

LINKAGE AGREEMENT

Early Childhood Services for Westchester County's Homeless Families

Purpose

This Linkage Agreement between the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (WestCOP) and the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership for the Homeless (WCCoC) is developed to facilitate the linkage of Westchester County's homeless families to the early childhood services (Head Start and Early Head Start) services provided by WestCOP.

Background

WCCoC is the public-private partnership responsible for planning and coordinating all homeless resources and services for homeless families and individuals in Westchester. It directly administers \$16 million in annual HUD funding and helps coordinate tens of millions more in other county, state, local and private funding. Westchester's 1/27/2016 Homeless Point-In-Time Count identified 1,005 homeless households with 1,750 family members. This included 362 families living with children under age 18. These 362 families had 655 children under the age of 18. The families were living in emergency or transitional housing provided by over two dozen distinct homeless housing programs, primarily in scattered-site housing units.

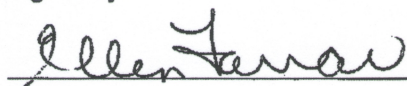
WestCOP's Early Childhood Program serves almost two 2,000 income-eligible children and families in 20 Head Start and Early Head Start centers throughout Westchester County. The centers offer several types of programs, which include part-day or six-hour Head Start, full-day childcare, therapeutic classrooms, Universal Pre-Kindergarten, and after-school services. Homeless children are categorically eligible for Early Head Start and Head Start programs. A complete list of the centers, with addresses and contact information, is attached to this document.

The Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide comprehensive child development services for children from birth through four years old, and focuses on the goals of promoting social competence and school readiness for each child. Because Head Start believes that parents and families are a child's first and best teacher, partnerships with families are considered an important and integral part of the Head Start experience. Through these partnerships, parents are encouraged to become involved in all aspects of the Head Start program, become advocates for their children and themselves, and to pursue the life goals they have chosen. In addition to partnering with parents, WestCOP's Head Start program actively collaborates with a wide range of community agencies. These collaborations serve to ensure that resources are available for the children and families as they progress towards their goals.

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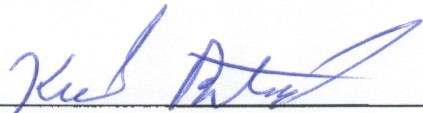
WCCoC will ensure that all of the family housing programs participating in its CoC planning process are aware of WestCOP's early childhood programs. It will encourage each housing program to have its social workers refer homeless children under the age of 5 to Early Head Start or Head Start through WestCOP. WestCOP will facilitate these referrals to the extent possible whenever it has openings available in its early childhood programs.

Signed by:



Ellen Farrar
Coordinator of Early Childhood Programs
Westchester Community Opportunity Program

Date: Sept 8, 16



Karl Bertrand
Co-Chair
Westchester County Continuum of Care
Partnership for the Homeless

Date: 9/8/16

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**WCCoC Programs Serving Homeless Families With Children Aged Birth to Four
(parentheses indicate programs in CoC but not CoC-funded)**

Serve families only:

- Rapid Road To Housing
- First Steps – family component
- (DSS Emergency Housing Assistance Program units)
- (Providence House)
- (Coachman Family Center)
- (WestHELP Mt. Vernon)
- (Vernon Plaza)
- (CHI Supportive Housing)
- (Greyston Family Housing)
- (SHORE housing)
- (125 Livingston Ave.)
- (Livingston Terrace)
- (Waverly Apartments)

Serve families and singles:

- Mount Vernon Shallow Rent
- DCMH Rental Assistance Project
- Turning Point
- Westchester Coordinated Entry
- (HUD-Veterans Administration Supportive Housing – HUD-VASH)
- (CLUSTER Solutions To End Homelessness Program - STEHP)
- (Guidance Center Solutions To End Homelessness Program - STEHP)
- (Westhab Solutions To End Homelessness Program – STEHP)
- (Westhab Yonkers ESG Rapid Rehousing)
- (My Sisters' Place shelters)
- (Hope's Door shelter)
- (129 S. 4th Ave.)
- (DSS Rental Assistance Program)
- WestCOP Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families – SSVF)

Serve Youth only:

- First Steps – youth component

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Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. Early Childhood Program Centers 2016-2017			
Andrus Early Learning Center (Delegate) 65 Main Street Tuckahoe, New York 10707-3035 <i>Director: Frances Clayton</i>	Phone: 337-4492 337-4568 Fax: 346-8312 Fclayton@jdham.org	Peekskill Head Start/Day Care Center 705 South Street Peekskill, New York 10566 <i>Mailing Address: 137 Union Ave., Peekskill, NY 10566</i> <i>Site Supervisor: Ms Stacey Stymlowski</i>	Phone: 737-9166 Fax: 739-0681 stymiloski@westcop.org
Aunt Bessie's Open Door Center 137 Union Avenue Peekskill, New York 10566-3445 <i>Director: Kimberly Belfiore</i>	Phone: 739-6368 737-9166 Fax: 739-4948 mroddgers@westcop.org	Port Chester Children's Place 400 Westchester Avenue Port Chester, NY 10573-3604 <i>Director: Carolyn Kelly</i>	Phone: 690-0860 Fax: 690-0883 ckelly@westcop.org
Children's Center for Learning 95 Lincoln Avenue New Rochelle, NY 10801-3912 <i>Director: Ms. Anitta Haywood</i>	Phone: 632-0180 Fax: 632-0182 ahaywood@westcop.org	Port Chester H. S. & Therapeutic Nursery 17 Spring Street Port Chester, New York 10573-4509 <i>Director: Ms. Madelaine Pilpel</i>	Phone: 937-5863 Fax: 937-5289 mpilpel@westcop.org
Greenburgh Central #7 Early Childhood (Delegate) 475 West Hartsdale Avenue Hartsdale, New York 10530 -1367 <i>Director: Ms. Dawn Male</i>	Phone: 949-2745 Fax: 949-1548 dmale@greenburgh7.net	St. Matthew's Head Start/ Day Care Center 50 North Malcolm Street Ossining, New York, 10562-3242 <i>Director: Ms. Judy Byrne</i>	Phone: 941-1715 Fax: 941-0308 jbyrne@westcop.org
Lois Bronz Children Center (Delegate) 30 Manhattan Avenue White Plains, New York 10607-1329 <i>Director: Sonja Washington-Fitzgerald</i>	Phone: 761-6134 Fax: 761-5461 Sjohnson@lbcc4kids.org	Saint Peter's Day Care Center (Delegate) 204 Hawthorne Avenue Yonkers, New York 10705-1018 <i>Director: Ms. Laura Strong</i>	Phone: 476-2152 Fax: 476-2186 laura@spchildcareny.com
Mamaroneck Child Development Center 134 Center Avenue Mamaroneck, New York 10543 -1804 <i>Director: Ms. Denise Gilman</i>	Phone: 698-3131 Fax: 381-1801 dgilman@westcop.org	Toddler's Park Head Start/ Day Care 260 So 4th Avenue Mount Vernon, New York 10550-3805 <i>Director: Ms. Michele Holzman</i>	Phone: 699-5039 Fax: 699- 5952 ASP: 699-5937 mholzman@westcop.org
Mt. Kisco Head Start 650 King Street- Rooms 103 & 104 Chappaqua, New York 10514 <i>Director: Ms. Linda Bremner</i>	Phone: 861-9144 861-9145 Fax: 861-9146 lbremner@westcop.org	WestCOP Therapeutic Nursery School and Head Start P.O. Box 173 6 Old Tomahawk Street Granite Springs, New York 10527-0173 <i>Director: Ms. Cheryl Rosenfeld</i>	Phone: 243-0501 Fax: 243-0646 crosenfeld@westcop.org
Mt. Vernon CAG Day Care Center 250 South 6th Avenue Mount Vernon, New York 10550-3809 <i>Director: Ms. Malika Maccabee</i>	Phone: 664-8688 664-8614 Fax: 664-8708 mmaccabee@westcop.org	WestHELP—Mount Vernon 240 Franklin Avenue Mount Vernon, New York 10550-1462 <i>Director: Ms. Arlene Carrington</i>	Phone: 665-5401 X.821 Director's Ofc. X.822 Fax: 668-2379 acarrington@westcop.org
Mt. Vernon Day Care, Inc. 151 South 2 nd Avenue Mount Vernon, New York 10550-3501 <i>Director: Ms. Linda Iglehart</i>	Phone: 664-6557 Fax: 664-1429 lindamvdc1@aol.com	Yonkers Children's Place D/C 10 St. Joseph's Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703-6502 <i>Director: Ms. Barbara Maetke</i>	Phone: 375-3911 375-4102 Fax: 966-2483 bmaetke@westcop.org
Mt. Vernon Head Start 114 East 4 th St. Mount Vernon, New York 10550-4251 <i>Director: Ms. Betty Terry</i>	Phone: 664-5098 Fax: 664-5151 Classrooms: 699-2557 bterry@westcop.org	Yorktown Heights Head Start 1974 Commerce Street Yorktown Heights, New York 10598 -4433 <i>Director: Ms. Andrea Lofman</i>	Phone: 962-9399 Fax: 245-6971 alofman@westcop.org