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Coalition for the Homeless

Natalie Harris

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Metro Louisville

- 30+ Homeless Service Agencies + Hundreds of Volunteers
- 1013 Homeless Per Night (75% sheltered)
- 8745 Homeless Per Year (63% sheltered, 26% extreme weather only, 11% only outside)

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Trending with Nation

- Slow Decrease Since 2010
- First Increase in 2019
- Decrease in 2020, but Increase Outside

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Causes of Homelessness

Failures and Disparities in Systems

- Housing
- Income and Wealth
- Health (Physical, Mental and Substance)

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Then Add an International Pandemic

- Those suffering, suffered more (75% of evictions black women)
- Federal resources hard to access and took to long
- Non-profits and foundations stepped in to fill void

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Coordination

- Kept people safe/PPE
- Vaccines for staff and clients
- Camp cleaning moratorium
- Virtual schools in shelter
- Outreach during extreme weather
- Weekly eviction prevention calls

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Advocacy and Prevention

- Moratorium
- Funding for shelters and services, new beds and rehab
- Money for hotels, rent and utilities
- Better access to court and outreach for over 6,000 evictions
- Navigation and deposits
- Supportive and affordable housing for lowest incomes
- Coordinated eviction prevention system

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Key Nonprofits Still Looking Forward

- Sweet Evening Breeze - creating shelter for vulnerable youth
- St. Vincent de Paul - expanding transitional options and services
- St. John Center for Homeless Men - addressing the need for Permanent Supportive Housing units and services

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