

Context for the Opening Doors-Connecticut Framework

Opening Doors - CT embraces the vision, core values, and goals laid out in the federal *Opening Doors* plan. We also use the same starting year as the *Opening Doors* plan, which is 2010, and adopt its initial five- year planning timeframe of 2010-2014.

Vision

No one should experience homelessness – no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.

Core values

- Homelessness is unacceptable. It is solvable and preventable.
- There are no “homeless people,” but rather people who have lost their homes who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Homelessness is expensive. Invest in solutions.

Goals

- Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 5 years .
- Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years.
- Prevent and end homelessness among families, youth and children in 10 years (by 2020).
- Set a path to ending all types of homelessness.

Opening Doors - CT is guided by a set of key principles

- Stable housing is the foundation.
- What happens at the ground level matters.
- Collaboration is fundamental to our success.
- Our strategies and solutions must be driven in a way that puts the person or family facing homelessness at the center.
- Strategies must be implementable, user-friendly, cost-effective, and scalable.