



Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC) 2025-2026 Gaps Analysis Overview

The 2025–2026 Gaps Analysis Survey was conducted in July of 2025 to assess gaps in services, barriers to housing, and areas for improvement within the Lee County homelessness response system. The survey collected feedback from 36 nonprofit agencies representing a broad range of homeless service providers and community partners, including emergency shelters, street outreach teams, housing providers, supportive service agencies, healthcare organizations, mental health and substance use providers, law enforcement/public safety partners, and other community stakeholders.

Survey results are intended to help guide system improvements, funding allocations, and strategic planning within the CoC. The findings below summarize survey responses across six categories and are presented in priority order based on agency rankings.

Category	Priority Order
Housing Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Shelter 2. Permanent Supportive Housing 3. Rapid Rehousing 4. Transitional Housing 5. Other
Service Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health Services 2. Services For Families with Children Experiencing Homelessness 3. Employment And Job Training Services 4. Services For Seniors Experiencing Homelessness 5. Services For People with Disabilities Experiencing Homelessness 6. Substance Use Treatment Programs 7. Transportation For Clients 8. Services For Youth Experiencing Homelessness 9. Services For Veterans Experiencing Homelessness 10. Services For Survivors of Domestic Violence 11. Street Outreach Programs 12. Other
Housing Barriers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of Affordable Housing 2. Long Wait Lists for Housing Programs 3. Not Enough Income or Employment 4. Criminal Background 5. Past Eviction History 6. Strict Eligibility Requirements (Sobriety, Documentation) 7. Safety Concerns, Particularly for Survivors of Domestic Violence 8. Other

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Service Barriers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't Know Where to Go for Help 2. Trouble Understanding the Process of Paperwork 3. Don't Have Required Documents (ID, SSN, etc) 4. Lack of Transportation to Get to Services 5. Long Wait Times for Services 6. Services Are Only Open During Normal Business Hours 7. Other
Organizational Challenges	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding Constraints 2. Coordination Challenges with Other Agencies 3. Difficulty Navigating HUD and CoC Funding Requirements 4. Staffing Shortages 5. Staff Turnover 6. Data Collection and Reporting Burdens 7. Other
Veteran Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental Health or Substance Use Treatment 2. Permanent Housing Options 3. Help Accessing VA Benefits or Services 4. Case Management 5. Job Training Resources 6. Life Skills Training 7. Other
Senior Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation to Appointments or Services 2. Access to In-Home Support or Daily Living Assistance 3. Income Support (SS, Disability or Benefits) 4. Help with Healthcare or Medications 5. Affordable Age-Appropriate Housing 6. Other
Families with Children Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Safe, Stable, Affordable Housing 2. Access to Childcare or Early Childhood Education 3. Mental Health Services for Parents and Children 4. Family-Focused Case Management and Support 5. Employment Assistance 6. Healthcare for Parents and Children 7. Other

Category	Priority Order
Youth Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transitional Housing for Young Adults 2. Mental Health Care 3. Youth-Specific Shelters 4. Life Skills Training 5. Education Resources 6. Case Management 7. Job Training Resources 8. Other
Survivors of Domestic Violence Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Shelters That Accept Survivors 2. Safe, Confidential Housing Options 3. Safety Concerns (Abusers Tracking Survivors, Lack of Confidential Locations) 4. Mental Health Supports 5. Legal Services
System Improvement Needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved Referral Processes Between Agencies 2. A Centralized Assessment System 3. Better Communication Between Agencies 4. More Cross-Agency Case Management 5. Other

These findings provide a shared snapshot of current needs and opportunities across the CoC. The results will be used to support future planning, guide funding priorities, and identify opportunities for improvements in system coordination. Ongoing input from providers and partners will remain important as the CoC continues to strengthen the local homelessness response system.