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Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the partnerships, programs and systems working to prevent and end homelessness.

In this issue, learn how THN's Innovation Fund is helping families find stability faster and discover the impact of Amplify Austin Day. Plus, get updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, including upcoming trainings, access to trauma-informed resources and advocacy opportunities to support communities statewide.

From the Field: *Stories and updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference.*



Innovation Funds Are Helping Families Find Stability Faster

In Texarkana, families are moving from homelessness to stability in days thanks to flexible funding from the Texas Homeless Network (THN). Through **THN's Innovation Fund, Ground Floor Collective partnered with Texarkana ISD to remove immediate barriers to housing**, including security deposits, utilities and past-due bills.

"Flexible funding gives us the ability to act in the moment a family is in crisis, when waiting even a few days can mean another night in a car, another missed day of school, another medical setback, or another family slipping further into trauma," said Rebekah Wagner of Texarkana ISD.

In just over two weeks, 10 families have already been assisted, with more in progress. This support once took months to secure through traditional funding processes. Students who had withdrawn due to housing instability have been re-enrolled and are showing improved attendance. Families once living in cars, hotels or facing sudden eviction are now in stable housing.

Ground Floor Collective and Texarkana ISD are **demonstrating how flexible funding, paired with strong local partnerships, can deliver rapid, meaningful results.**

Read the Full Story Here



Your Impact on Amplify Austin Day

Thank you for supporting Texas Homeless Network during Amplify Austin Day! Because of your generosity, we raised **$5,000 on March 5**, contributing to the largest giving day in Central Texas, which generated **$9.3 million for 748 nonprofits in 2026**.

Your support strengthens housing response systems across Texas by funding trainings for service providers, coordinating social workers and volunteers, supporting attendance at THN's Annual Conference and amplifying rural voices through advocacy at the Capitol.

Together, we're helping ensure every Texan has a place to call home.

Coordinating Change: *Updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, showcasing statewide coordination, planning, and strategies to end homelessness*

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care Modernization Update

The TX BoS CoC's Modernization Workgroup held meetings in February and March focused on gathering input and feedback on the CoC's Coordinated Entry System. Workgroup Members heard Texas Homeless Network's key 2026 priorities for the CoC's Coordinated Entry System and received valuable input from partners to help shape this work.

Please join us for our **April Modernization Workgroup meeting on April 21 from 11a.m. to 12 p.m.,** where THN and Cloudburst staff will report milestones and progress on Modernization efforts to date, and discuss ongoing implementation and feedback opportunities.

Anyone who lives or works in the TX BoS CoC is invited to join this meeting. If you haven't participated previously, click here to join the Modernization email list. We hope to see you there!

Free Interactive Tenants' Rights & Eviction Prevention Clinic

The North Central Texas Aging & Disability Resource Center is hosting a free, virtual Texas Tenants' Rights and Eviction Prevention Clinic in partnership with the North Texas Fair Housing Center and the Area Agency on Aging of North Central Texas **on April 23.** Attend to get your housing questions answered.

Register Here



CoC General Membership Meeting Scheduled for April 29

Save the date! The Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) will hold its spring general membership meeting on Wednesday, **April 29th, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM**. A wide range of CoC topics will be discussed, so plan to attend and get caught up. More information and a registration link will be coming soon. Watch the April THN newsletter and THN's website for updates.

Register Here

HMIS Data Quality Webinar

This webinar is mandatory for all HMIS users, including Coordinated Entry only. As required by HUD, we will cover common data quality issues and ways to fix them. Please come prepared to listen and take notes.

May 5, 2026 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Register Here

New Training on Trauma-Informed Care

As part of the Planning Team's 2026 training efforts for ESG and CoC recipients, we are pleased to introduce to you the trauma-informed care model for homeless service providers: **Building Successful Pathways to Housing Stability.** This is a great training for case managers, direct service staff, and program leadership.

Watch the Pre-Recorded Training

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