DUPAGE COUNTY SERVICE AND PROGRAM COORDINATION PARTNERSHIP
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
2026 - 2029

The DuPage County Service and Program Coordination Partnership is a vehicle for communication and coordination among agencies involved in providing assistance to prevent homelessness among DuPage County residents. It began in 1984 as the Homeless Prevention Partnership and consists of a commonly agreed upon set of principles, as well as consistent practices for distributing homeless prevention funding and avoiding duplication of services. Partner agencies in the Service and Program Coordination Partnership for 2026 – 2029 are: Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet, DuPage County Community Services, DuPagePads, Outreach, People's Resource Center, and Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. The partnership also includes organizations with extended resources to specific populations and/or supportive services only: DuPage County HMIS, H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc., Loaves & Fishes Community Services, LOVE Christian Connection Center, Prairie State Legal Services, and the Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County. This mutual commitment and partnership promote accessibility, leveraging, wrap around services, collaboration, and effectively addresses homelessness through rapid re-housing and by preventing homelessness before it happens.

Goals of the Service and Program Coordination Partnership include:

- Rapidly re-house and prevent homelessness for at-risk residents in all geographic areas of DuPage County, ensuring accessibility to resources in high need locations
- Maximize effectiveness of assistance through a strong community partnership that ensures best practices and eliminates duplication of benefits
- Distribute direct housing assistance funds to those individuals and families already homeless or in danger of eviction or foreclosure in a client-centered environment, providing limited case management, wrap around services, referrals to other mainstream programs, budgeting assistance, and resource linkage
- Maximize coordination of efforts through a shared HMIS database and non-duplication list

DuPage Service and Program Coordination Partnership agencies agree to the following:

- Review and update as needed homeless prevention and rapid re-housing partnership principles, guidelines, policies and best practices
- Maintain regular communication through the HMIS and other means of communication
- Maintain regular and frequent contact to ensure high quality, efficient delivery of services
- Promote cooperative planning and service delivery as collaborative partners, ensuring that assistance is accessible and efficient
- Work to ensure overall continuance of homeless prevention funds and effective strategies to prevent homelessness

- Attend DuPage Service and Program Coordination Committee meetings to continually review partnership agreements and participate in working groups and committee activities
- Follow written standards as established in related policies as determined by specific funding sources (i.e., each ESG-funded program or project within the CoC's jurisdiction must participate in that CoC's coordinated entry and assessment system.)
- Collaboratively work to review and update an Action Plan for Emergency Services in the DuPage County Continuum of Care Plan to End Homelessness
- Annually report on Homeless Prevention rental assistance and outcomes as required using the DuPage CoC Homelessness Prevention Reporting form. Agencies which enter data in HMIS should use the HMIS report to the extent possible.

Each Partner Agency distributing state or federal funds will provide the following services:

- Screen clients for eligibility and financial assistance
- Provide case management, budgeting assistance, and guidance for clients who are eligible for direct housing assistance including accessing all services available through the community partnerships with the Service and Program Coordination Partnership
- Assess and refer clients to mainstream, government, and other community resources that can increase their self-sufficiency
- Participate in HMIS and allow participating agencies to view services records to avoid duplication of services, utilize the provided referral process feature, and provide similar information via the "HPP Non-Duplication & Service Coordination List"
- Comply with all local, state and national policies, procedures, guidelines, and requirements

Each Partner Agency providing <u>ONLY</u> supportive services or services to special populations (i.e., DuPage County HMIS, H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc., Loaves & Fishes Community Services, LOVE Christian Connection Center, Prairie State Legal Services, and Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County) will:

- Screen and provide guidance for clients who are eligible for direct housing assistance, including accessing all services available through the community partnerships in the Service and Program Coordination Partnership
- Assess and refer clients to mainstream, government and other community resources that can increase client self-sufficiency
- Accept appropriate HPP client referrals from partner agencies and provide specialized and/or supportive services
- Participate in HMIS as appropriate and allow participating agencies to view HMIS services records to avoid duplication of services, utilize the provided referral process feature, and provide similar information via the "HPP Non-Duplication & Service Coordination List"

2026 – 2029
Service and Program Coordination Partnership Members

_____ Title: _____
Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet

_____ Title: _____
DuPage County Community Services

_____Title: _____
DuPage HMIS

_____ Title: _____
DuPagePads

_____ Title: _____
H.O.M.E. DuPage, Inc.

_____ Title: _____
Loaves & Fishes Community Services

_____ Title: _____
LOVE Christian Connection Center

_____ Title: _____
Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

_____ Title: _____
Outreach Community Ministries

_____ Title: _____
People's Resource Center

_____ Title: _____
Prairie State Legal Services

_____ Title: _____
Veterans Assistance Commission of
DuPage County