



## **2010 Statewide Legislative Agenda**

Policy and funding needed to help the more than 57,000 homeless and tens of thousands near homeless Floridians.

### **Create a Local Homelessness Prevention Grant to Replace the State Emergency Financial Assistance for Housing Program (EFAHP)**

Brings prevention funding to the local level allowing for better coordination of services needed to help families and individuals from becoming homeless and reestablishing their housing stability.

### **Reinstate Grant in Aid (GIA) Funding to Local Homeless Coalitions**

Equips local coalitions to mobilize and coordinate local responses to homelessness and provide direct services to homeless and near homeless Floridians.

### **Create a Voluntary Contribution Option for Homelessness Relief on DMV Forms**

Establishes a new revenue source to help fund homeless services and creates an easy way for Floridians to help their homeless and near homeless neighbors.

### **Maintain Funding for Homeless Housing Assistance Grant (HHA) and Challenge Grant**

In 2009-2010, Challenge Grant assisted more than 27,000 Floridians in need and HHA funded 534 new housing units for homeless individuals and families.

### **Remove the Cap on the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund**

Remove the current cap of \$243 million on the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund and allocate all funding generated for this trust fund to housing needs in Florida. Housing activity creates jobs and generates revenue for the state.

### **Protect Homeless People from Violence through Florida's Hate Crime Law**

Amend Florida's hate crimes statute to include homeless status as a bias-motivated crime to help curb these attacks on our homeless neighbors.

For more information contact: The Florida Coalition for the Homeless at 877.205.0021 or your Local Homeless Coalition.

