



TRI-COUNTY

CoC

Continuum of Care

For Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren Counties

Purpose of the Tri-County CoC

The Tri-County CoC serves two main purposes:

1. To create a strategic plan to address the use of HUD resources and their interface with other funding sources to address and prevent homelessness. The Tri-County CoC is the body that provides a forum for discussing plans to end homelessness, identifying and ranking the community's priority needs, educating the community on homeless issues, monitoring existing homeless programs and advocating on issues affecting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
2. To submit application to HUD for McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance resources through an annual competition announced each year in HUD's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).



Help us end Homelessness

Join the Full CoC



Full Tri-County CoC Membership

Membership is open to all interested community members and organizations. The Tri-County CoC will particularly encourage participation by anyone serving the homeless or anyone who is currently homeless or has been homeless.

Agencies and Organizations seeking membership on the Tri-County CoC should be members and participants in good standing on their county committees (i.e. CEAS, Housing Committee, or Homeless Continuation of Care). To better facilitate coordination and planning efforts, members continue to participate in their local emergency services committees (CEAS, Housing, or Homeless Continuation of Care). These local committees address community-level planning, identify service gaps, and plan and prioritize new and renewal homeless assistance projects.

Local committees are responsible for planning and coordinating the county Point in Time Count and identifying all services to aid those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Each local committee also assesses barriers to service delivery and special populations that may find it more or less difficult to access available services.

Local committees are a sub-committee of the counties' Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC).

Purpose of Subcommittees

The CoC Board has authorized and established the following subcommittees to carry out specific work pertaining to CoC tasks:

Permanent Subcommittees

- Veterans Master List Subcommittee
- Data Quality Subcommittee
- Case Conferencing (Coordinated Assessment) Subcommittee
- Regional Integrated Services Subcommittee (HMIS System Administrators)

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Tri-County CoC Operations

In compliance with HUD, Tri-County CoC program regulations and activities of the CoC include the following:

- CoC Board will meet a minimum of four times per year
- Hold meetings of the full membership, at least once a year
- Make at least an annual invitation for new members to join
- To encourage and develop public understanding on homelessness and housing issues
- To provide advocacy on homelessness and housing issues
- Encourage housing and homeless programs to adopt best practices
- Strategize to fill in gaps in temporary and permanent housing, job training and development
- Ensure participation of grantees in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Establish performance targets, in consultation with providers, appropriate to each program type, monitor program performance and take action against poor performers
- Collect data on the needs of those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity through the HMIS system, Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory
- Create and implement strategies and action steps to reduce and end homelessness in the Tri-County region

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Tri-County CoC Fundamental Components for the Homeless

- Comprehensive coordinated assessment: a system which provides an initial assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services
- Prevention: stabilization services and activities to assist at-risk families and individuals. These services may include rental and utility assistance, mortgage assistance and legal assistance
- Outreach: Services to address and identify a person’s immediate needs, including mobile clinics, street outreach, law enforcement and hotlines.
- Emergency shelter: Temporary shelter for individuals and families prior to identification of appropriate services and options to facilitate access to permanent housing options
- Transitional housing: Longer-term housing with varying degrees of support for certain individuals or families who may not be adequately prepared for permanent housing
- Permanent Housing: Long term safe and affordable housing for individuals and families