

## Who's running the center?

**St. Patrick Center**, providing housing, employment and health programs since 1983, oversees needs assessments, connections to resources, referrals, meals and housing placements for up to 125 men, women and children.



**Peter & Paul Community Services**, providing housing and support services since 1981, oversees onsite client support and program management, and directs the emergency overnight shelter for up to 98 men.



Both agencies also work collaboratively with other COC agencies, referring people for housing placements and related services.

## Why are we doing this?

**To end homelessness!** Biddle Housing Opportunities Center will allow us to implement Housing First with coordinated intake and assessment, housing options and support services, as well as provide additional needed emergency shelter.



The center is the most efficient way to create an environment where people who are homeless or at risk can most easily access housing and other support options.



# I NEED HELP.

## What do I do?

If you or someone you know is homeless or at risk, go to the location listed below to meet with a specialist.

### Men:

Go to Biddle Housing Opportunities Center, 1212 N. 13th St., St. Louis, MO 63101.

### Women & Families:

Go to Biddle Housing Opportunities Center, 1212 N. 13th St., St. Louis, MO 63101 or St. Patrick Center, 800 N. Tucker Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63101.

### Youth:

Go to Biddle Housing Opportunities Center, 1212 N. 13th St., St. Louis, MO 63101.

### Domestic Violence:

Call 211 for a list of providers.

## Questions?

**Call United Way's 211 helpline.**

# BIDDLE HOUSING

## OPPORTUNITIES CENTER



Biddle Housing Opportunities Center is a new initiative on North Tucker in downtown St. Louis, the most necessary next step to ending chronic homelessness in the region. The center is a comprehensive pathway to housing options and support services for people who are homeless or at risk.



## What's the difference?

**Hand OUT:**  
Enabling homelessness



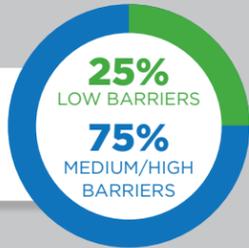
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## Here's what happens when an individual or family in need comes to Biddle Housing Opportunities Center:

**Client arrives**, is greeted by concierge and signs visitor log. Client meets with prevention specialist.



**Client with low barriers to housing is successfully exited** because we connected him/her with resources, such as bus tickets, counseling, food, mediation, rent or utility assistance.



**Client with medium or high barriers to housing** meets with intake specialist to assess needs and place into shelter.



**Client with medium or high barriers to housing** takes assessment survey.



**Client with medium or high barriers to housing** enters case management and begins housing process.



**Client exits shelter and moves in to housing!**



## How much does this cost?

Homelessness prevention costs an average of **\$600 per person** (one-time expense). In the St. Louis region, this is about **25%** of the homeless population.



Rapid rehousing, support services and case management cost an average of **\$7,000 per person per year** (one-time expense). In the St. Louis region, this is about **55%** of the homeless population.



Permanent supportive housing, support services and case management cost an average of **\$10,000 per person per year** (ongoing expense). In the St. Louis region, this is about **20%** of the homeless population.



In contrast, it costs an average of **\$12,775 per person** to live in a shelter per year (\$35 per day; \$1,050 per month).

## Buzz words you'll hear and what they mean:

**BHOC:** Biddle Housing Opportunities Center.

**COC:** Short for Continuum of Care, a collaborative network of nonprofit organizations, providing agency-specific services to end homelessness in the region (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and surrounding counties).

**Housing First:** A homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing as quickly as possible, and then providing supportive services as needed.

**Coordinated Entry:** A new, consistent process, shared among all service providers, to determine the most appropriate response to an individual or family's immediate and long-term housing needs.

**VI-SPDAT:** Stands for Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, an established survey tool to determine the most appropriate program or service for each client.

## What do we need?

**Biddle Housing Opportunities Center** is partially funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**We need financial resources** from individuals, businesses and foundations to operate the center and help people to be quickly and effectively housed.

**We also need food** and other in-kind items, plus volunteers.



**1,300** MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS IN OUR REGION PER THE LAST POINT-IN-TIME COUNT



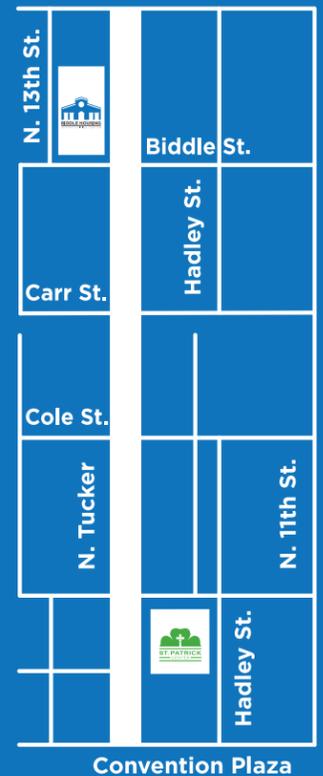
## You can help:

Contact Crystal Cox, **314.802.0698** or [ccox@stpatrickcenter.org](mailto:ccox@stpatrickcenter.org).

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**In-kind donations** are accepted at St. Patrick Center, Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm at our dock behind our building on Hadley Street.



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