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# CoC Membership Meeting

**Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care**

October 8, 2026



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## Meeting Information

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- This meeting is being recorded.
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## Purpose of CoC Membership Meetings

- HUD Requirement
- Opportunity to provide updates

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## Ohio BoSCoC Strategic Plan

- Implementation Updates
  - Strategic Plan was adopted by CoC Board in January 2026
  - Established a Strategic Plan Implementation Workgroup in July 2026
    - Identified priority activities for the CoC to focus on
    - CoC team developing workplans for priority activities

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## CoC Program Updates

- HUD re-opened FY2026 CoC Program NOFO on 9/18
- CoC Applications submitted to HUD 9/30
- Litigation still pending

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## HMIS Updates

- Bitfocus rolled out new User Interface (UI) on 10/1
- HMIS team hosting extra HMIS Open Office Hours Sessions to help users navigate the changes:
  - https://cohhio.org/provider-resources/hmis/hmis-contact-and-support/
  - 10/13
  - 10/27
  - 11/10
  - 11/24



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## NSPIRE Update

- As of 10/1/2026, NSPIRE is in affect for CoC and ESG programs.
- Review NPSIRE Training for BoSCoC on COHHIO Website
- Review HUD NSPIRE Training course through HUD Exchange
- Draft updated Policies and Procedures for NSPIRE
- Download NSPIRE Checklist Document



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## Ohio Shared Housing Community of Practice

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

Ohio monthly gathering for Shared Housing Community of Practice on hold for the rest of the year while we learn alongside others in the the national call hosted by Townspeople and the Shared Housing Institute.

First Wednesday of the month at 1 pm

https://townspeople.org/shared-spaces/



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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
- 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

**BoSCoC YAB accepted new members this year!**

- Deadline to apply was October 5th.
- If you know of young people 18-24 who may be interested, please email jewelvaughn@cohhio.org

**Advocacy Day 2026**

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# YHDP Office Hours

**Housing Projects**
**TH, RRH, Joint Component TH-RRH**

Monthly on second Wednesday at 11 AM
(rescheduled in October due to Point Source Youth Symposium to third Weds.)

Register to attend:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/_ydY98BRRDaCvITHKdE40Q

**Supportive Services Projects**
**SSO-SO and SSO-CE**

Monthly on first Tuesday at 10 AM

Register to attend:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/z-u_H099RfKnDn6IIjO1fw

Reminder to ALL YHDP projects:
Complete your QPR by 10/30
Enter your data on the Youth Data Dashboard - contact yhi@cohhio.org for help if needed




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# Youth Update

Youth Homeless System Improvement (YHSI) grant work: Data

- The Ohio BoSCoC completed a youth-led data analysis project in 2026 to answer two key questions:
  - How do the systems often encountered by unstably housed youth in Ohio mitigate or contribute to the likelihood that a young person will experience homelessness?
  - What policy and practice changes in Ohio are needed to improve these systems and decrease housing insecurity?

Read our project summary and detailed report below to see the results.
Seeds of Systems Change Summary
Seeds of System Change Full Report




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## Youth Update

Youth Homeless System Improvement (YHSI) grant work: Planning & Partnerships

- Goal: support capacity for local/regional youth action boards (YABs)
- YAB-M has trained and assigned two mentors for regional YABs in Region 9 and Region 17
- Mentors are traveling with CoC staff and youth to Point Source Youth Symposium Oct 14-15
- Planning to recruit and train two additional mentors next year

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## Youth Update

Youth Homeless System Improvement (YHSI) grant work: Coordinated Entry

Request for Proposals to obtain the professional services of a firm or individual to develop case conferencing best practices and curriculum for addressing homelessness in the Ohio BoSCoC

Objectives and Desired Outcomes:

1. Prepare a report that describes best practices for both general and youth- dedicated case conferencing, with particular focus on rural and suburban counties.
2. Develop training outlines to assist the BoSCoC in teaching and evaluating case conferencing (general and youth-dedicated) to community stakeholders.

Proposals due Oct. 14.
See full RFP: Case Conferencing Best Practices RFP

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## Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

- Updated Program Standards for Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, and Permanent Supportive Housing projects released
- Rapid Re-Housing and Transitional Housing program standards will be updated in early 2027

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## Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

•**Permanent Supportive Housing**
•Date: Monday October 12th, 2026
•Time: *11:30-12:30pm (please note this slightly different time)*
•Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register

•**Emergency Shelter**
•Date: Monday October 19th, 2026
•Time: 11:00-12:30pm
•Registration Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/zq2BmkCqTiOejHTX2rmDIg#/registration

•**Street Outreach**
•Date: Monday: October 26th, 2026
•Time: 11:00 - 12:30 pm.
•Registration Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0cQj5cGuT2KV4uRF10pVyA#/registration

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## 2027 Point-in-Time Count

- Anticipated 2027 PIT date will be the evening of Tuesday, January 26, 2027
- HIC/PIT process starts in October with identifyining 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 19, 2027

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## Training & TA Needs

Discussion:

What additional training and TA needs do you have?

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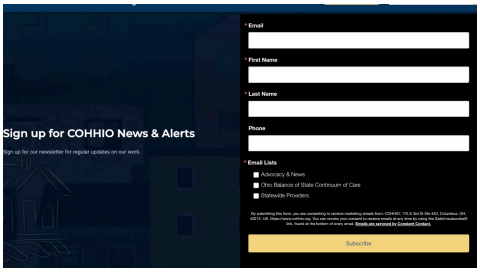
## Listserv Reminders

- Sign up for listservs via cohhio.org:

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## Questions?

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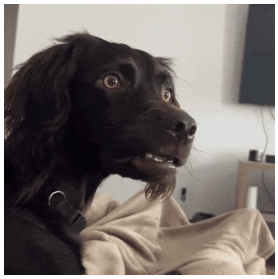

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