



The ninth Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event was held on March 29, 2010 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This one-stop-shop service event is recognized as a national best practice in delivering multiple services to people experiencing homelessness in one location and is implemented in more than 200 communities nationwide. Hennepin County's PHC, which serves roughly 2,000 people experiencing homelessness at each event, has become one of the largest and most comprehensive events of its kind in the nation. At the event, people experiencing homelessness are partnered with a volunteer from the community to determine the individual's service and resource needs and create an action plan for obtaining those needs at the event.

Project Homeless Connect is a service delivery model that has been proven time and again to be a key to eliminating barriers to housing, employment, education, and myriad other areas that contribute to homelessness. Over 2,100 people experiencing homelessness were served by 850 volunteers, 160 nonprofit agencies, and over 500 service providers.

Below is a list of some of the services that were provided during the event:

- 535 people received assistance in their housing search, 101 individuals applied for housing, 73 were placed on a waitlist, & 4 people obtained housing, with more being housed in the following weeks.
- 408 people received information on benefits.
- 323 people received legal consultation.
- 317 people received social security assistance.
- 372 people were seen by a dentist.
- 115 visited a chiropractor & 90 received acupuncture treatment.
- 96 veterans were connected to veterans' specific benefits.
- 9 youth completed housing applications & hundreds more received youth specific program info.
- 250 people applied for employment & 103 received info on job skills programs.
- 209 people received reading glasses & 47 received prescription glasses.
- 89 people received info on GED/Adult Basic Education programs & 130 enrolled in education programs.
- 120 obtained free voicemail accounts & 19 created email accounts.
- 53 people wrote resumes.
- 204 people received haircuts.
- 93 people received free dog and/or cat food.
- 17 families applied for Head Start programs.
- 25 people received foreclosure prevention.

Our next Project Homeless Connect event will take place on Monday, December 13th, 2010 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.