

TX BoS CoC General Meeting

August 11, 2021, 2:00-3:30 P.M., by Webinar

NOTES

Attendees: see attached list

Link to meeting recording: <https://thn.adobeconnect.com/ptdhrlv2evei/>

- I. Staff welcomed attendees, showed a photo collage of THN staff, and asked attendees to indicate their locations on a map.

Change in meeting format – The CoC Board Report and Committee Reports are written in the last section of the agenda instead of being presented verbally.

- II. **Data Snapshot** -- 2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) County and Housing Inventory County -- see attached presentation

- a. Attendee answered poll questions to refocus and contextualize the data.

- III. **How we are Ending Homelessness** – PIT Count -- see attached presentation

- a. Attendees were asked to select their preferred date for the next PIT Count.

- IV. **Community Conversation** – Emergency Rental Assistance and the Statewide Camping Ban

- a. Attendees discussed the how their organizations or communities are connecting people with rental assistance, and how THN can better assist.

- b. Attendees discussed the impact of the camping ban, and what their communities are doing to prepare.

- V. **Announcements**

- a. Elections for CoC Board seats 3 and 13 are open through 8/22. [Information about elections](#) and [Election Ballot](#)

- VI. **Next Meeting** –

Next meeting on October 4th, 2021, from 9:00-11:30 in person and by webinar at the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness.

Registration link:

Watch the [website](#) and [BoS News](#) for more information

Open Discussion:

Staff was available on the webinar after the meeting ended, for an open discussion on any topics that attendees wanted to discuss.

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Give your feedback!

Members were invited to complete the anonymous survey they received after the meeting ended, to let THN know what was helpful and what would could be better for the next meeting. attendees completed the survey.

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Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

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Name	Company Name
Alaina Presley	Mission Texarkana
Alanna Richardson	Longview Housing Authority
Alexzandra Hust	Abilene Hope Haven, Inc.
Alice Jewell	McKenna Foundation
Angelina Deans	Sara's Shared Dream: Feeding McCulloch County
Anne Spanyers	Advocacy Outreach
Azenet Garcia	City of San Angelo
Barbara Bailey	Homeless Empowerment Action Team
Belinda Bradford	Good Neighbor Settlement House, Inc.
Beth Rolingson	Advocacy Outreach (grant)
Brisa Gamboa	Border Region
Carla Lane	Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center
carmen white	Families in Crisis
Carol Racz	Texana Center
Carrie Baugus	Denton Affordable Housing Corp.
Chad Wheeler	Lubbock Open Door
Chesley Knowles	Community Healthcore
Christy Plemons	The Salvation Army
Courtney Cross	City of Denton
Damian Clark	Advocacy Outreach
Daphne Adams	Christian Community Action
Daphne Jackson	A Servant's Heart-Texas Llc
Dawn Capra	Community Resource Centers of Texas, Inc
Deanna Lowrey-Green	Combined Community Action
Deborah Probst	McCulloch County Hunger Coalition
Debra Arsuaga	Corpus Christi Hope House
Debra Huffman	Neighborhood Development Corp
DEBRA WASHINGTON	THE CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.
Delayne sigerman	Retired
Denise Kornegay	Lamar County Homelessness Coalition
Edgar Martinez	CCDOL
Ellyn Lynch	Families in Crisis
Emily Shafer	The Salvation Army
Esmeralda Garza	South Texas Development Council - Laredo, TX
Gerardo Alvarado	Border Region Behavioral Health Center
Ginny Stafford	Mid-Coast Family Services
Gloria Bell	Tyler ISD Title I - The Parent Center
Gloria Luna	United Way of Brazoria County

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Greg Sims	Family crisis center of east texas
Heather Kugler	Beaumont Housing Authority
Jade Bredenberg	Mission Texarkana
James Bell	Ellis County Homeless Coalition Corp
Janeal White	Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
Jay Morgan	Community Healthcore
Jennifer Espinosa	Safer Path Family Violence Shelter
John Meier	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
John-Mark Echols	The Field's Edge
Keith Rucker	Victoria Area Homeless Coalition
Laking Harris	Americorps Vista
Latisha Norris	Giving Hope Inc
Laura Martinez	Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Lisa Griffin	Mid-Coast Family Services
Lori Iles	Kaufman County Homeless Coalition
MaLinda Faughn	Wesley Community Center
Maria Najera	Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center
Marisol Cavazos	Friendship of Women
Marsha Wilson Rappaport	The Children's Center, Inc
MECHELLE LINDSAY	Families in Crisis, Inc.
Megan Price	City of Texarkana Texas
Melinda Baker	Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc.
Melissa Escamilla	Endeavors
Melissa Gutierrez	Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande V
Michael and Susie Way	H.O.M.E. Center of Central Texas
Michaelle Wormly	WOMAN, Inc.
Michelle Perez	NCMHID
Nathaniel Dears	Denton County MHMR
Nicole Roberts	Denton County friends of the family
Oscar Elizondo	City of Corpus Christi
Rachel Durrance	HOME Center
Ramonia Williams	Talent Yield Coalition Inc sponsor of Marcelous Wi
Rashawn Smith	City of Killeen
Rebecca Bromley	Neighborhood Development Corp
Reverend Lawson	The Chosen Ones Outreach Ministries of Galveston, Inc
Rita Monson	City of Orange
Sabrina Fields	AmeriCorps Vista
Sharon Goodlette	The Salvation Army Denton Corps
Stephanie Jerez-Rodriguez	Volunteers of America Texas
Terri Willis	Brazoria County Dream Center, Inc.
Theresa Hamilton	Women Outreach Service of Texas

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Tiffany Ross	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Tommy Lee Martinez	Loaves and Fishes of the RGV, Inc.
Toni Pruitt	CTCOG
Vanessa Mangel	Abigail's Arms Cooke County Family Crisis Center
Vicki Smith	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Victor Galaviz	None
Victoria Martinez	The Purple Door
Wallace Revalee	Community Healthcore
Zulema Medelion	Families in Crisis
Randy Cobb	Community Healthcore

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Agenda

Registration link: https://thn.adobeconnect.com/aug21gm/event/event_info.html

Meeting materials available at: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/join-us/#bos-gen-meetings>

I. 2:00-2:05 Welcome, Introductions, Staff Photos & Map of Attendees

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II. 2:05-2:15 Data Snapshot – 2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Data

III. 2:15-2:45 How we are Ending Homelessness – 2022 PIT Count

IV. 2:45-3:15 Community Conversation – Discussion about Emergency Rental Assistance and the Statewide Camping Ban

V. 3:15-3:20 Announcement

Voting in the 2021 CoC Board elections has begun and will go through August 22nd. Make your voice heard and elect leaders to guide the CoC over the next two years. See more information on THN's website at <https://www.thn.org/bos-board/>.

VI. 3:20 Next Meeting

Next meeting on October 4th from 9:00-11:30 in person and by webinar. Immediately prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness. Main topic: CoC Strategic Plan, CoC Action Plan, and Local Action Plans.

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CoC Board and Committee Updates are in the next section of the Agenda.



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CoC Board and CoC Committees -- Updates

CoC Board Update by CoC Board Chair, Daphne' Adams

The CoC Board met on June 23, 2021, and July 28, 2021.

The board approved establishing an Ending Youth Homeless Committee. The committee will implement a plan to end youth homelessness. This will include the creation of a Youth Action Board (YAB), and a goal of applying for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) funding.

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team presented a draft of the HMIS Policies and Procedures. The CoC Board decided they needed additional information before they would approve the policies.

The CoC Board approved the nominees for board elections. Board elections began on August 4, 2021, and voting will run through August 22, 2021, at 11:59pm.

CoC Program updates were provided regarding the application process and reallocation of declined renewal CoC funding for domestic violence services. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was expected to be released in July but has not been released.

THN staff are establishing relationships with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) that were awarded with Emergency Housing Vouchers.

The Board has been working on a CoC Strategic Plan with Homebase. Local Action Plans were developed at the Community Planning Session on July 14, 2021. THN staff will finalize the CoC Action Plan. Homebase will finalize the Strategic Plan.

Our next general CoC meeting in October will be held immediately prior to the Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness on October 4, 2021, in Houston and via webinar.

Community Investment Committee (CIC)

The committee is developing its committee policies and working to elect a Chair. The committee did not meet quorum in July.

Coordinated Entry Steering Committee (CESC)

No meeting in July or August 2021.

Data Committee

Preparing for an August 2021 meeting

Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee

THN is wrapping up initial recruitment for the Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee. We currently have representation from the following: Bowie county, Jasper county, Harrison county, Lubbock county, Jefferson county, Brazoria county, Tom Green county, Victoria county, the Warriors' Refuge, Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition, Texas Veterans



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Network-Alamo Area Council of Governments, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and the Texas Veterans Commission.

40% of committee members have lived experience with homelessness and 73% of committee members have personal experience with the U.S. Armed Forces. If you would like a more in-depth breakdown of committee representation, please contact marliza@thn.org.

We are hoping to get more representation from stakeholders serving in West and South Texas. If you know someone from these regions who would be a good addition to our committee, please have them contact marliza@thn.org.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the team dedicated to ending Veteran homelessness across the state of Texas please fill out this [interest form](#).

Ending Youth Homelessness Committee

THN is in the beginning stages of recruitment for the Ending Youth Homelessness Committee. We currently have representation from the following: Gregg county, Taylor county, East Texas Child Advocates, West Central Texas Regional Foundation, Abilene ISD, West Texas Homeless Network, and City Square Abilene.

40% of committee members have lived experience with homelessness. Currently, none of the members represented on the committee are considered youth. If you would like a more in depth breakdown of committee representation, please contact marliza@thn.org.

THN strongly encourages people with lived experience, youth (under the age of 25) and those who have experience working with youth homeless services and systems to join us in our fight to make youth homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. If you are or know someone interested in joining the committee dedicated to ending youth homelessness contact marliza@thn.org or fill out this [interest form](#).

Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)

No meeting in July. Next meeting will be September 30th, 2021.

Victim Services Provider Committee (VSPC)

Meetings on hold pending additional staff support

Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) – recruiting members; if interested, complete the [form](#)

Committees on THN's website: <https://www.thn.org/tx-bos-coc-committees/>



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2021 Point-in-Time Count



Texas Balance of State CoC

The Annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) was conducted on January 28th, 2021. This year the CoC opted to only conduct a sheltered count due to complications from COVID-19.

The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night.

Responses are self-reported and/or observations and may not be representative of the entire homeless population

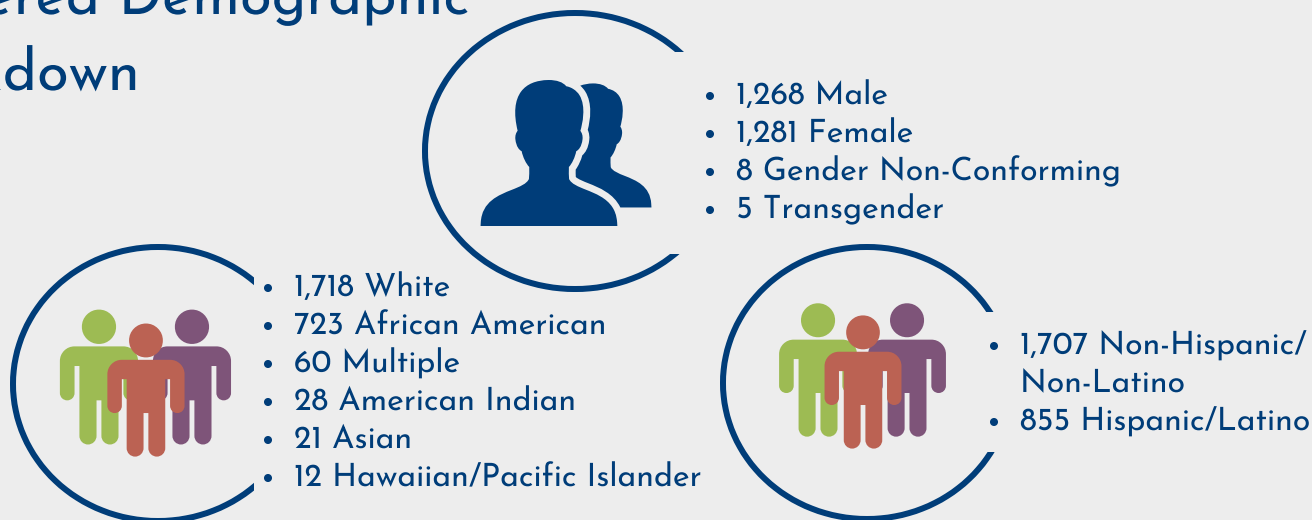


2021 Unsheltered Count

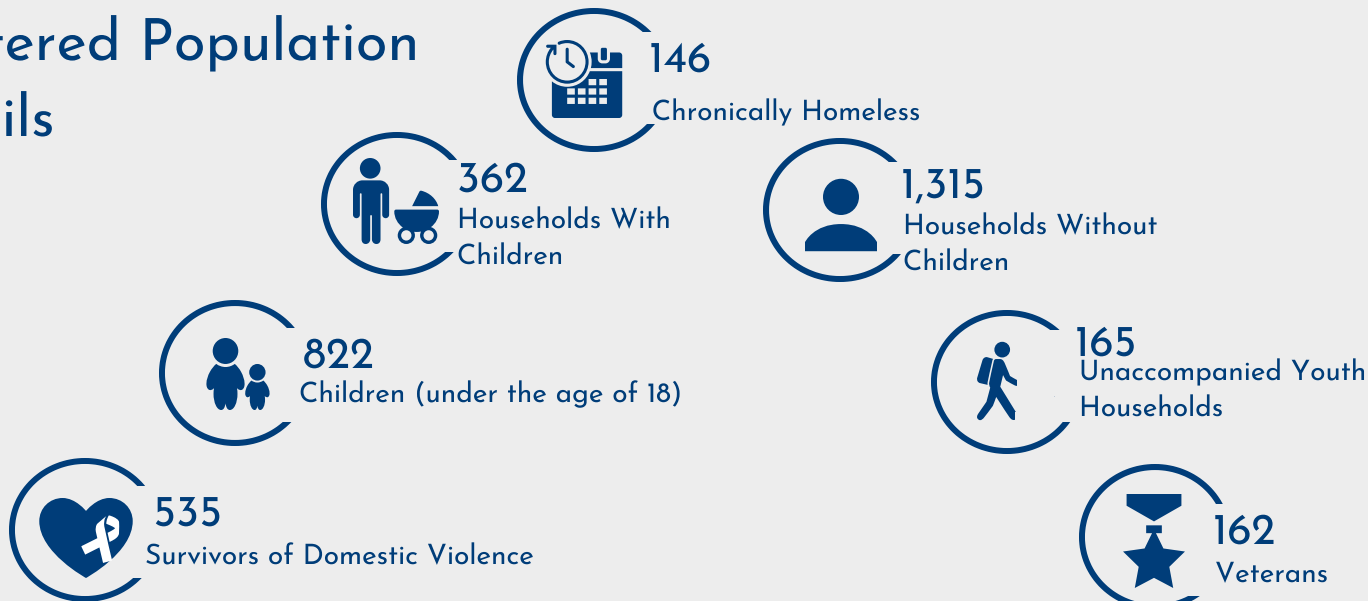
The Texas Balance of State CoC Board voted to opt-out of the 2021 Unsheltered Count due to concerns regarding COVID-19.

[*Click here to view the 2020 unsheltered count*](#)

Sheltered Demographic Breakdown



Sheltered Population Details











Texas Balance of State Housing Inventory Count

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a tally of the number of beds and units available on a given night, broken down by project type. It includes beds dedicated to serve persons who are experiencing homelessness as well as those in Permanent Housing. It additionally includes funding information as well as beds dedicated to specific sub-populations.

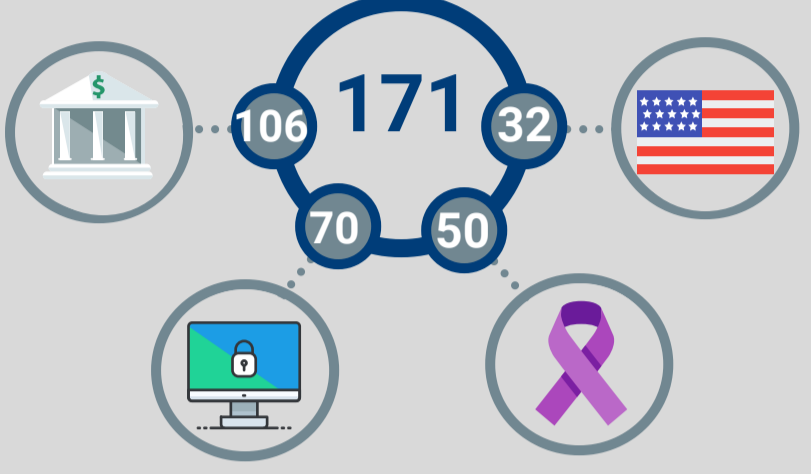
Project Types: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing.

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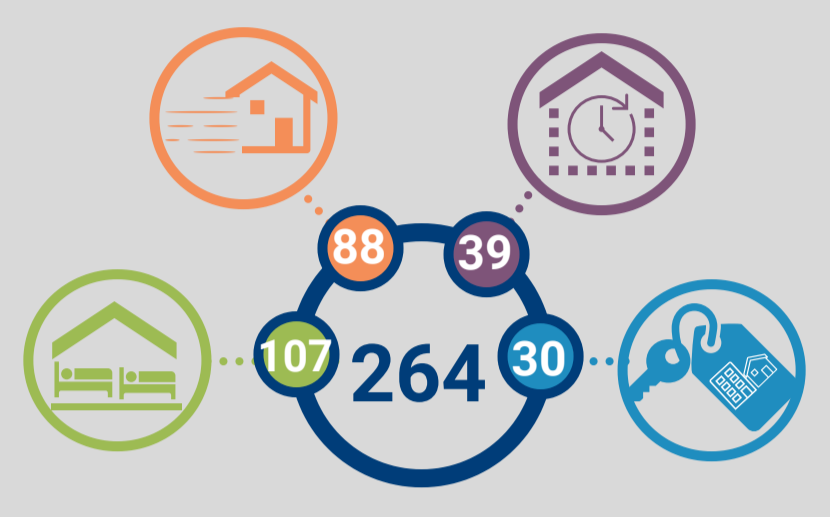
 Emergency Shelter (ES)	 Transitional Housing (TH)	 Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 HMIS Participating	 Federally Funded	 Veteran Provider	 Victim Service Provider

2021 Housing Inventory Count

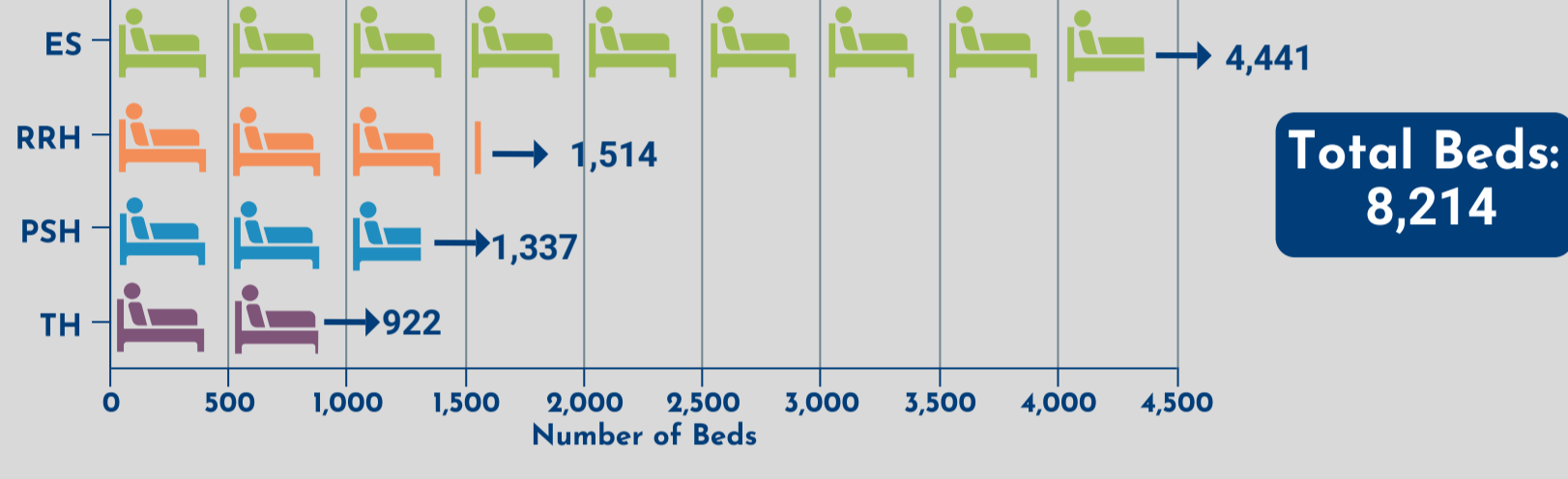
Organizations



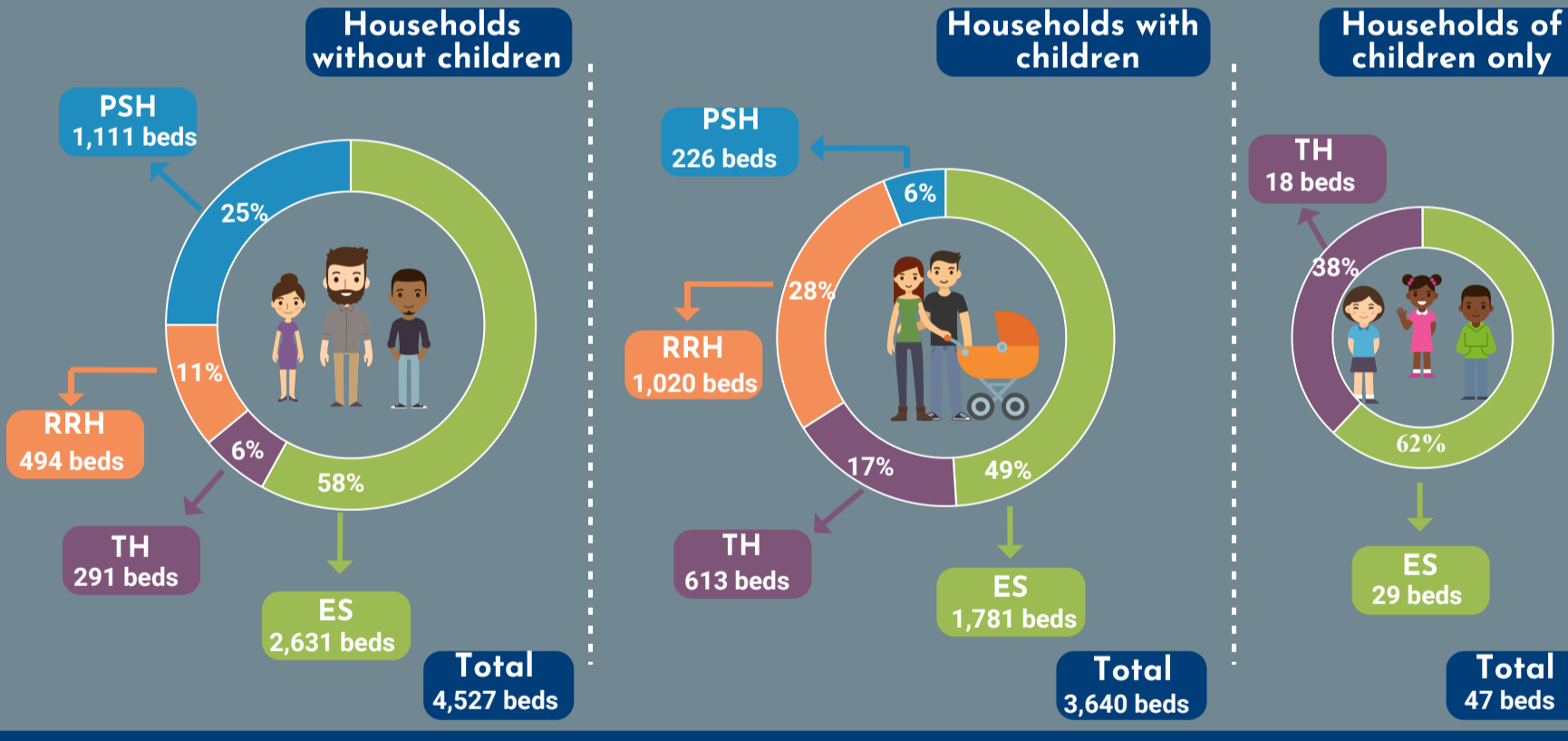
Projects



Year-Round Bed Count



2021 Household Breakdown



Key Takeaways

66% Overall Utilization Rate

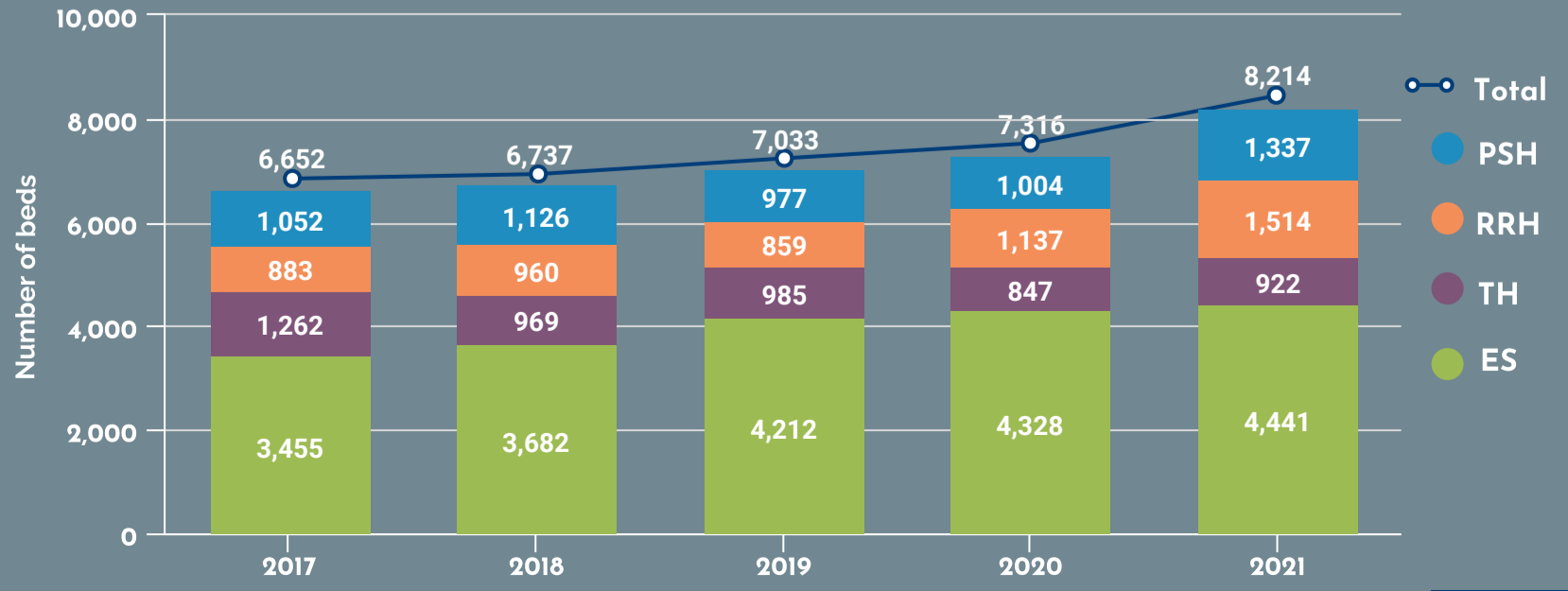
67% HMIS Project Coverage

1,254 Veteran Beds

261 Chronically Homeless Beds

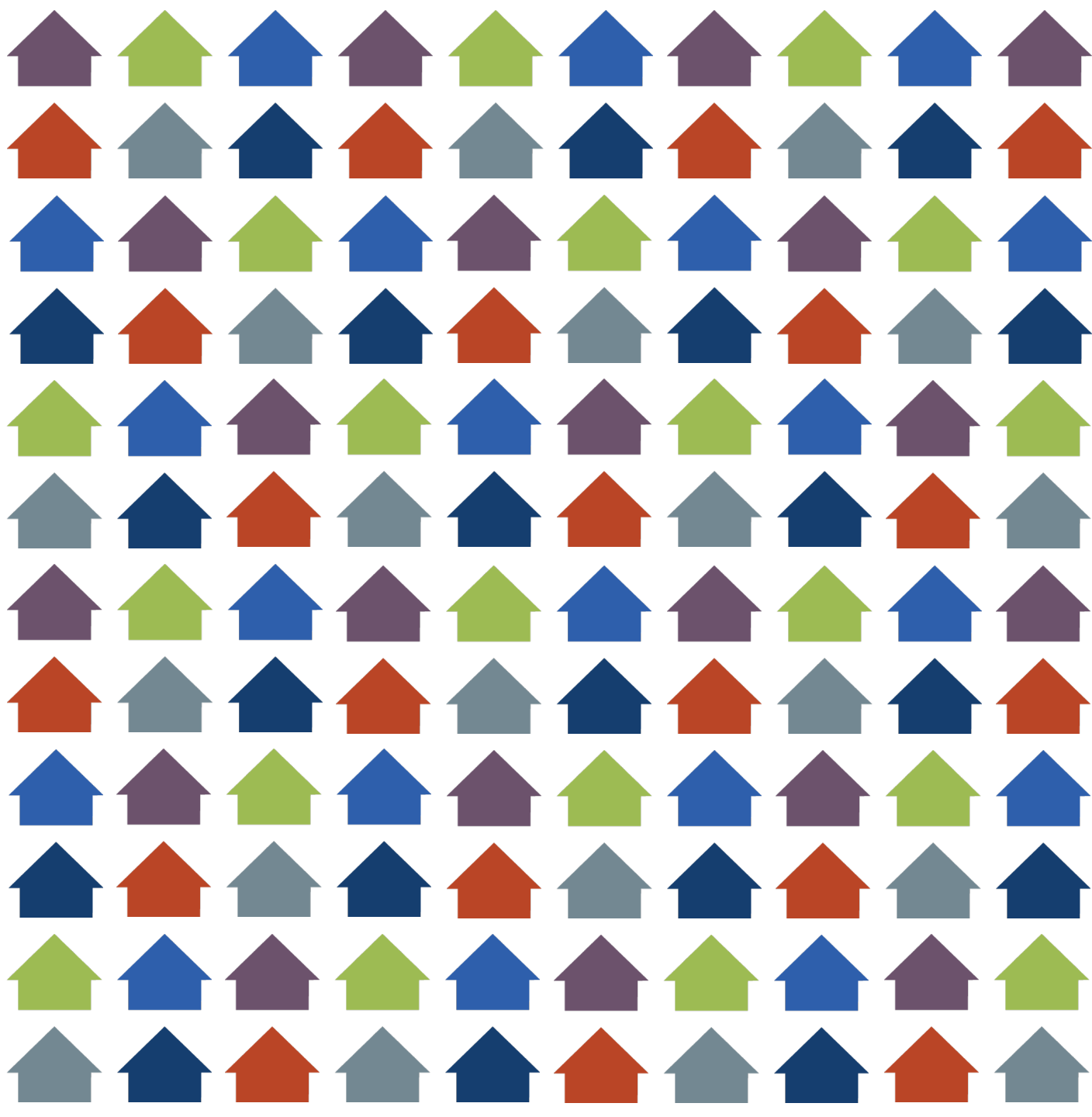
104 Youth Beds

Bed Count Analysis



For the full data set, please contact: kyra@thn.org





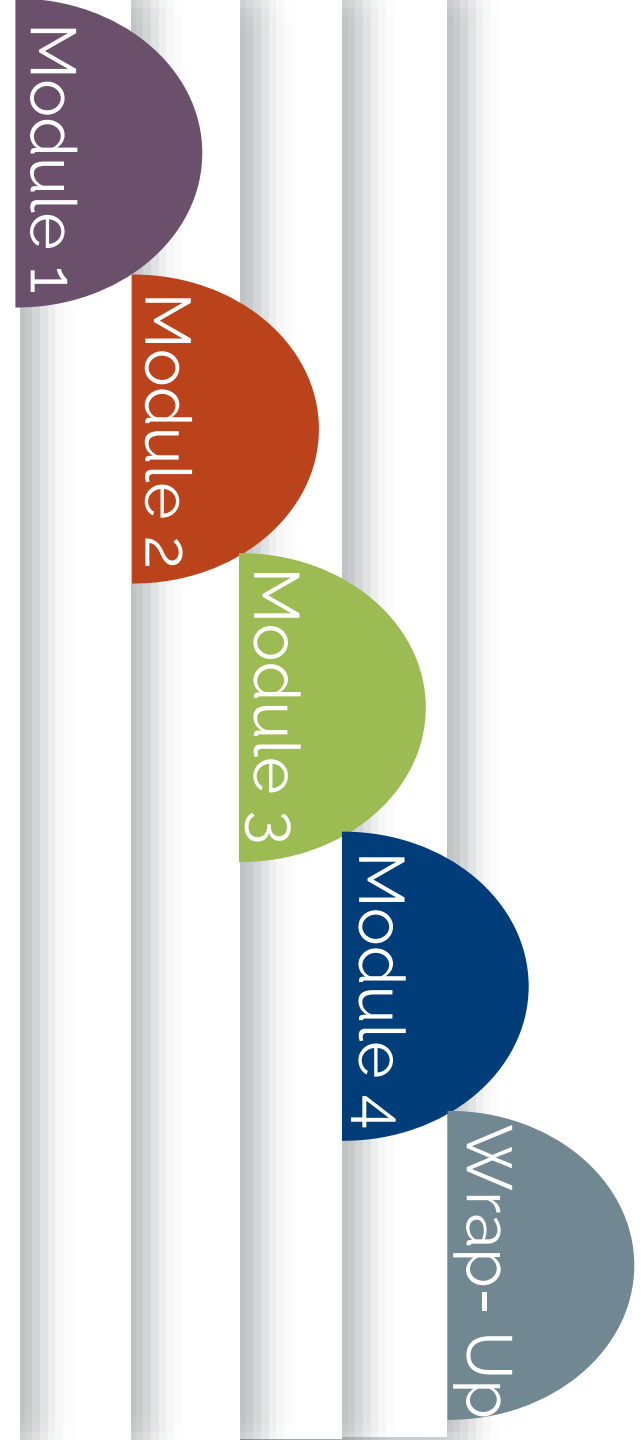
CoC General Meeting PIT Training

Strategies For Change

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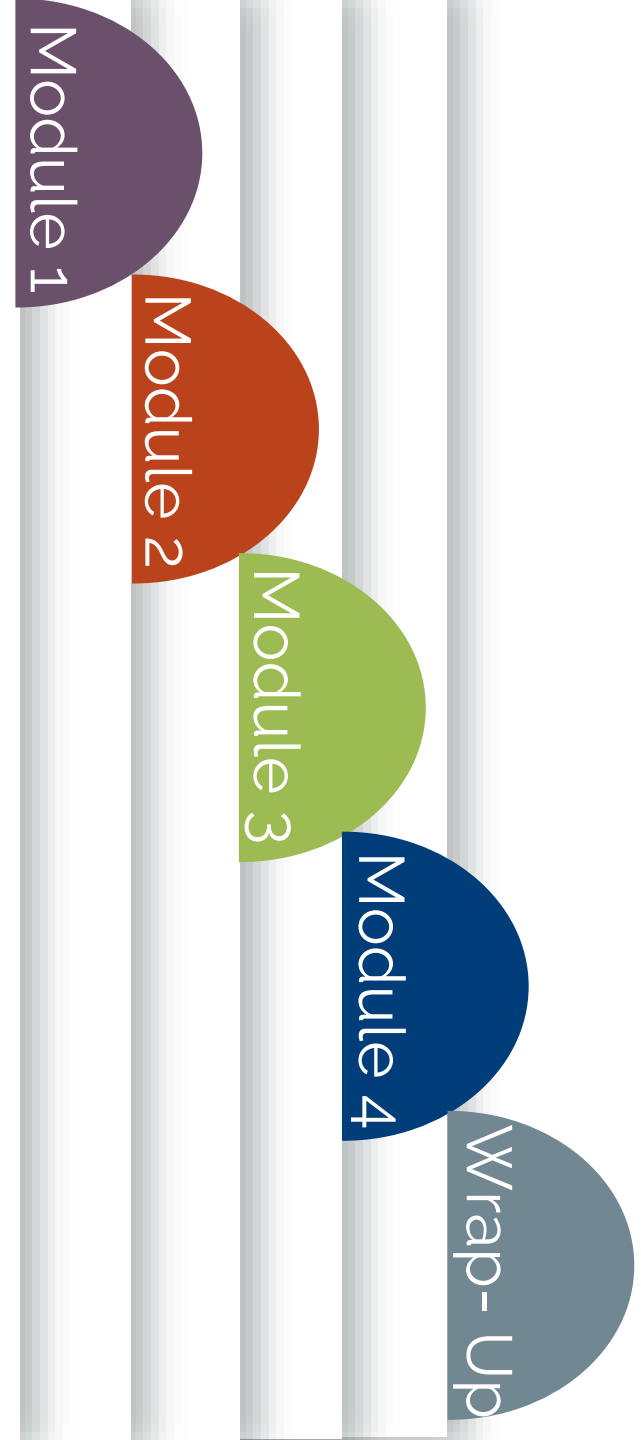
Winter PIT Date: Poll Question

- Thursday: 1/27/2022
- Friday: 1/28/2022
- Saturday: 1/29/2022



Agenda

- Point-in-Time Basics
- THN Information/ Training Regions
- PIT Count Methodology
- Housing Inventory Count Information
- Wrap-up



Point-in-Time (PIT) Basics

- How many people are currently experiencing homelessness in your community?
- How many of them are families, youth, or veterans?
- What do they report as their causes for homelessness?

The answers to these questions and more can be answered by point-in-time counts.

A point-in-time count is an unduplicated count on a single night of the people in a community who are experiencing homelessness





COVID-19 Disclosure

- We have not received guidance from HUD regarding the 2022 PIT Count. There is no timeline for when we will receive word either.
- For now, THN will be moving forward under the impression that the count will still be occurring. Any guidance we receive will be sent directly to PIT Leads.
- Be patient with yourselves and with us as we navigate this coming count. The safety and well-being of our PIT leads, volunteers, and those experiencing homelessness are our number one priority.
 - We will provide separate training materials specifically related to Coronavirus and they will be released to all PIT leads and volunteers as they are created.

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4

Wrap-Up



COVID-19 Considerations

- THN will work with each community to help ensure volunteer access to:
 - ✓ Masks
 - ✓ Gloves
 - ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- Please read over the CDC guidance on Homelessness Outreach if you have not already.
- Discuss strategies for engagement with your community Outreach teams.

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4

Wrap-Up



THN Information

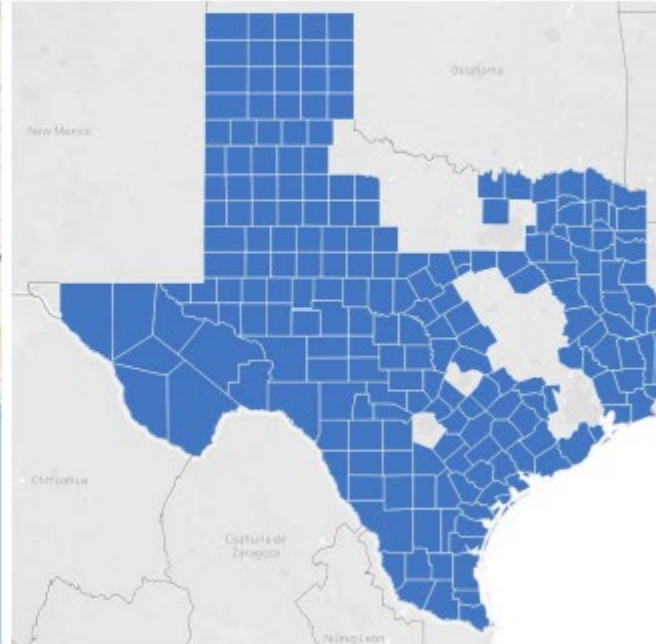
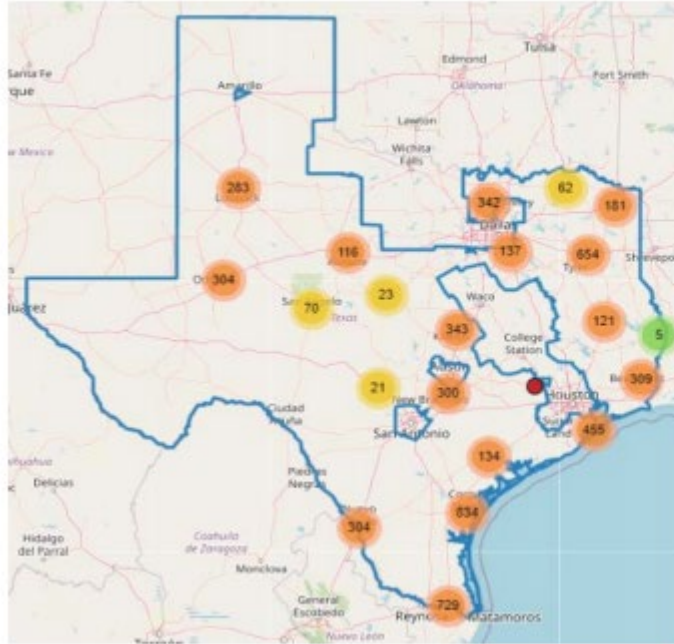
- Texas Homeless Network (THN) is a non-profit membership-based organization helping communities strategically plan to prevent and end homelessness.
- THN works to end homelessness in Texas by collaborating with all communities, large and small, across the state to build systems to achieve this goal.
- We coordinate local and national advocacy efforts, data collection and research, host an annual statewide conference, and serve as the host agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) where we assist in the coordination of programs and funding.
- The Texas Balance of State CoC (TX BoS CoC) is made up of all service providers, advocates, local government officials, and citizens who work to eliminate homelessness in 215 of Texas' 254 counties.



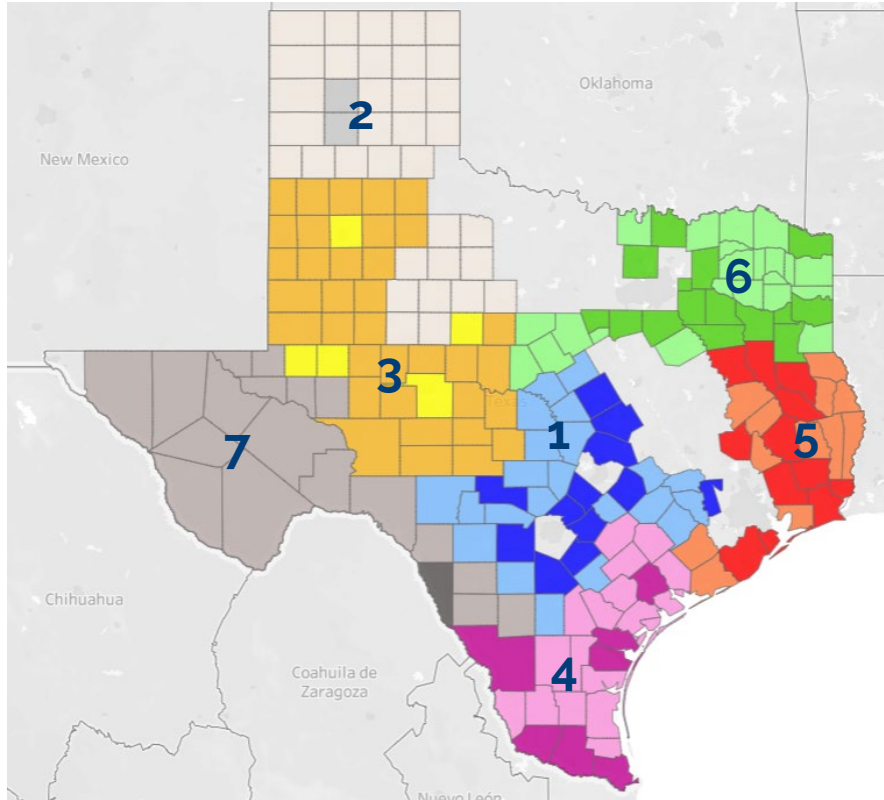
Coverage Area

2020 PIT Regions

Texas Balance of State Region



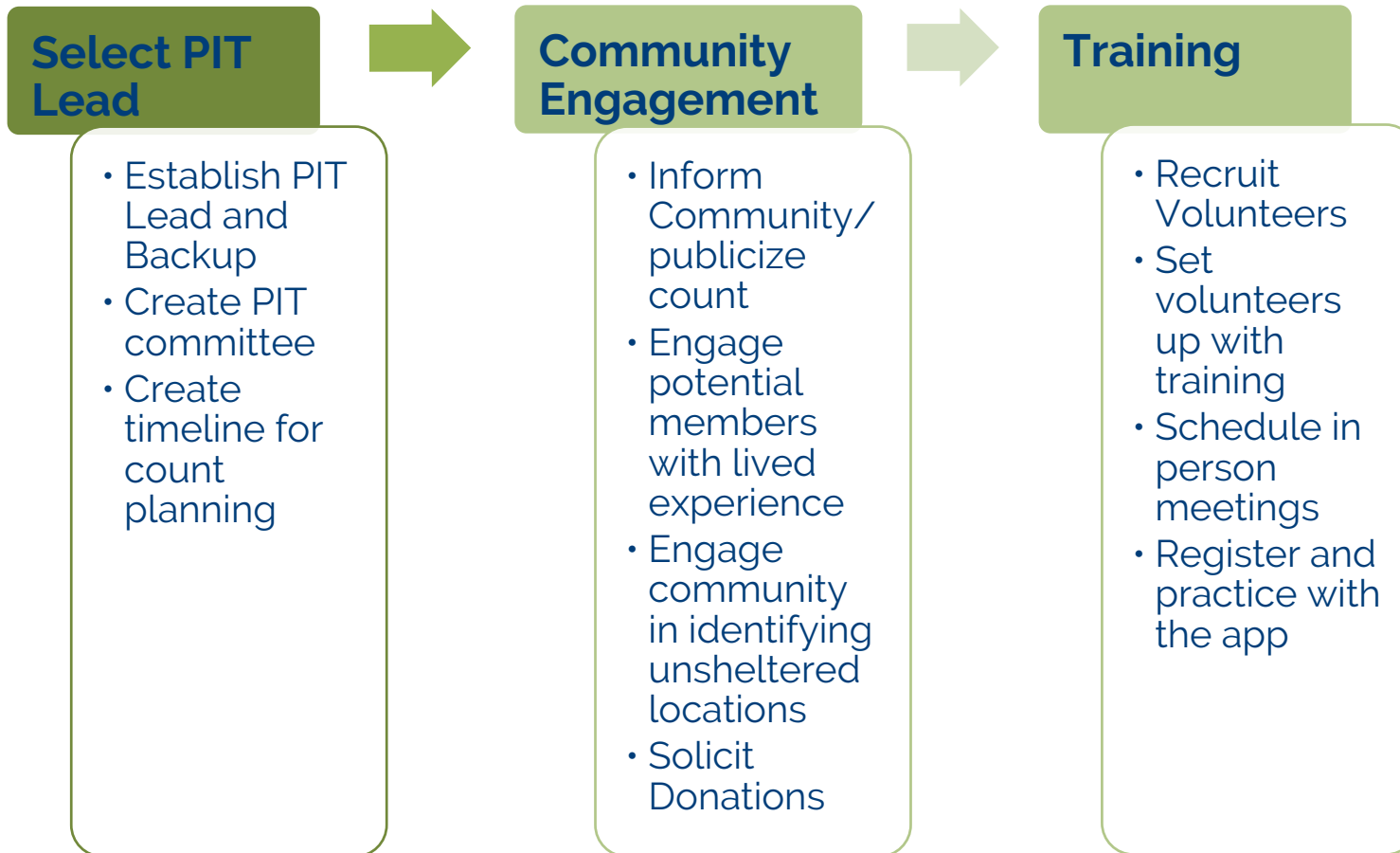
2022 Training Regions



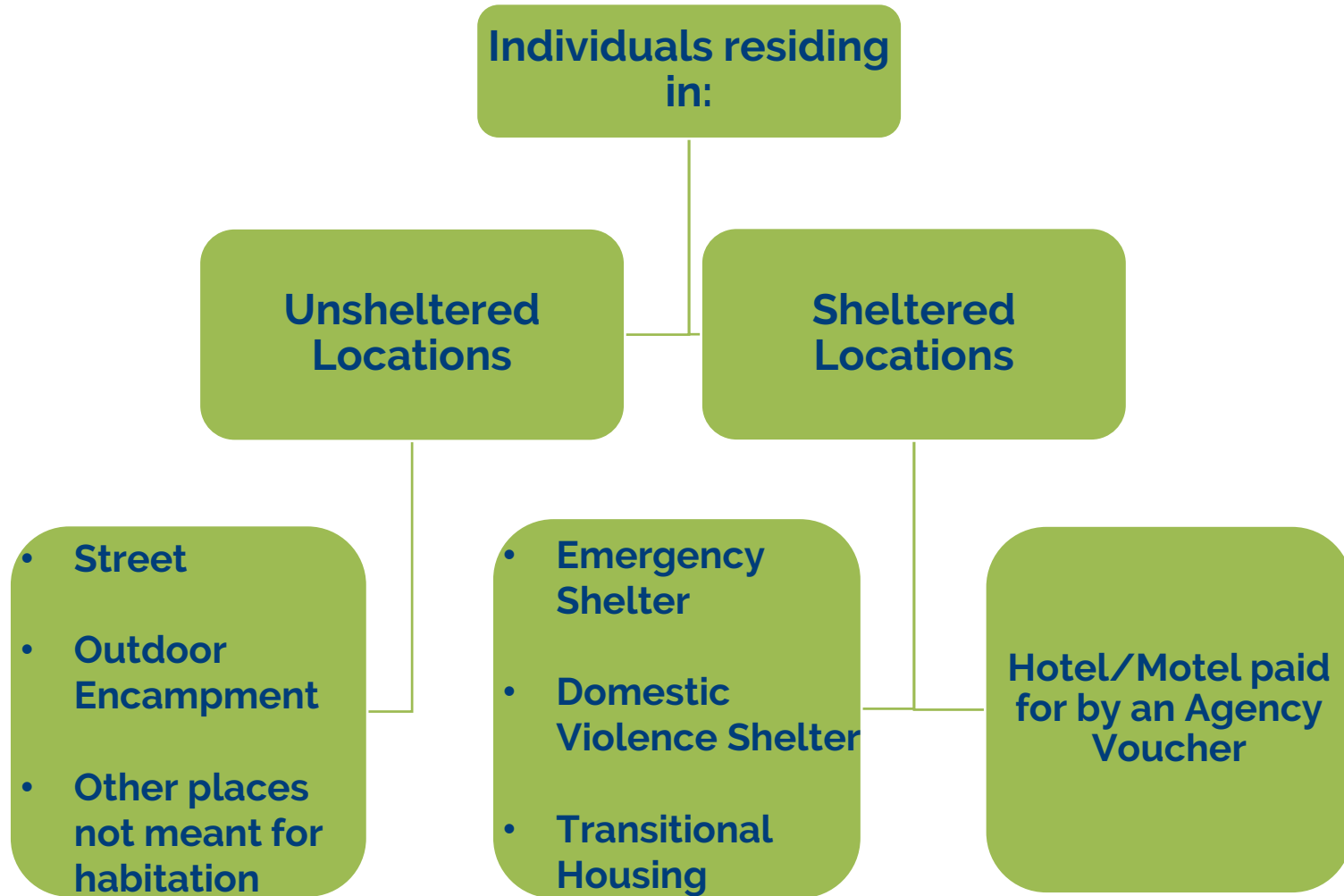
- Training Region**
- 1** ■ Central (Metropolitan area)
 - Central (Rural area)
 - 2** ■ North (Metropolitan area)
 - North (Rural area)
 - 3** ■ Northeast (Metropolitan area)
 - Northeast (Rural area)
 - 4** ■ Northwest (Metropolitan area)
 - Northwest (Rural area)
 - 5** ■ South (Metropolitan area)
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 - 6** ■ Southeast (Metropolitan area)
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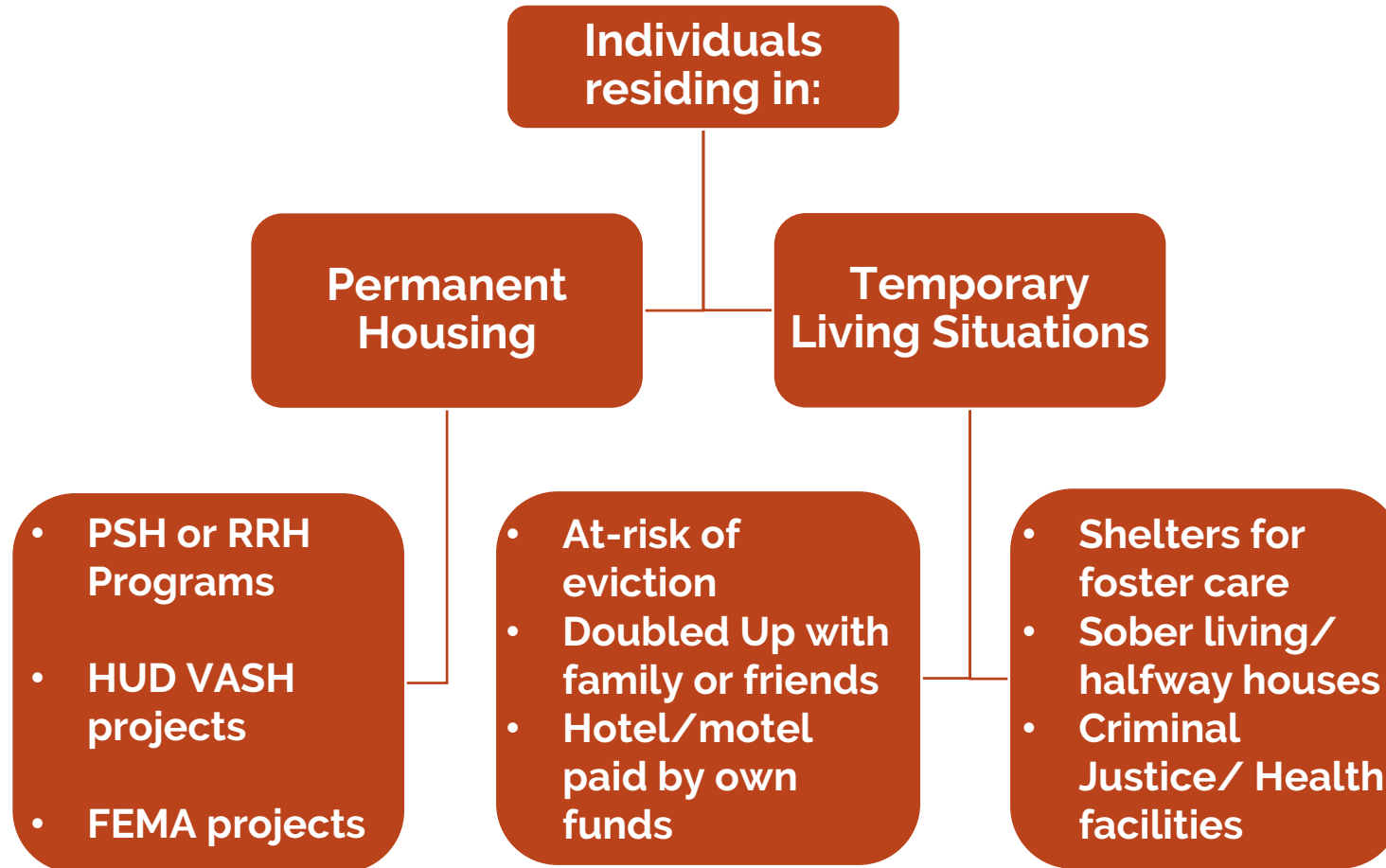
Successful PIT Steps



Who to Count



Who NOT to Count

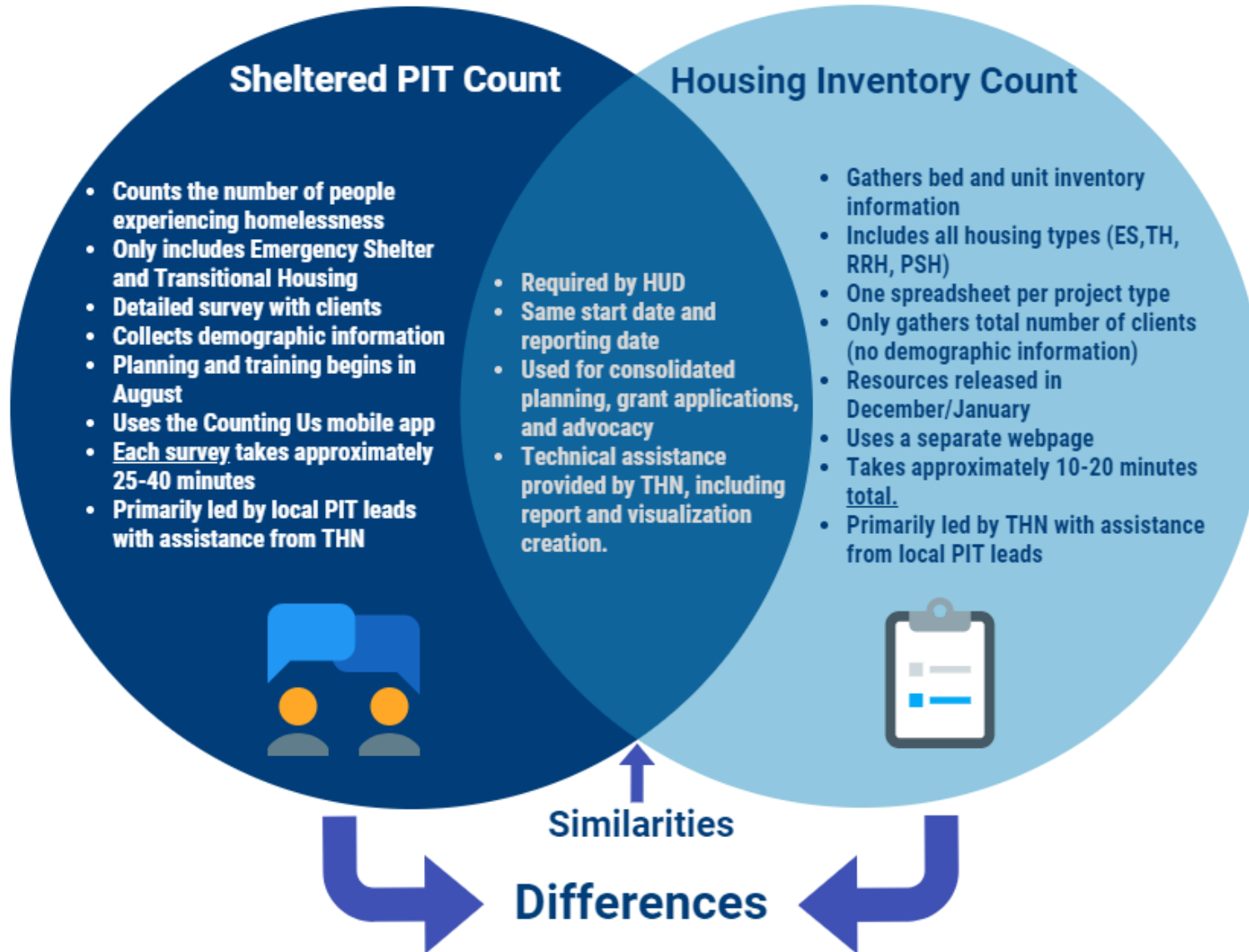


Housing Inventory Count (HIC)

- The HIC is a point-in-time inventory of projects within your CoC that provide beds and units dedicated to serving persons who are homeless.
- Project Types
 - **Emergency Shelter (ES)***
 - **Transitional Housing (TH)***
 - Permanent Housing (PH)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Re-housing (RRH)



PIT Count Vs. HIC



Takeaways from 2021 HIC

- More assistance needed from THN to onboard new programs.
 - Considering holding live trainings and offering office hours starting in December.
 - THN to do more intentional outreach leading up to the count.
- Need an easier to navigate submission platform.
- Encourage shelters to conduct their count immediately following the PIT surveys (so the data matches).
- Interest has been expressed in HIC visualizations/ assistance in reading the reports.
- Find a way to keep programs involved throughout the year to keep them engaged.



Takeaways from 2021 Sheltered Count

- More assistance needed from THN to onboard new programs.
 - THN could conduct sheltered trainings for shelters/ offer one-on-one technical assistance to those that haven't participated before.
 - THN to do more intentional outreach leading up to the count.
- Clarification on sheltered observation surveys.
- Need to do verify location of sheltered location in advance of the count (for reporting).



Updates on the 2021 PIT

- Trainings will now be in the form of regional webinars. These trainings will be tailored to unique challenges within the communities.
 - PIT Lead Webinar
 - Counting Us App/Regional Command Center Webinar
 - Post Count- How to read your Data Webinar
- There will be a pre-recorded volunteer training released in December
 - For anyone conducting volunteer trainings earlier, the training template will be released in September.
 - You can request Kyra to conduct virtual volunteer trainings from October-January. Please give at least a few weeks notice
- THN will be taking a more hands on approach to sheltered counts, including helping with outreach and training for new organizations.
- There are a series of additional presentations posted to the website to help you engage those with lived experience, youth, veterans, and victim service providers.



Tentative Timeline

September

- Deadline to join count.
- Surveys regarding PIT lead training topics.

October

- Mandatory PIT Lead Training.
- Finalize Shelter List.
- Begin Mapping Unsheltered Location list.

November

- Begin Volunteer Recruitment.
- Mobile app training.
- Deadline to sign up for service based count and/or paper surveys

December

- Continue volunteer recruitment.
- Round one of Check in calls with THN.
- Refresher materials to be released by THN.

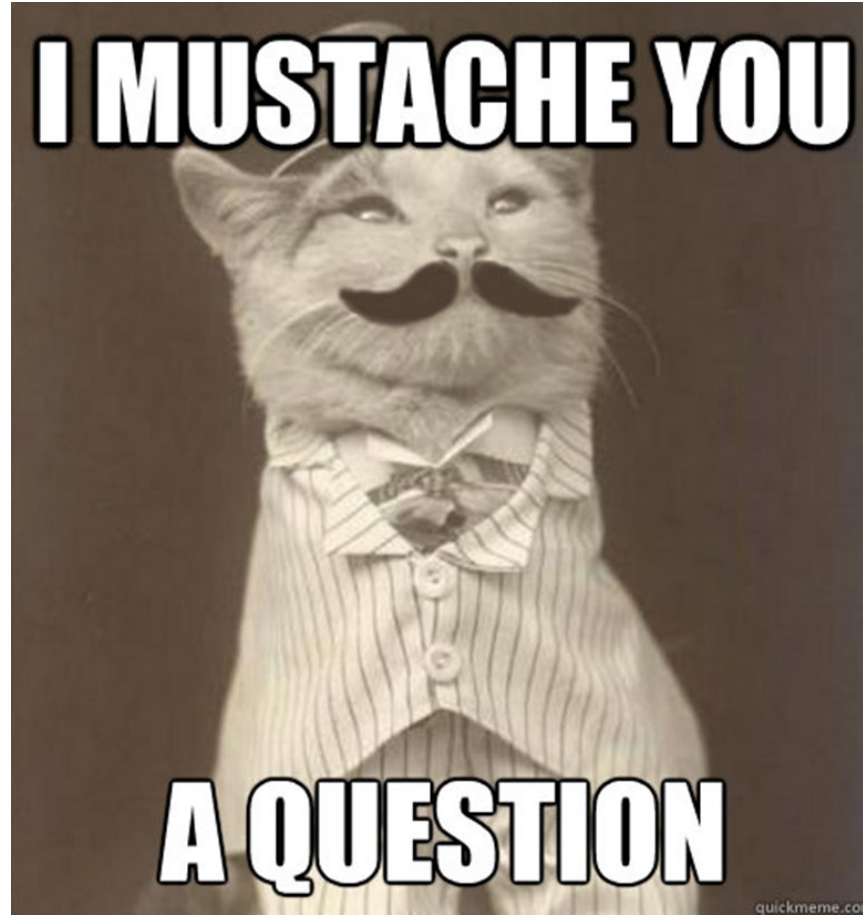


Next Steps

- PIT leads should register for the upcoming count.
 - Link: <https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/rtq0hue01m5flm/>
 - REMINDER: All communities need a PIT Lead and a Secondary Lead
- Start recruiting for your PIT count committee
 - Link: <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Forming-a-PIT-Committee.pdf>
- Be on the lookout for survey regarding topics you would like to see covered in your first PIT lead training.
- Start developing a plan regarding PPE, volunteer vaccination guidelines, etc.



Q&A





Contact Information

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Thank you!

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