



Indy Homeless Connect is a one-day community outreach event where service providers, with the help of volunteers, offer a number of services to those experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis. The event connects homeless neighbors to housing assistance, employment opportunities, benefits, medical care, mental health counseling and a variety of other services.

On March 23, 2010 the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention and the City of Indianapolis held the fifth annual Indy Homeless Connect at the Indiana Convention Center. More than 1,069 men, women and children made connections that lead to improved health, self-sufficiency and the opportunity to create a home for themselves and their families.

2010 Results

367 individuals met with a housing counselor
30 plus individuals and families have been housed as a result of Connect
165 social service benefits were provided
168 people obtained legal/credit/tax services
365 medical services were performed
80 people received new eye glasses at a follow-up vision care blitz
89 individuals received an ID
50 individuals received birth certificate vouchers
481 employment resource services were provided
220 people received haircuts



Indy Homeless Connect would not have been possible without the help of over 675 volunteers. Homeless service providers, municipal agencies, and the Indianapolis community at large came out to support the event. Many of these volunteers commented that not only did the experience demystify the concept of homelessness for them, but was just as rewarding for them as it was for the neighbors who received services.

The organizations and individuals who provided financial and in-kind support are also essential to this event being a success. Everything from socks, hygiene kits, books, office supplies, to cash is needed and greatly appreciated.

Not only is Indy Homeless Connect a day to offer services and caring, it is also an opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness in Indianapolis. It is a day to bridge the gaps between our homeless neighbors, the services which aid them, and the community to which they belong.