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VOA's Permanent Supportive Housing in Binghamton

VOA's permanent supportive housing is provided for people who are chronically homeless (meaning they have recurring bouts of homelessness), dealing with mental health or addiction issues, or are otherwise at-risk of becoming homeless. Mental health and addiction are significant contributing factors to homelessness and poverty in Binghamton. Compounding the challenge is the shortage of safe and affordable housing.



- In Binghamton the total number of homeless counted in the 2017 survey was 308.
- According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, homelessness in the Binghamton area increased by over 11 percent in 2017.
- 37.4% of Binghamton Residents lived with income below the poverty level in 2016. 16% of them had income below 50% of the poverty level.

VOA follows the "housing first" initiative which states that you cannot work on mental health or addiction without the basic human right of housing. VOA provides has several sites in Binghamton for permanent supportive housing. Although the facilities are strictly drug free, people who relapse are not removed from their home as they work towards self-sufficiency. As long as residents do not inhibit progress of other tenants they can stay in their program. Residents also receive supportive one-on-one case management.

VOA's Permanent Supportive Housing Programs in Binghamton includes:

- 29 studio apartments with kitchenettes for homeless men, women, and veterans.
- 10 units at 3 sites for families in need of supportive housing.

To Support These Efforts and Learn More

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In addition to financial gifts, we also appreciate donations of household items such as blankets, towels, sheets, and hygiene products; food donations such as canned goods; clothing donations such as t-shirts, sweatpants, and socks.

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