

Indiana CoC Region 10 Winter Contingency Plan

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The purpose of this plan is to outline winter contingency plans for people experiencing homelessness during winter months in Region 10.

Low-Barrier Winter Shelters—Low-barrier overnight winter shelters are in place in three cities in the region:

- Bedford—Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope will operate a low-barrier shelter for men from November 1-April 30.
- Bloomington—Wheeler Mission will lower barriers for the winter season from November 1-March 31, removing case management requirements.
- Martinsville—Red Barn will offer low-barrier winter shelter for women only.

In addition to these shelters, A Friend's Place in Bloomington shelters men, women, and non-binary individuals who are sober. All of these shelters are prepared to serve individuals from any of the six counties in our region.

Family Shelters—Family Shelters operate year-round in three cities in the region:

- Bedford—Becky's Place shelters women and children.
- Bloomington—New Hope for Families shelters families with children without a marriage requirement.
- Martinsville—Wellspring shelters families with children without a marriage requirement.

All of these shelters are prepared to serve individuals from any of the six counties in our region.

Domestic Violence Shelters—Middleway House provides shelter in their Bloomington location to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence in Region 10. It provides supportive services to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence at satellite locations throughout the region.

White Flag Shelters—In Bloomington, a group of faith leaders will operate a white flag shelter during inclement weather in which at least half and potentially all the beds will be reserved for women. They will announce a decision to open 2-5 days in advance, depending on forecasts. The criteria will include overnight lows under 25 degrees, over three inches of snow, or a severe wind chill advisory overnight. Shelter leadership will use their discretion in deciding if weather meets criteria for severity.

Warming Stations—Warming stations will be available in various locations during very cold weather:

- Monroe County—In partnership with the Bloomington Fire Department, the City of Bloomington will open warming stations in frigid temperatures. Warming stations will operate 24/7 as needed but may not be used as overnight shelters.
- Morgan County—Wellspring in Martinsville and First United Methodist Church in Mooresville will serve as warming stations in inclement weather.
- Lawrence County—Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope in Bedford will serve as a warming station during inclement weather.

