Connecting Homelessness and Disaster Coordination

Why This Matters

People experiencing homelessness are often among the first affected, hardest to reach, and least likely to recover after disasters.

Addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations often requires coordination across multiple systems, organizations, and especially in the case of Texas, regions.

What THN Brings to Disaster Coordination

As the Lead Agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC), Texas Homeless Network (THN) brings:

- Statewide reach across 214 counties
- Relationships with Local Homeless Coalitions, service providers, and homelessness-system partners
- Expertise on homelessness and disaster impacts
- Cross-sector coordination and partnership development
- Support for preparedness, response, and recovery efforts

What We Believe

- People experiencing homelessness should be consistently considered in disaster planning.
- Strong partnerships built before disasters lead to better outcomes during disasters.
- People with lived experience bring valuable expertise and should help inform planning efforts.
- Community resilience is a shared responsibility across systems.

THN's Role

THN supports collaboration and information sharing across systems to help ensure that people experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic and other forms of violence, and other vulnerable populations are consistently considered in disaster planning, response, and recovery.

Questions or interested in partnering? Contact us at txboscoc@thn.org.