

## **Engaging Street Homeless Persons**

### ***What does it mean to be homeless per the Department of Housing and Urban Development?***

- (1) Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
- (2) Individuals and families who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence;
- (3) Unaccompanied youth and families with children and youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition; or
- (4) Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member.

### ***Reporting a street homeless person:***

Call the LICH Homeless Hotline at **1-631-464-4314 x 118** (There is **not** a 24/7 live operator, please leave a detailed message)

\*Please leave a name of the homeless person, the best way(s) to reach that person, how long you know that person to be homeless, and their location (where they are living outdoors and where they frequent).

\*LICH will coordinate outreach efforts. LICH prioritizes housing placements [and caseloads] based on those homeless that have been homeless the longest and have a disability (mental health, substance use, HIV/AIDS, developmental, physical, chronic health)

### ***Reaching out to a mobile outreach team:***

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| Long Island Coalition for the Homeless Hotline    | (631)-464-4314 x 118                            |
| MTA Outreach                                      | (646)-276-3485 (all LIRR stations)              |
| SCDSS Commissioner's Response Unit                | (631)-854-9935 or (631) 854-9936                |
| NCDSS Homeless Intervention Team                  | (516)-655-2571                                  |
| Federation of Organizations (Mental Health)       | (631)-447-6460 (Patchogue, Coram, Riverhead)    |
| Pax Christi Project Hope II                       | (631)-928-9108 (Port Jefferson)                 |
| Supportive Services for Veteran Families Outreach | Suffolk (631)-289-2601    Nassau (631)-227-0777 |
| OLPH Church                                       | 631-921-5994 (Lindenhurst and Babylon)          |

### ***Other Community Supports/Drop-In Centers:***

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| Riverhead: Maureen's Haven   | 631-727-6831 | 28 Lincoln St, Riverhead NY 11901      |
| Port Jefferson: Pax Christi  | 631-928-9108 | 255 Oak St. Port Jefferson Station NY  |
| Hempstead: INN CTC           | 516-489-3238 | 108 Madison Avenue Hempstead, NY 11550 |
| Mobile Showers (Suffolk M-F) | 631-234-1925 | Various Locations in Suffolk County    |

***How do I assist someone to get enrolled with Medicaid?***

[www.nshc.org](http://www.nshc.org)

***Where can I get resource cards and basic needs supplies for homeless coming to the library?***

Call the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless at 631-464-4314 x122 or x123 or you can always conduct a drive!

\*For additional resources, please use the 2-1-1 hotline or website.