THN
TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK



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, register for the 2026 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness, learn how Road to 2027 is bringing local voices into state policy conversations, and meet this month's Community Spotlight. Plus, stay up to date on the latest news, trainings, funding, and initiatives happening across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

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



Registration Now Open for the 2026 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness

Join us **September 23–25** in Houston for the **2026 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness**, where service providers, system leaders, advocates, policymakers, funders, local government partners, community-based organizations, and people with lived experience will come together to learn, collaborate, and build solutions.

This year's theme, **"From Ideas to Impact: Building Solutions Together,"** features practical sessions on proven strategies, tools, and best practices, a featured plenary speaker on today's most pressing homelessness issues, a Houston-based local learning experience, and networking with peers and partners from across Texas.

Whether you're new to the conference or returning, you'll leave with fresh ideas, stronger connections, and practical solutions to bring back to your community.

🔗 **Registration is now open.** Register here



THN's Road to 2027 to shape homelessness policy in Texas

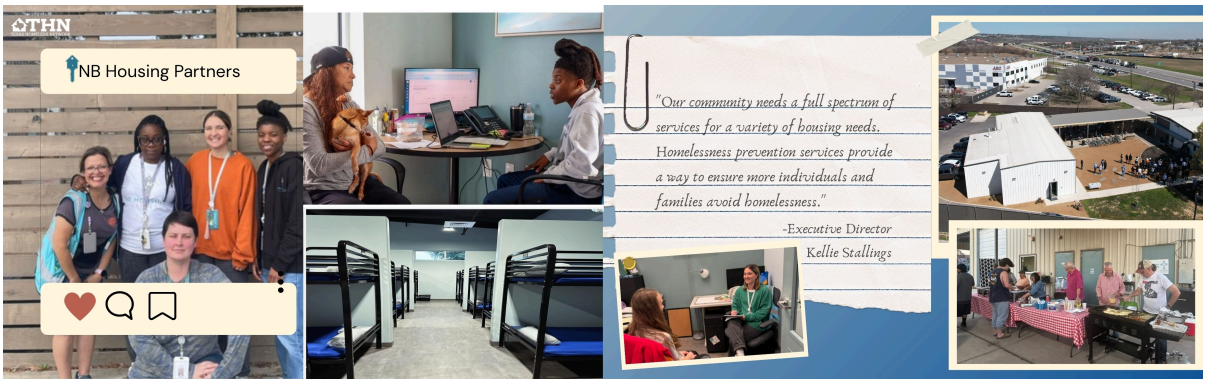
How can Texas build homelessness policy that reflects the realities communities face every day? Through **Road to 2027**, Texas Homeless Network is taking a proactive approach by traveling across the state to gather community perspectives before the 2027 Texas Legislative Session.

The eight-city listening tour brings together service providers, advocates, community leaders, elected officials and people with lived experience of homelessness to identify local challenges and shape a community-informed policy agenda for lawmakers.

The first stop in Harlingen highlighted the unique needs of border communities. *"Having Texas Homeless Network come to the Rio Grande Valley to listen is incredibly meaningful because it demonstrates that every region's perspective matters,"* said Victor Rivera, Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley.

Next stops include **Amarillo (July 22)** and **Abilene (August 20)** as THN continues building a statewide advocacy agenda rooted in local voices.

🔗 **Learn more**



Community spotlight: NB Housing Partners

As New Braunfels grows, NB Housing Partners is expanding housing solutions to meet the need. The organization recently increased its shelter capacity from 42 to 66 beds, launched a homelessness prevention program, and is helping individuals and families stay housed through case management, financial assistance and landlord mediation.

"Our community needs a full spectrum of services for a variety of housing needs. Homelessness prevention services provide a way to ensure more individuals and families avoid homelessness," said Executive Director Kellie Stallings.

As part of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, NB Housing Partners is one of many organizations across Texas working every day to strengthen housing stability and advance solutions to end homelessness.

Learn more about their work

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

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC

Half of the respondents to a Killeen Daily Herald News online poll expressed support for local government funding the emergency shelter, voting that it was inappropriate that the proposed city budget allocated no funding for the local emergency shelter, Friends in Crisis.

A new affordable housing program for unhoused veterans is looking to expand in Gregg County, and a former dry cleaner is being transformed into a resource hub for Killeen's unhoused community.

In Abilene, residents report they are "scared [they are] going to be homeless" due to the rent hikes spurred by a new data center. A former San Antonio police officer who gave an unhoused man a dog feces sandwich was named Chief of Police in the South Texas town of Benavides.

The City Council of League City passed anti-homeless ordinances, criminalizing soliciting donations on medians and camping on private property without written permission.

THN Training Connects Brownsville Providers Around Data and Coordination

In May, THN team members from the HMIS and Coordinated Entry teams hosted an in-person training in Brownsville, Texas. The session brought together providers from 10 different agencies to sharpen their community data collection practices, discuss challenges from new populations, and participate in a systems mapping exercise. 40 providers from the area attended the session.

Attendees gained insights into data entry best practices, an overview of HMIS tools and capabilities, and roles and responsibilities in a Coordinated Entry System. Attendees were encouraged to actively participate throughout the training. Beyond the technical knowledge gained, the event also provided a great environment for team building. The training served as the Brownsville Homeless Coalitions monthly meeting, and different colleagues from different agencies were able to connect and network between sessions.

Feedback overall was very positive, with attendees stating they appreciated the relevance of the content to their work, the interaction during sessions, and the presenters' passion and

approachability.

Haar & Andi were warmly welcomed, and want to extend special thanks to Mary Ann Perez, Daisy Lopez, and Brownsville Coalition members for their assistance in putting on this event.



HUD and VA Announce New HUD-VASH Vouchers

On June 26, the U.S. Department of Housing Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) announced $33 million in funding that will support 2,532 new HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers.

These vouchers are issued directly to 256 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in 44 states, including 105 new HUD-VASH vouchers awarded to 13 Texas PHAs. These vouchers pair rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services to help Veterans experiencing homelessness obtain and maintain permanent housing and access services like health and mental health care.

Click here to view the full award report and click here to read HUD's announcement.

Seeking Nominations for CoC Board Seat 17

The CoC continues to seek nominations for Seat 17 on the CoC Board, representing elected public officials. That seat was added to the CoC Board in late 2025 because elected public officials are important partners in addressing homelessness.

Anyone interested in the seat is encouraged to submit an online nomination form at https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/w1pf0ql101z8ufo/. If you have someone in mind and would like THN staff to reach out to that person, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.



{{Disclaimer}}

Texas Homeless Network
3000 S IH-35, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78704
United States

If you believe you received this message in error or wish to no longer receive email from us, please
(Unsubscribing is not supported in previews).