Inc.	Recovery Consultants of Atlanta, Inc.
Grady Health Systems	Covenant House Georgia	Atlanta Harm Reduction Center
Behavioral Health Link	Atlanta Police HOPE Team/Downtown Ambassadors	Crossroads Community Ministry
City of Atlanta Community Court	Odyssey III/Community Concerns	Caring Works, Inc.

The Collaboration

- The Regional Commission on Homelessness has built unique and successful partnerships with outside agencies, both private and public, that have traditionally worked in isolation. Members such as the police force, the business community, health providers and the judicial system have all come together as a community.
- Because of this collaboration, many homeless individuals have been able to become self-sufficient and to continue their journey in life.
- The dedication and commitment shown through this voluntary group has been recognized as a best practice across the state.
- The Outreach Collaboration Team was also recognized as a finalist for the Magnolia Awards from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- The effort has received financial support from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation and United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

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