

## ACRONYMS You Might Hear at the Alliance Conference!

**HUD:** US Department of Housing & Urban Development

**AHAR:** Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (I & II)  
**CoC:** Continuum of Care  
**ESG:** Emergency Solutions Grant  
**HCV:** Housing Choice Voucher (“Section 8”)  
**HEARTH Act:** Homeless Emergency Assistance & Rapid Transition to Housing Act  
**HIC:** Housing Inventory Count  
**HMIS:** Homelessness Management Information System  
**HPRP:** Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program  
**NOFA:** Notice of Funding Availability  
**PHA:** Public Housing Authority  
**PIH:** Office of Public & Indian Housing  
**PIT Count:** Point-in-Time Count  
**SNAPs:** Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs  
**YHDP:** Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

**HHS:** US Department of Health & Human Services

**ACF:** Administration for Children & Families  
**ACYF:** Administration for Children, Youth, & Families  
**CB:** Children’s Bureau  
**CMS:** Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services  
**FVPSA:** Family Violence Prevention & Services Act  
**FYSB:** Family & Youth Services Bureau  
**RHYA:** Runaway & Homeless Youth Act  
**TANF:** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
**YAHR:** Youth at Risk of Homelessness grants

**SSA:** US Social Security Administration

**SOAR:** SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery  
**SSI/SSDI:** Social Security Income/Social Security Disability Income

**VA:** US Department of Veterans Affairs

**HUD-VASH:** HUD-VA Supportive Housing  
**SSVF:** Supportive Services for Veteran Families

**DOJ:** US Department of Justice

**VAWA:** Violence Against Women Act  
**OVW:** Office on Violence Against Women  
**OJJDP:** Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention  
**SCA:** Second Chance Act

**DOL:** US Department of Labor

**HVRP:** Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program  
**WIBs:** Workforce Investment Boards  
**WIOA:** Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act

**ED:** US Department of Education

**ESSA:** Every Student Succeeds Act  
**FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid

**USICH:** US Interagency Council on Homelessness

**CE:** coordinated entry  
**ES:** emergency shelter  
**PH:** permanent housing  
**PSH:** permanent supportive housing  
**RRH:** rapid re-housing  
**SNCAs:** single non-chronic adults  
**TAY:** transition age youth  
**TH:** transitional housing  
**VI-SPDAT:** Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
**YYA:** youth and young adults

