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September 17, 2025


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Purpose of CoC Membership Meetings

- HUD Requirement
- Opportunity to provide updates



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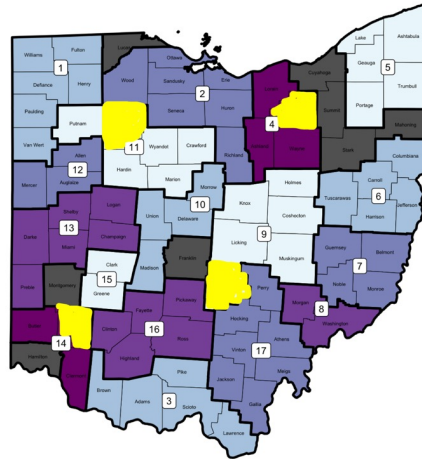
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Strategic Plan

- Homebase was selected as the consulting/TA firm and will be conducting the Strategic Plan.
- Homebase and COHHIO hosted 4 in-person Strategic Planning sessions:
 - Region 9 – Lancaster/Fairfield county
 - Region 14 – Franklin/Warren county
 - Region 11 – Findlay/Hancock county
 - Region 4 – Medina/Medina county



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Strategic Plan

- Initial Takeaways:
 - Desire for additional Permanent Supportive Housing units/resources
 - Desire for additional emergency shelter resources in rural areas
 - Desire for expanded street outreach projects to help connect unsheltered folks to shelter and housing

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FY2025 CoC Comp

- CoC Leads received an email from HUD on July 3rd, stating their intent to publish a NOFO for 2025 Continuum of Care awards
- Asked CoCs to prepare for an application focused on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and increasing earned income
- NOFO may seek to provide opportunities for new street outreach and transitional housing programs
- CoCs and national organizations have advocated that HUD keep its promise of a 2-year CoC NOFO
- No information has been communicated since the July email
- CoCs are concerned about possible changes to align with EO

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FY2025 CoC Builds Comp

- On 9/5, HUD reissued the Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) NOFO, applications were due 9/12
- This is NOT the annual CoC program competition NOFO
 - Still no updates regarding when this will be released
- Application is based on Yes/No responses to a set of criteria:
 - Serving elderly and physically disabled individuals
 - Requiring participation in supportive services
 - Prohibition on public camping in the city, county, and state in which the project will be located; and
 - Cooperation with federal law enforcement
- Awards made in the order that application submissions are received for those who agreed to all criteria

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FY2025 CoC Builds Comp

- Ohio BoSCoC Board voted not to pursue this opportunity
- Concerns:
 - Change in eligible populations
 - Promotion of harmful practices
 - Limited amount of funding
 - \$75 million available nationally
 - 8 awards expected in total

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HMIS Data Standards Updates

- HUD is making updates to HMIS Data Standards effective 10/1/25
- No written standards or trainings have been released
- Primary changes include:
 - Requirement to collect 'Sex' info
 - No longer required to collect 'Gender' info, though CoCs may continue to do so
 - No longer asking about need for translation services
- HMIS Team trying to prepare for anticipated changes
- Look out for an email with details about changes and updated forms

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Executive Order on Homelessness

- **EO on homelessness released 7/24/25**
 - "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets"
 - The EO is a dramatic departure from established approaches to addressing homelessness and seeks to dismantle the foundations of homelessness response
- **Key Priorities in the EO**
 - Attack on Housing First and other evidence-based approaches
 - Forced Institutionalization via civil commitment
 - Rewarding communities that enact or enforce local laws that penalize public camping or squatting or force unhoused into treatment or institutions

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Executive Order on Homelessness

- **Attack on Housing First and Other Evidence-Based Approaches**
 - 'ending supporting for Housing First policies that deprioritize accountability and fail to promote treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency'
 - 'hold grantees to higher standards of effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing public safety'
 - Directs HUD to take steps to require homeless assistance grantees to increase requirements for SUD/MH treatment as condition of participation
- **Forced Institutionalization via Civil Commitment**
 - Directs AG and HHS to seek reversal of judicial precedents that impede ability to encourage civil commitment of those with SMI or those living on the streets

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Executive Order on Homelessness

- **Rewarding Criminalization**
 - 'HUD and Transportation shall take immediate steps to assess their discretionary grant programs and determine whether priority for those grants may be given to grantees in States and municipalities that actively meet the below criteria, to the maximum extent permitted by law:
 - enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use
 - enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering, squatting
 - address individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and suffer from serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves, through assisted outpatient treatment or by moving them into treatment centers or other appropriate facilities via civil commitment or other available means

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Understanding EOs

- Directs agencies on how to implement President's policy priorities
- The EO is not actionable on its own
- Does not require municipalities, states, or organizations to take any specific actions until/unless federal guidance is issued and/or grant programs are amended
- EOs should not encourage illegal action
- Many provisions will likely be subject to litigation upon implementation

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Criminalization

Unsheltered Homelessness & Criminalization:

- City of Grants Pass v. Johnson (2024)
 - Local governments can pass and enforce ordinances banning sleeping or camping on public property
- **Please reach out if you have any concerns about local ordinances affecting your community**

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NSPIRE Inspections Requirement

- The current Housing Quality Standards (HQS) for Continuum of Care (CoC) programs will be phased out and replaced by the new **National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE)** standards by October 1, 2025.
- HUD plans to issue standards specific to the CoC program before the October 1, 2025, compliance deadline.
- Link to more information on NSPIRE (<https://www.hud.gov/reac/npire>)

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NSPIRE Inspections Overview

- NSPIRE adopts a "risk-based" approach that prioritizes health and safety and functional defects over cosmetic issues.
- NSPIRE is a unified standard across multiple HUD programs.
- The process is more streamlined and objective, with clear deficiency indicators and rationales for why a defect is cited.
- NSPIRE divides inspection areas into three categories: **Unit, Inside, and Outside.**
- NSPIRE uses a new scoring model and categorizes deficiencies by severity

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NSPIRE Inspections Continued

- **Prioritizing the health and safety of residents.**

- **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:** New requirements for installation, type, location, and number of alarms. More than just roaches and bedbugs—new inspection process and repair times (e.g., infestation vs extensive infestations)
- **Infestations:** More than just roaches and bedbugs—new inspection process and repair times (e.g., infestation vs extensive infestations)
- **Handrails/Guardrails:** Repair time frames and other requirements, such as handrails along both sides of certain ramps
- **Mold-Like Substances:** New process that requires equipment for detecting elevated moisture levels and mold-like substances

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Shared Housing CoP



Shared Housing: When two or more people live together and share common space in temporary or permanent housing

BoSCoC goal: offer resources and support to build capacity to support more use of Shared Housing in the BoS

- Training CoC staff through Shared Housing Institute
- Convening CoP via monthly online gatherings
- Developing e-learning, released later this year

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Shared Housing CoP

- Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 1pm
- Email erinhachtel@cohhio.org for more information or to be added to the calendar invite



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Coordinated Entry Survey

- Coordinated Entry (CE) feedback surveys were made available 8/25
 - Listserv message went out with information and survey link
- Provider CE Feedback survey
 - For CE staff, including access point, shelter, outreach, housing providers and prioritization workgroup members
 - Collecting responses through October 30th
- Client CE Experience Survey
 - Short survey for clients who have engaged with the CE system, such as through AP enrollment, a diversion conversation, HARP Tool assessment, or referral to a shelter
- Both surveys are voluntary, and responses are kept confidential

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Youth Update

- Membership applications are open AGAIN!
- Advocacy Day 2025
- **Projects:**
 - CoC YAB Budget Review
 - YHDP Action Items
 - Program Standards Review
 - Roles & Expectations

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Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

- CoC Team is leading three ad-hoc workgroups to revise current Program Standards
 - Street Outreach Program Standards Workgroup
 - Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Program Standards Workgroup
 - Permanent Supportive Housing Program Standards Workgroup
- All three workgroups have been meeting monthly and are nearing completion of updated draft standards
- Next steps:
 - Review draft standards with Youth Action Board (YAB) and Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)
 - Post final drafts for general provider comment and feedback

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Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

Discussion:

- What is the best way to introduce new Program Standards?
- What TA would be helpful to ensure Program Standards compliance?

Homeless Program Standards

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

Updated October 2023
Adopted: December 22, 2015



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2026 Point-in-Time Count

- Anticipated 2026 PIT date will be the evening of Tuesday, January 27, 2026
- HIC/PIT process starts in October with identifying local planning leads (County Contacts)
- Once County Contact are identified, there will be several trainings:
 - County Contact specific meeting - November
 - HIC/PIT Overview webinar – December
 - HIC webinar – December
 - PIT webinar – January
 - Service-based count webinar - January
 - Office Hour – January 20, 2026



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COHHIO Statehouse Advocacy Day

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, September 16, 1-2 pm – Virtual Advocacy 101 Training
 Tuesday, September 30, 1-2 pm – Virtual Advocacy 201 Training
 Wednesday, October 8 – Statehouse Advocacy Day, Columbus


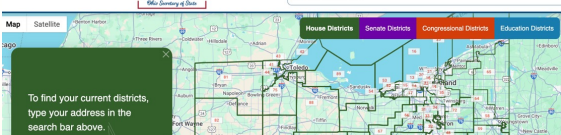
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Advocacy Updates

- How to take action:
 - Call or email your local representative
 - <https://findmydistrict.ohiosos.gov/>
 - Sign up for advocacy alerts
 - <https://cohhio.org/>
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/actions/sign-alliance-advocacy-alerts/>
 - If you need details about CoC Program awards in your community or your representative's district, email ohioboscoc@cohhio.org

To find your current districts, type your address in the search bar above.



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Training & TA Needs

Discussion:

What additional training and TA needs
do you have?

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Listserv Reminders

- Email ohioboscoc@cohhio.org to be added to the Ohio BoSCoC listserv.
 - Listserv messages include important CoC updates, reminders, training announcements, etc
- To register for Advocacy Alerts, please visit the COHHIO webpage to sign up:
 - <https://cohhio.org/>

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