



In January 2009 the County of Orange and its partners, Applied Survey Research (ASR), OC Partnership, and Orange County Healthcare Agency will be conducting the third biennial countywide homeless population count and survey.

WHY DO A HOMELESS COUNT?

The providers of homeless services in Orange County regularly seek grant funding from state and federal agencies, and private funders to support their efforts countywide. This “Point-In-Time” count of the county’s homeless population helps to confirm the need for these funds, and can be used to adjust service needs as appropriate.

The 2009 Point in Time Count and Survey will consist of:

ENUMERATION – A head count of persons experiencing homelessness:

We need **over 300 volunteers** to actively participate in the process for counting individuals and families on the street and in sheltered facilities. This Point-In-Time Count will be done in the early morning hours of *Saturday, January 24th, 2009*.

SURVEY – Interview process to gather specific information about the homeless population:

After completion of the enumeration process, volunteers will survey a sample of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, through one-on-one interviews to gather critical information to best assist them in moving to stable housing. The Survey process will take place over a two week period following the count.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Consider joining the effort as a Field Team Counter or a Deployment Center Volunteer on the day of the Count and Survey or as a Support Volunteer in the weeks before to assist with preparation
- Donate products or funds to purchase care package items for homeless clients that will be distributed during the Count and Survey
- Provide assistance in identifying hot spot locations where the homeless can be found so that we can make sure that they are counted

To find out more, please visit the website www.pointintimeoc.org or email us at info@pointintimeoc.org.