

Kalamazoo County

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South Central Michigan**

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June Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

Group Agreements

CoC Updates

CoC 2024 PIT/HIC Results

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

Cooling Center Info - Week of June 16th

- **Ministry with Community**
- 500 N. Edwards St., Kalamazoo
- Sunday-Saturday, 6:30am to 4:00pm

- **Kalamazoo Gospel Mission**
- 448 N. Burdick St., Kalamazoo
- Open in afternoons but will open sooner if temperature reaches the 90s.

- **Kalamazoo Central Library**
- 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo
- Monday – Thursday, 9:00am to 8:00pm
- Friday, 9:00am to 6:00pm
- Saturday, 10:00am to 5:00pm
- Sunday, Closed

Cooling Center Info week of June 16th

Portage Senior Center

- 203 E. Centre Ave., Portage
- Sunday, 2:00pm to 5:00pm
- Monday, 7:45am to 5:00pm
- Tuesday-Thursday, 7:00am to 7:30pm
- Friday, 7:45am to 5:00pm
- Saturday, Closed

Cooling Center Info week of June 16th

Other Options

Kik Pool

- 1018 Walters St., Kalamazoo
- Open 1:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday – Tuesday - \$2.00 admission
- Wednesday – Free Admission

LaCrone Park Splash Pad

- 353 W. Patterson St., Kalamazoo
- Open daily from 8:00am to 8:00pm
- Free admission

Cooling Center Info week of June 16th

Hydrants to be opened:

The following hydrants will be opened daily when the heat index is at or above 100 F:

#6027 – Back of Interfaith

#0861 – Church at Norway

#5590 – Washington at March

#0990 – Burrell at Lawrence

#3246 – Charlotte at Sherwood

#0104 – Clarence at Jackson

#4120 – Krom at Clay

#3555 – Sherwood at Roosevelt Apts

#0813 – Hay Parks at March

#6332 – Norway at Princeton

#0065 – Fairbanks at Center

#5554 - Hays Park at James

Welcome
CoC Community
Consultants!

Heaven Simpson

Roosevelt Lee-Fleming

Santoesha Pratt

Amber Pankey

Anastasia Minott

Tony McReynolds

Mary Lindsey

Joshua Sharp

Upcoming CoC Meetings

- Veterans By Name List Meeting: 6/19, 3pm
- Shelter Group meeting: 6/28, 11am



CoC Updates: Funding

- **CoC Mini-Grants(up to \$15,000) are available on a rolling basis to CoC member organizations.** Details can be found here: [Mini-Grants – Continuum of Care \(kzoococ.org\)](https://kzoococ.org/mini-grants)

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Formula grant program – FY2023 Award amount
\$495,603

Eligible program components:

- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- Homelessness Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- HMIS

FY24 ESG Exhibit 1

- Exhibit 1 – CoC's demonstration of coordination and strategy to address homelessness
- Confirms local plan for ESG funding distribution
- Ensures CoC discussion of equity and justice
- Satisfies a HUD requirement re ESG/HUD CoC funds. Expectation from HUD that CoC is coordinating ESG and HUD CoC resources

FY24 Emergency Solutions Grant

New this year (Exhibit 1):

- Grievance Policy, CoC Membership Roster,
- Enhanced Questions: Engaging individuals with lived experience, approach to prioritization and referral, grant compliance and performance review
- MSHDA ESG Application due Friday August 2nd. Final application submitted by the Fiduciary (Housing Resource Inc)
- June 13th: NOFA, local application released. Information available on website: kzoococ.org/emergency-solutions/
- Local Application packet due Friday June 28 at 4pm

HUD HMIS Reporting Overview 2024 PIT & HIC Results

Homeless Management Information System

- Local system designed to collect client-level data on the provision of homeless services in order to:
 - Coordinate client care
 - Examine system & program performance
 - Inform community, state, and national planning
 - Meet funder reporting requirements
 - Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
- HUD requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) to operate an HMIS & specifies standards for HMIS governance, privacy, and data.

HUD CoC Reporting Requirements

- **Longitudinal Systems Analysis**
 - Informs the [Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#) provided to Congress
 - Provides the CoC with valuable system-wide performance data (at the household level)
 - HUD's Stella P tool uses LSA data to visualize system performance and disparities, including how households flow through system, length of time spent homeless, exits and returns to homelessness,.
 - HUD may consider participation in the LSA submission process and/or the quality of data submitted based on usability metrics as a scoring factor in the CoC program funding competition
 - In 2023, HUD awarded points for at least 2 HUD-determined usable files submitted by the LSA deadline. HUD determined that 6 files were usable for our CoC.
- **System Performance Measures**
 - Used as a competitive element in the CoC Program Competition
 - Focus on improvements in SPMs over time
 - Measures CoC-wide performance across 6 metrics (at the individual level)
 - Length of time persons remain homeless
 - The extent to which persons who exit homelessness return to homelessness
 - Number of homeless persons
 - Employment & income growth for homeless persons in CoC-funded projects
 - Number of persons who become homeless for the first time
 - Successful placement from street outreach & successful placement in/retention of permanent housing

HUD CoC Reporting Requirements

- **Point-in-Time Count**
 - A count of all the people experiencing literal homelessness in our community on a single night
 - Includes a sheltered and an unsheltered count
- **Housing Inventory Count**
 - An inventory of beds and units available to serve people experiencing homelessness within the CoC on the night of the PIT count
 - Includes emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing programs dedicated to serving homeless households
- HUD may consider timely submission of the PIT & HIC as a scoring factor in the CoC program competition. In the past few years, HUD has also considered strategies to effectively count youth.
- Specific PIT and HIC metrics are also used as scoring factors in different ways depending on the funding opportunity

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

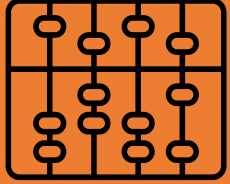
- A literal count of all the people experiencing homelessness in our community on a single night (i.e., at a point in time)
- Generally conducted by every community nationwide in the last 10 days of January
- A “snapshot” of homelessness on this one night in our community



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.



2024 Point-in-Time Count Results

- Total Persons counted: **664**
- Total Sheltered Persons: **542**
 - Total persons in emergency shelter: **452**
 - Total persons in transitional housing: **90**
- Total Unsheltered Persons: **122**

2024 PIT & HIC Highlights

- **2024 represents the largest number of individuals counted in the PIT since 2019**
 - Due to an increase in the number of individuals in both emergency shelters and transitional housing programs
 - In terms of total number of people, the largest increase was seen in families with children
 - While national data is not yet available for 2024, this increase is in line with national trends from 2022 to 2023, when overall homelessness increased 12% & family homelessness increased 13% nationally
- **A total of 122 individuals were found to be unsheltered. This estimate may have been influenced by weather conditions and volunteer capacity.**

2024 PIT & HIC Highlights

- **There continue to be large racial disparities in homelessness in Kalamazoo County, especially among sheltered families and youth.**
 - 76% of Kalamazoo County residents identify as white, compared to 12% Black or African American
 - 58% of unsheltered single adults identified as white, compared to 22% Black or African American
 - 52% of sheltered single adults identified as white, compared to 40% Black or African American
 - 37% of unaccompanied youth ages 18-24 identified as white, compared to 60% Black or African American
 - 19% of individuals in sheltered families identified as white, compared to 77% Black or African American
- **Over half of the total inventory available to serve individuals on the night of the Point in Time Count were permanent housing; 47% were emergency shelter or transitional housing beds.**
 - 55% of people served on the night of the PIT were served in permanent housing programs; 37% were served in emergency shelters, and 8% were served in transitional housing programs.

Additional Populations

- **97** total adults were identified as having a serious mental illness
 - 48 in emergency shelter
 - 14 in transitional housing
 - 35 in unsheltered situations
- **31** total adults were identified as having a substance use disorder
 - 16 in emergency shelter
 - 1 in transitional housing
 - 14 in unsheltered situations
- **2** adults were identified as having HIV/AIDS
- **126** total adults were identified as survivors currently fleeing domestic violence
 - 43 in emergency shelter
 - 71 in transitional housing
 - 12 in unsheltered situations
- **24** total adults identified as veterans
 - 11 in emergency shelter
 - 10 in transitional housing
 - 3 in unsheltered situations
- **15** total parenting youth (age 18-24) households comprising of 41 total people
 - 2 households in emergency shelter
 - 13 households in transitional housing

2024 Housing Inventory Count Highlights

- **28 total projects** were able to provide **1,403 total beds** on the night of the PIT Count
 - 87% of these beds were utilized (**1,214 persons served**)
- **544** total beds were available in emergency shelters
 - 452 total beds were utilized (83% utilization rate)
- **122** total beds were available in transitional housing projects
 - 90 total beds were utilized (74% utilization rate)
- **672** total persons were provided supports for permanent housing
 - 171 persons were permanently housed in a rapid rehousing program
 - 369 persons were permanently housed in a permanent supportive housing program
 - 132 persons were permanently housed in another permanent housing program

Upcoming Events

SOAP & HOPE

FREE community laundry day

Thursday, 6/20
11 am - 3 pm
Last loads in by 2pm

Cork St Laundry
823 E Cork St
Kalamazoo, MI

Please register



- Laundry soap will be provided
- Up to **FOUR** loads of laundry
- (40 pounds)

****You are responsible for costs of any laundry loaded into machines before 11 am. Last loads in by 2 pm.*



Contact Judy with questions
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Kalamazoo
Together Volunteers
for the unhoused



Cultivating Humanity: Voices of the Unhoused



Seeds of change sow compassion,
nurture empathy, eradicate barriers,
and uproot inequality. And we all blossom!

JUNE 25, 2024
First Congregational Church
345 W Michigan Ave
7pm -9pm

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Hear from people who are currently or were previously unhoused
- * Local, raw data will be shared
- * Q & A
- * Beverages and dessert will be served

Please wear purple for homelessness



For more info:
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Scan me if you would like to register and participate



If you have an event or happening that you would like to share out

Send an email to coc@uwscmi.org with a copy of the flyer and/or the details





Communities In Schools of
Kalamazoo 20th Anniversary

Family Reunion

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**ARCADIA CREEK FESTIVAL PLACE
145 E. WATER ST.**

**BIG MOE
PRITCHETT'S
BARBEQUE**



Fun and games, friendly competitions, tasty food, music,
community resources, college exposure and more!

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Registration Appreciated, Not Required.
Shuttle Transportation Available





Service Provider Updates



Housing Updates



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting: Tuesday
July 16th, 1pm**

