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July Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

Group Agreements

CoC Updates

2025 PIT/HIC update

Service Provider Updates

Housing Updates

Group Agreements

- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.

CoC Updates



CoC Updates

- **Welcome 2nd Cohort of Community Consultants!**
- **MSHDA: Steps 2 Stability grant awarded to HRI** (Shelter Diversion/Homelessness Prevention)
- **HUD announced their intent to publish a 2025 CoC NOFO.**
 - This will replace the 2-year NOFO that was released in 2024.
 - HUD encouraged CoCs to "prepare for an application focused on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and increasing the earned income of participants."
 - New project types will be eligible under the 2025 NOFO including street outreach and transitional housing.
 - In Kalamazoo, 100% of CoC competition funds currently go towards permanent supportive housing

CoC Updates

- **The US House Appropriations Committee released their draft FY26 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) spending bill.**
 - House draft does not include White House's proposal to consolidate Homeless Assistance Grants into the ESG program and zero out HOPWA funding. The House bill would provide \$4.158 billion in funding for Homeless Assistance Grants and \$505 million for HOPWA.
 - House draft does not include White House's proposal to combine rental assistance programs into a state-run block grant but does propose a \$773 million decrease for the voucher program overall and level funding for voucher renewals. Flat funding is not sufficient to renew all existing HCV contracts and would result in fewer households served. It also does not include additional funding to ensure the continuation of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program.
 - The draft bill would cut HUD staff by 26% consistent with reductions implemented by Secretary Scott Turner.
 - The full House Appropriations committee will markup this bill on July 17. The senate version of the bill is still awaiting release.
 - For more details, see NLIHC's [complete analysis](#) and [updated budget chart](#).

HOUSING KALAMAZOO



Collaboration for Housing Equity

We are seeking submissions from people working across the region in all roles in the homeless service sector, including grassroots organizations, advocates, policymakers, program and system leaders, frontline workers, philanthropic partners, developers, people with lived expertise of homelessness, researchers, and others.

September 11, 2025	Noon to 5:00PM
Fetzer Center	2251 Business Ct.

All proposals must be submitted by
5pm on Friday, July 25.



- Please submit proposals by 5pm on Friday, July 25th at <https://forms.office.com/r/wNtz5uwz1Q>.
- To sign up for a tabling opportunity, please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/EnmbFAff0h>

Kalamazoo County CoC

2025 Point-in-Time Count & Housing Inventory Count Results Summary

What is the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count?

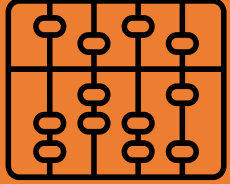
- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a point in time)
- Generally conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community



Who is Counted by HUD in the PIT Count?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) definition of "homeless," for the purpose of the PIT count, includes two main types of homelessness:

- Unsheltered: Individuals or families whose primary nighttime residence is a public place not meant for human habitation
- Sheltered: Individuals or families residing in a place dedicated to serving people who would otherwise be unsheltered
 - Emergency shelters (including those using hotel and motel vouchers)
 - Transitional housing
 - Safe Havens



Who is counted in the Unsheltered PIT Count?

- **Individuals or families whose primary nighttime residence is a public place not meant for human habitation**
 - Tents
 - Cars
 - Parks
 - Camping grounds
 - Abandoned buildings
 - Bus or train stations
 - Parking lots
- **This does NOT include individuals or families who are:**
 - Doubled-up
 - Couch surfing
 - In a Hotel/motel

What is the Housing Inventory Count (HIC)?

An inventory of beds and units available to serve people experiencing homelessness within the CoC on the night of the PIT count

A “snapshot” of our ability to address homelessness on this one night in our community

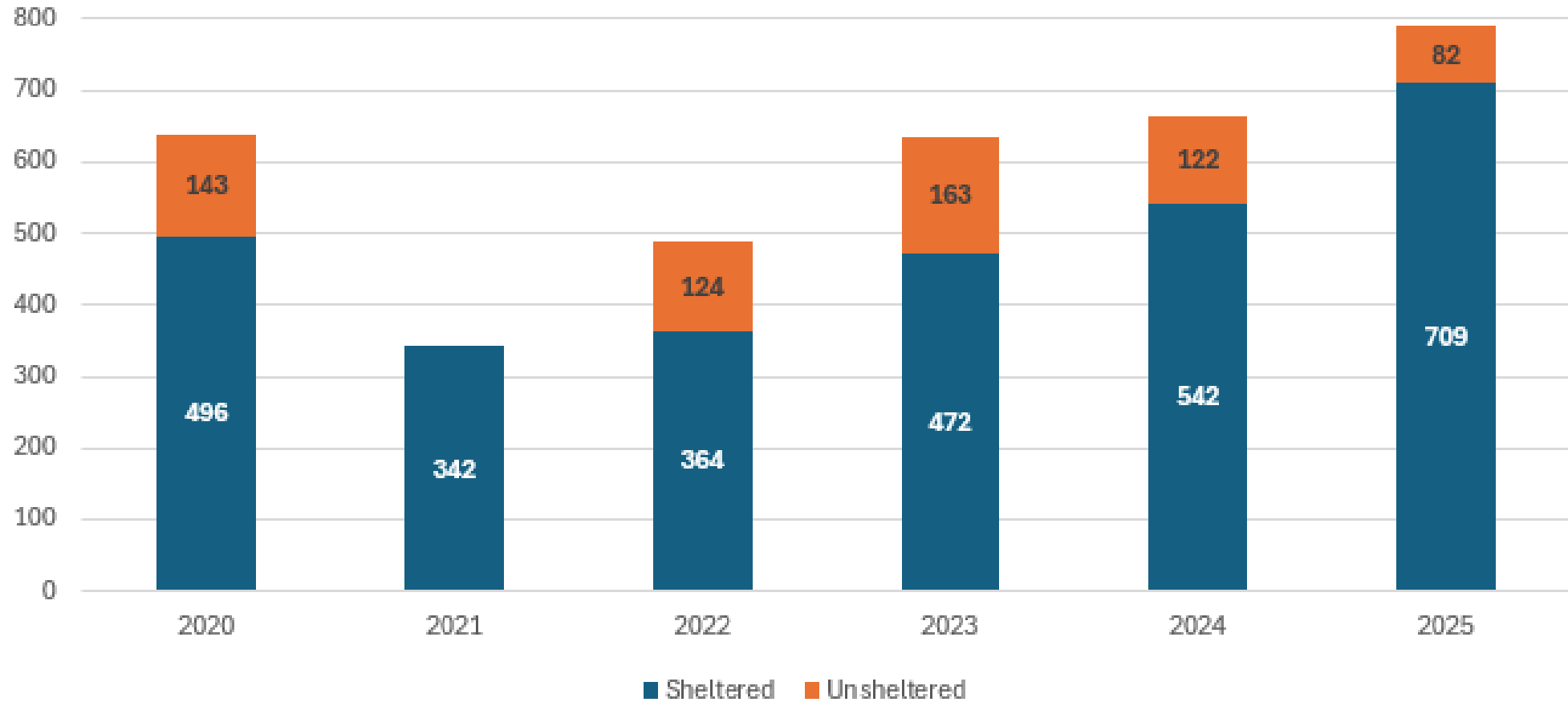
In addition to emergency shelters and transitional housing programs, this also includes permanent housing programs including permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.

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2025 Point-in-Time Count Results

- Total Persons counted: **791**
- Total Sheltered Persons: **709**
 - Total persons in emergency shelter: **632**
 - Total persons in transitional housing: **77**
- Total Unsheltered Persons: **82**

Kalamazoo County Point-in-Time Count, 2020-2025



Notes:

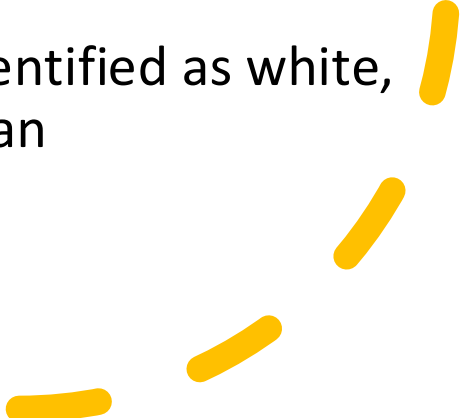
- *Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, an unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021. Shelter capacity decreased significantly in 2021 due to social distancing efforts during the pandemic.
- * Shelter capacity increased significantly in 2025 due to a temporary effort to provide hotel rooms to unsheltered households. This week-long effort does not reflect year-round shelter capacity and is considered overflow capacity by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2025 represents the largest number of individuals counted in the PIT since 2011

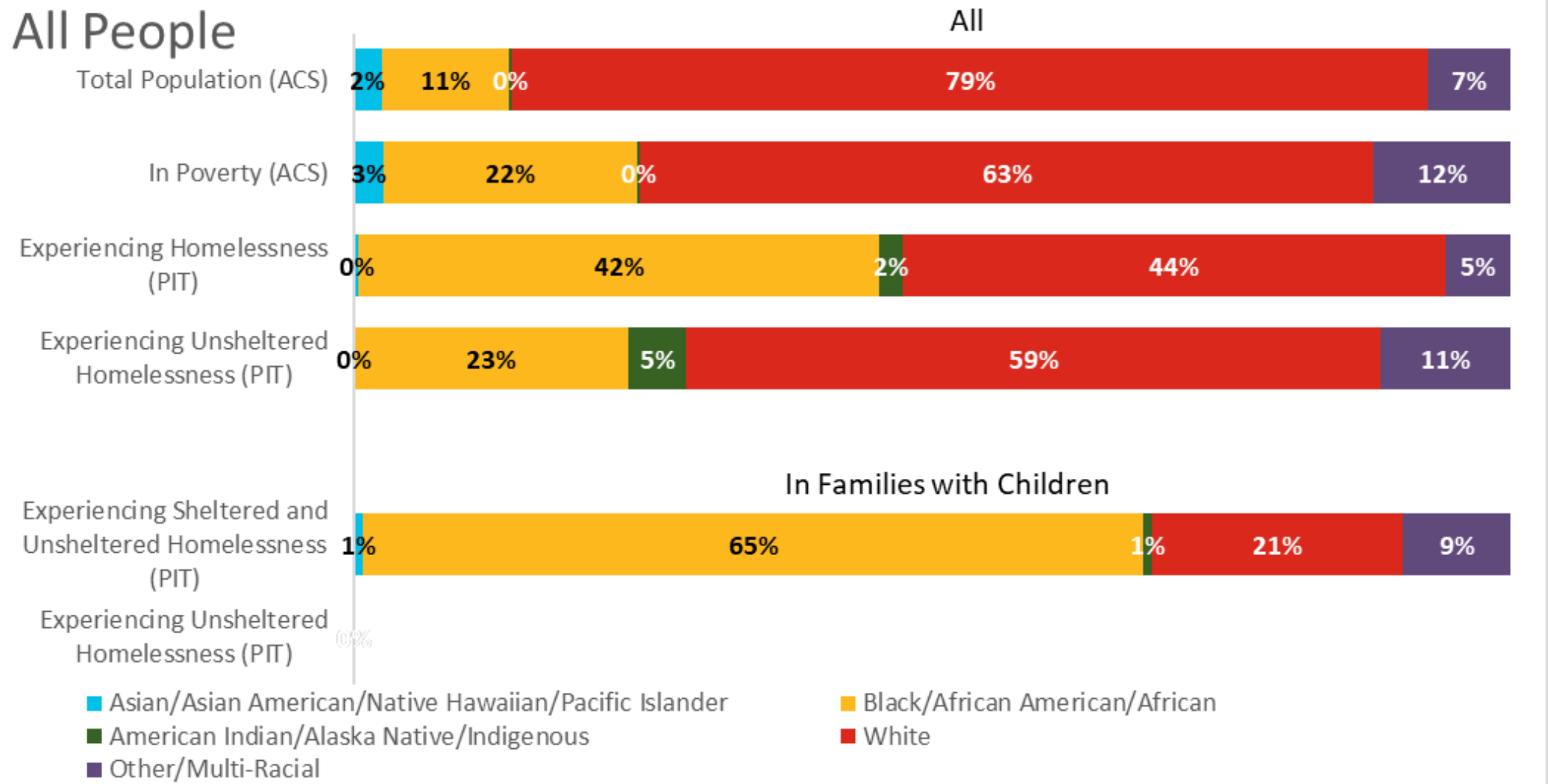
- This represents a 19% increase from 2024.
 - This follows a 4.6% increase from 2023. Nationally in 2024, overall homelessness increased 18%. The 2024 national total of 771,480 people was the highest ever recorded number of people experiencing homelessness during the PIT Count.
- The large increase in sheltered individuals is largely attributed to the Kalamazoo Together for the Homeless Heads in Beds initiative.
 - With funding provided by the City of Kalamazoo and the Continuum of Care, this effort provided a one-week hotel stay to persons who were unsheltered due to extreme cold weather.
 - A total of 146 people were sheltered in this project on the night of the PIT, including 8 families with children totaling 29 people and 117 single adults. All 146 were confirmed to be unsheltered prior to their hotel stay.
 - The Heads in Beds project does not wholly explain the increase in sheltered single adults from 2024 to 2025.
- While the unsheltered count of 82 individuals is the lowest recorded since 2018, this snapshot does not represent the extent of unsheltered homelessness on a given day in the winter of 2025.
 - The 146 people sheltered in the heads in beds project were all unsheltered prior to the week of the PIT and the majority returned to unsheltered homelessness after the hotel project ended.

**There
continue to be
large racial
disparities in
homelessness
in Kalamazoo
County**

This disparity is highest among sheltered families and youth.

- 76% of Kalamazoo County residents identify as white, compared to 12% Black or African American.
 - 59% of unsheltered single adults identified as white, compared to 23% Black or African American
 - 55% of sheltered single adults identified as white, compared to 33% Black or African American
 - 35% of unaccompanied youth ages 18-24 identified as white, compared to 52% Black or African American
 - 20% of individuals in sheltered families identified as white, compared to 64% Black or African American
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All People



2025 Sheltered Count Results: Single Adults

- **Single Adults: 452**
 - 36 adults (8%) were young adults aged 18-24
 - 152 adults (33.6%) were seniors aged 55+
 - 43 (9.5%) were aged 65+
 - 81 (17.9%) were categorized as chronically homeless
- Gender:
 - 167 (36.9%) identified as women
 - 275 (60.8%) identified as men
 - 10 (2.2%) identified as a different gender or with more than one gender identity.
- Race:
 - 248 (54.9%) identified as white only
 - 150 (33.2%) identified as Black, African American, or African only
 - 35 (7.7%) identified as Hispanic/Latin(a)(e)(o)
 - 14 (3.1%) identified as multi-racial
 - 6 (1.3%) identified as American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous
 - 1 (<1%) identified as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

2025 Sheltered Count Results: Households with Children

Families with children: 254 individuals making up 75 households

- 173 (68.1%) were children under age 18
- 17 (7%) were young adults aged 18-24; 14 of these were parenting youth.
- 2 (<1%) were seniors aged 55+
- 19 total persons in 5 households were categorized as chronically homeless
- An additional **3** individuals were unaccompanied children
- Gender:
 - 160 (62%) identified as women/girls
 - 97 (38%) identified as men/boys
- Race:
 - 165 (64.2%) identified as Black, African American, or African
 - 53 (20.6%) identified as white
 - 12 (4.7%) identified as Hispanic/Latin(a)(e)(o)
 - 7 (2.7%) identified as Middle Eastern or North African
 - 5 (1.9%) identified as American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous
 - 2 (<1%) identified as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - 16 (6.2%) identified as multi-racial

2025 Unsheltered Count Results

- **Single Adults: 82**
 - 2 adults (2.4%) were young adults aged 18-24
 - 26 adults (31.7%) were seniors aged 55+
 - 2 adults (2.4%) were seniors aged 65+
 - 30 (36.5%) were categorized as chronically homeless
- Gender:
 - 39 (37.8%) identified as women
 - 51 (62.2%) identified as men
- Race:
 - 48 (58.5%) identified as white
 - 19 (23.2%) identified as Black, African American, or African
 - 9 (11%) identified as multiple races
 - 6 (7.3%) identified as Hispanic/Latin(a)(e)(o)
 - 4 (4.9%) identified as American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous

Additional Populations

- **93** total adults were identified as having a serious mental illness
 - 56 in emergency shelter
 - 9 in transitional housing
 - 28 in unsheltered situations
- **28** total adults were identified as having a substance use disorder
 - 25 in emergency shelter
 - 1 in transitional housing
 - 2 in unsheltered situations
- **2** adults were identified as having HIV/AIDS
- **149** total adults were identified as survivors currently fleeing domestic violence
 - 116 in emergency shelter
 - 23 in transitional housing
 - 10 in unsheltered situations
- **23** total adults identified as veterans
 - 7 in emergency shelter
 - 10 in transitional housing
 - 6 in unsheltered situations
- **54** total unaccompanied or parenting youth (age 24 and younger)
 - 14 total parenting youth (age 18-24) households comprising of 36 total people
 - 40 total unaccompanied youth including 3 youth under age 18

2025 Housing Inventory Count Highlights

- **28 total projects** were able to provide **1,377 total beds** on the night of the PIT Count
 - 89% of these beds were utilized (**1,225 persons served**)
- **691** total beds were available in emergency shelters
 - 632 total beds were utilized (91% utilization rate)
 - 545 of these beds are available year-round (89% utilization rate)
- **90** total beds were available in transitional housing projects
 - 77 total beds were utilized (86% utilization rate)
 - These beds are all in projects dedicated to veterans, youth, or households fleeing domestic violence.
- **516** total persons were provided supports for permanent housing
 - 98 persons were permanently housed in a rapid rehousing program
 - 342 persons were permanently housed in a permanent supportive housing program
 - 76 persons were permanently housed in another permanent housing program

2025 HIC Highlights

- 42% of people served on the night of the PIT were served in permanent housing programs; 52% were served in emergency shelters (including 12% temporary overflow), and 6% were served in transitional housing programs.
- 57% of the total inventory available to serve individuals on the night of the Point in Time Count were emergency shelter or transitional housing beds.
 - Excluding the short-term Heads in Beds project, 52% of beds were in emergency shelter or transitional housing projects.
 - Of the 545 year-round shelter beds:
 - 61% are for single adults (83% of total units)
 - 37% are for families with adults and children (14% of total units)
 - 2% are for unaccompanied children (3% of total units)
 - Of the 90 transitional housing beds:
 - 67% are for families with adults and children fleeing domestic violence (46% of total units)
 - 20% are for unaccompanied youth [7% for LGBTQ-identified youth] (29% of total units)
 - 13% are for single adult veterans (25% of total units)
 - Of the 421 PSH beds:
 - 59% are for families with adults and children (28% of total units)
 - 41% are for single adults (72% of total units)
 - 8% are for individuals living with HIV/AIDS (14% of total units)
 - 4% are for families with adults and children fleeing domestic violence (2% of total units)
 - Of the 98 RRH beds:
 - 24% are for veterans and their families (33% of total units)

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Thank you!

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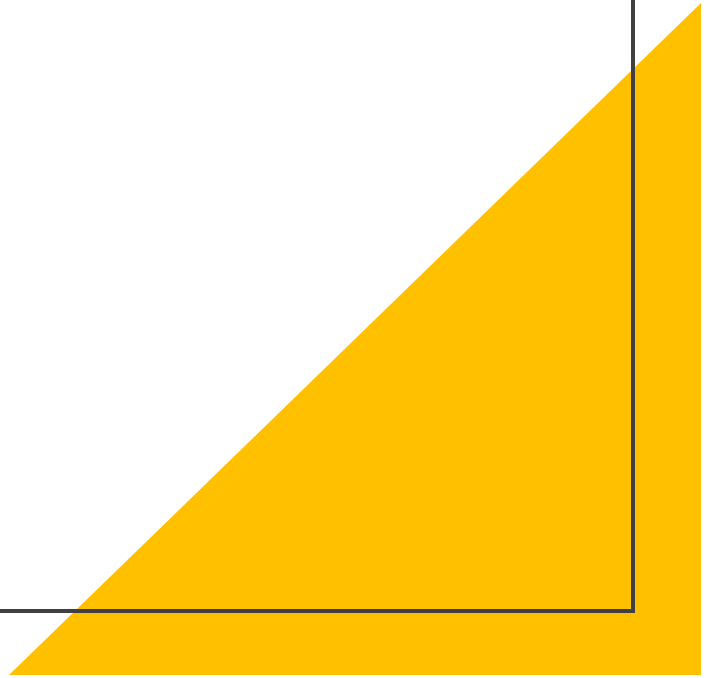
Upcoming Events & Happenings

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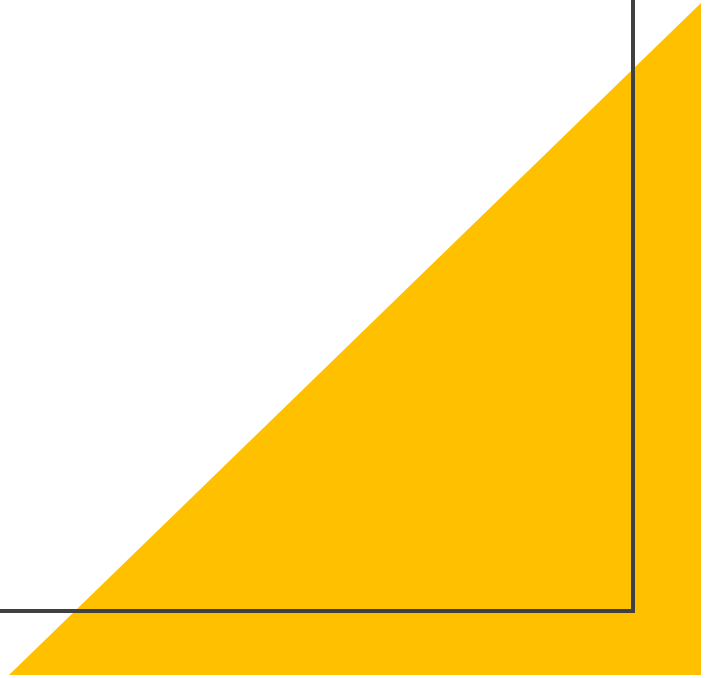
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Service Provider Updates



Housing Provider Updates



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting: Tuesday
August 19th, 1pm**

