

# BUILDING A SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CODINGTON COUNTY

The Codington County Social Services Strategic Planning Committee, in collaboration with community collaborators, working partners, and community members completed a strategic planning process to inform the 2022-2027 Codington County Social Services Strategic Plan. The five-year plan includes four priority areas identified to collectively, build a system of care that elevates social services that meet the needs of Codington County residents.

## MISSION:

Build a system of care through collaboration across agencies, families, and individuals for the purpose to identify and improve social service that meet the needs of Codington County residents.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Collaborative process among community partners, individuals, and families
- Innovative approach that elevates existing efforts to address social service needs
- Community engagement of Codington County residents
- Succinct and timely process
- Transparent communication among agencies, families and individuals

## GOAL PRIORITY AREAS

### 1 HOUSING

Develop safe, affordable housing that meets community needs including emergency & transitional housing.

### 2 MENTAL HEALTH

Create an environment that informs, encourages, and supports mental health wellness.

### 3 COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Build a support network for all residents that builds life skills and relationships across the community.

### 4 CENTRALIZED SERVICES & EDUCATION

Establish a centralized system of care that supports residents in need with services provided in a cohesive manner before, during, and after a crisis.

## STRATEGIES



1. Explore options for accessible, affordable housing for Codington County residents of all socio-economic status including those who do not qualify for income-based housing.
2. Evaluate how Codington County can work with landlords and local governments to ensure that all citizens have safe, adequate homes.
3. Explore emergency and transitional housing options that include case management services for Codington County residents.



1. Address gaps in mental health crisis services to increase access and affordability for all Codington County residents.
2. Enhance awareness of mental health concerns/ crisis services and resources among social service providers in Codington County through communication interventions.
3. Develop, implement, and evaluate public health campaign on mental health services focused on supporting Individual and community needs.
4. Build the capacity of clients to understand the process to access mental health services in Codington County.
5. Support the community to take ownership of mental health and substance use/misuse needs for other community members.



1. Develop and provide training and programming that builds capacity for life skills and resiliency among Codington County residents (e.g., adult skills, basic skills, generational poverty).
2. Develop and implement mentoring opportunities to build pro-social connections across Codington County.
3. Explore opportunities to provide long-term supports and resources to build capacity for self-sufficiency among Codington County residents.
4. Explore community perceptions and awareness of social services, stigma related utilization of social services, and/or barriers to access social services.
5. Explore opportunities to offer adequate, safe childcare in Codington County.



1. Develop a process for a closed loop referral system that ensures a "warm hand-off" so community members receive appropriate service in a timely manner.
2. The Helpline Center will maintain an up-to-date comprehensive resource list as the primary on-line resource for social service agencies in Codington County.
3. Community agencies will collaborate to establish centralized locations to physically access social services.
4. Provide education to social service providers, community leaders, and the general public regarding available resources, services and entities; personal responsibility, and how to support clients.
5. Increase public awareness of people who are underserved due to social and economic issues in Codington County.