



TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE NEWS

September 2022

Goodbye Adobe. Hello Zoom!



We have changed our webinar and meeting platforms from Adobe Connect to Zoom. If you have not used this platform yet we encourage you to take a moment to download this new application.

[Download Zoom Here](#)

Announcements

CoC General Membership Meeting

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This meeting will be held in person at the 2022 Texas Conference On Ending Homelessness, and by webinar.

Register for the meeting to attend. More more information and the agenda, check out the [THN website](#).

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recommended for individuals at agencies involved in funding and planning for homeless services in the TX BoS CoC.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Conference Registration is Now Open!



ending homelessness together

September 28 – September 30, 2022
Austin, Texas

2022 CONFERENCE

on ending homelessness

We are thrilled to announce that registration is open now for the 2022 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness.

For over 25 years Texas Homeless Network has organized and led this unique and powerful statewide conference on ending homelessness. With over 500 participants, this opportunity builds networks, educates providers, and leads conversations in our communities.

Join us in Austin, TX from September 28 - 30 for an another amazing conference.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Do you have questions about whether you qualify for the discounted member rate?

Email samantha@thn.org before registering to receive the discounted rate if you qualify.

2023 Point-In-Time Count



Join us for the Annual
Point-in-Time Count



January 26th, 2023

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We are happy to announce the 2023 Point-In-Time Count Date. Our PIT date will be on **Thursday, January 26th, 2023**. If you are interested in becoming involved in your local PIT count, please contact Alex@thn.org

Virtual Feedback Session

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CoC Board Elections

The 2022 election of CoC Board members will take place from September 1st through 15th. Seat 2 and Seat 14 are the only seats that received more than one nomination, so they will be the only seats available for voting. Learn more about the nominees on [THN's website](#).

Anyone who lives and/or works in the [CoC's geographic area](#) is considered to be a general member of the CoC and may vote in the election.

All the other seats scheduled for election in 2022 received only one nomination each, and the current CoC Board accepted those nominees as board members. Stay tuned for more information about new board members after the election.

[Click Here to Vote](#)

Coordinated Entry Evaluation



COORDINATED ENTRY EVALUATION

- Program Participant Surveys
- Provider Surveys
- Participant Focus Groups

Want to learn more?
Email kyra@thn.org

The Texas Homeless Network (THN) has partnered with **Civix** to complete an evaluation of Coordinated Entry (CE) for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC). In the following weeks, THN and Civix will be communicating with you regarding outreach and distribution of surveys to CE program participants and providers.

Our goal is to ensure survey responses are reflective of each TX BoS CoC region and those that it serves. We will also seek support in identifying program participants for three key focus group discussions to be held this fall. Should you have any questions in the interim, please email kyra@thn.org.

THN AmeriCorps VISTA Openings

THN Evaluation VISTA (Y3) – Remote within TX

Care about ending homelessness in Texas? Join Texas Homeless Network's Systems Change team in strengthening local homeless service systems by implementing local Coordinated Entry evaluation processes. [Learn more about the position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here](#)

THN Homeless Management Information System VISTA (Y2) — Remote within TX

Join Texas Homeless Network's (THN) Data team to help improve database maintenance, create materials for funding sources and provide support to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) Data Committee. [Learn more about the position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here.](#)

THN VISTA Leader - Remote within TX

Support Texas Homeless Network's VISTA program's growth and sustainability allowing community partners to expand their efforts to provide housing and other services to persons at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. This position is available for VISTA members who have completed one year of service. [Learn more about this position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here.](#)

THN Partnership Development VISTA - Remote within TX

Work with the Texas Homeless Network's Engagement Team to build partnerships with homeless service providers as well as sectors outside homelessness services and improve

policies and processes to prevent and end homelessness. [Learn more about the position and complete an application on the myAmeriCorps portal here.](#)

Monkeypox Resources

From the National Health Care for the Homeless Council: "On August 4th, 2022, the United States **declared monkeypox a public health emergency**. People experiencing homelessness (PEH) may be at higher risk of monkeypox due to crowded conditions in encampments or in shelters. People experiencing homelessness also have a higher burden of chronic illnesses like **HIV**, which increases the risk of severe disease related to monkeypox infection. This is a rapidly evolving public health emergency; for up-to-date information, continue to monitor the **CDC's monkeypox webpage**."

THN staff have compiled a list of resources including flyers to post in locations where people experiencing homelessness can see them and guidance for how to keep people in congregate settings safe and healthy. Some of the materials are specific to a city or county, so work with your local health department for information for your community.

Monkeypox Resources

[Fact Sheet: Monkeypox and People Experiencing Homelessness](#) (National Health Care for the Homeless Council)

[Considerations for Reducing Monkeypox Transmission in Congregate Living Settings](#) (CDC)

Monkeypox Flyers and Communication Toolkit-- Flyers in numerous languages and social media graphics (Austin Public Health)

<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/monkeypox-flyers-and-communication-toolkit>

City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/health/news/alerts/monkeypox>

MONKEYPOX PREVENTION TOOLKIT

- [Reducing Monkeypox Stigma](#)
- [Monkeypox Virus \(English\)](#) (PNG)
- [Viruela del Mono \(español\)](#) (PNG)
- [Monkeypox Symptoms \(English\)](#) (PNG)
- [Síntomas de la Viruela del Mono \(español\)](#) (PNG)

Denton County Monkeypox page

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/312127f7ae6246878c13687e6ddb33ee>

Virginia Dept. of Health, "What Homeless Shelters Need to Know about Monkeypox":

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2022/07/Guidance-Homeless-Shelters-Monkeypox.pdf>

Virginia Dept. of Health's "Monkeypox Fact Sheet":

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2022/06/Monkeypox-fact-sheet.pdf>

Seattle/King County: "Monkeypox FAQ Sheet for Homeless Services Providers"

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/disease-control/monkeypox/congregate-settings/~/media/depts/health/communicable-diseases/documents/MPX/monkeypox-FAQ-shelters.ashx>

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Monkeypox FAQs

<https://www.hchmd.org/news/monkeypox-faqs>

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless

https://www.achch.org/uploads/7/2/5/4/72547769/monkeypox_for_alameda_county_shelter_providers_8-9-22.pdf

L.A. County

http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/docs/Monkeypox_Flyer.pdf

Funding & Other Opportunities

Child Care Expansion Initiative

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is launching a new initiative to build the supply of high-quality child care across Texas! Funding will soon be available to expand existing child care businesses and launch new ones. Organizations, businesses, or individuals are eligible to

apply if the child care will serve an area where there is not enough child care, if the child care will serve employees' children, or if the child care will care for infants ages 0 to 17 months.

See [TWC's webpage about the Child Care Expansion Initiative](#) for more details.

Get Involved



Sign Up for CoC Competition Updates

Don't miss out on CoC Competition Updates! [Register for CoC Competition Updates](#) to receive information and announcements about the FY2022 CoC Competition process. All renewal applicants, new applicants, or interested parties should complete this form.

[Click Here to Find Out More](#)



Become a AmeriCorps VISTA Member

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Youth Action Board

YAB members will collaborate with THN to help end youth homelessness across the TX Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) and vote to select one delegate to represent youth and young adults experiencing homelessness on the TX BoS CoC Board.

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Important Dates

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Annual HMIS Data Security Webinar

Wednesday, 14 September 2022, 1:00-2:00 PM

All HMIS Users are required to attend this annual HUD mandatory webinar. We'll review best practices and data security.

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See more events on [THN's Training and Events calendar](#).

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What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC?

North

[Texarkana hair salon offers free haircuts to homeless](#) (Bowie County)

South

[Corpus Christi non-profit transforms properties to house low-income families](#) (Nueces County)

West

[Open Door putting roofs over 81 chronically homeless people](#) (Lubbock County)

[A new development over in Midland for homeless people](#) (Midland County)

[Homeless rehousing program changes local man's life](#) (Tom Green County)

Central

[Inspired Designs hair salon holds back to school drive for local homeless shelter kids](#) (Bell County)

[Killeen homeless shelter locked down due to COVID](#) (Bell County)

[‘Help people. That’s the only rule’: Bell County organization makes scarves for homeless residents](#) (Bell County)

[Copperas Cove nonprofit collects hygiene items for homeless vets](#) (Coryell County)

These articles were gathered from Google Alerts and emails sent directly to us. If you have articles about your community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness that you want to be highlighted in our next newsletter, please email the articles to txboscoc@thn.org.

Member Feedback

In our efforts to stay transparent and up to date with our members, we are creating this anonymous feedback form for members of the TX BoS CoC to provide any input they want the TX BoS CoC staff and Board to know about.

[Provide Your Feedback Here](#)

Join Us

Anyone who works or lives in the CoC's geographic area, and all housing and homeless services projects in the CoC's geographic area, are considered to be members of the CoC. The CoC has an open invitation process, so members may join at any time.

THN invites members to participate in the CoC's activities. Learn more on the [email list](#), the [website](#), and social media. CoC General Meeting minutes and recordings are posted on THN's website, in the ["Join Us" page](#). Presentations by and conversations between CoC members and staff on relevant topics keep members informed and updated.

Share this email with anyone you think may be interested!

CoC General Meeting Schedule

Stay informed about CoC happenings by participating in the bi-monthly webinars. Each meeting will feature a topic that is important to preventing and ending homelessness. See the [Join Us page](#) for dates, topics, and registration links

CoC Program Funding

If you are a representative of an agency that is interested in applying for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding, please contact txboscoc@thn.org.



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