Exploring Access to Healthcare for the Homeless Population in Green Bay, Wisconsin

The homeless population of Green Bay, Wisconsin has limited means (monetary, transport, education – access in general) to ensure that their health needs are met. Our hopeful vision of the future is that the homeless population has increased health literacy, easier means for transportation, and access to care that is affordable for them, resulting in better health overall.

**Aim:**
Provide 230 members of the Green Bay homeless population with information to improve access to healthcare by November 18, 2016.

**Actions Taken:**
- Compiled information about options for healthcare in Green Bay, and available resources for accessing these programs, clinics, and shelters.
- Distributed this information in two different pamphlets to members of the Green Bay homeless and impoverished populations.

**Summary of Results:**
Provided a means for improving access to healthcare by distributing informational pamphlets to (final number compiled by October 31) members of the Green Bay homeless and impoverished populations.

In 2015, 789 individuals were sheltered in the Emergency Shelter Program at the NEW Community Shelter in Green Bay, Wisconsin. In one night, on April 27, 2016, the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition served 493 people, 198 of which were children.

Sustainability was demonstrated by locking in the progress the NEW Medical and Dental Clinic, St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter, WIC, and Planned Parenthood have provided, and built on it by reaching out to the population directly and giving them the information needed to access the care they require.

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