

Recommendations Regarding Services to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

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1. Treat all individuals, families, and children experiencing homelessness with respect and dignity and ensure that their civil rights are protected.
2. Support and collaborate with law enforcement in identifying offenders preying upon homeless individuals for referral to the criminal justice system.
3. Develop crisis response shelters for homeless in East and West Volusia – approximately 100 beds for East Volusia and 40-50 beds in West Volusia.
4. Develop a comprehensive day program for homeless individuals in both East and West Volusia.
5. Support the Commission on Homelessness as the area's primary resource for recommending homeless strategies and the optimal appropriations of fiscal resources. Support funding for a professional staff position to assist the volunteer governing Board.
6. Extend the support and expanded operations of the Salvation Army until an East Volusia alternative shelter site is operational. Volusia County joins east Volusia cities in sharing operational costs.
7. Volusia County retains their commitment of \$4 million for capital outlay funding and utilizes any funds remaining after shelter site developments to invest in permanent supportive housing.