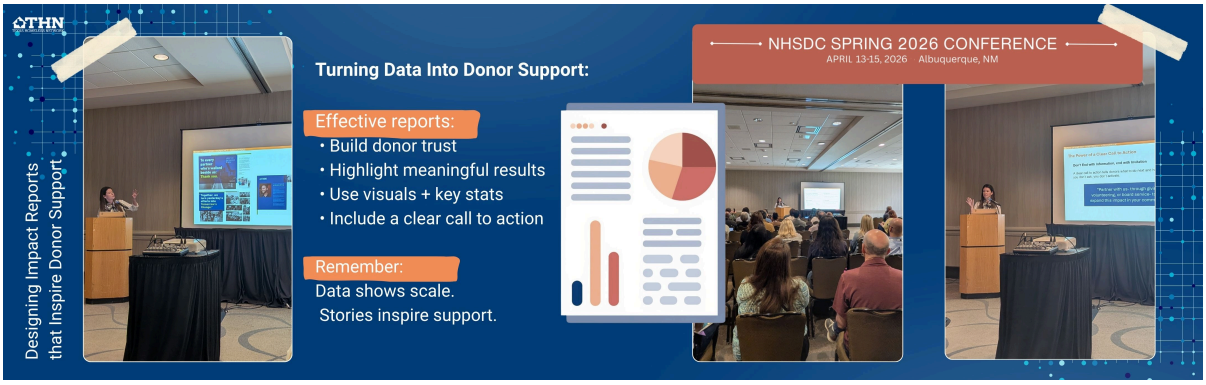
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Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the partnerships, programs and systems working to prevent and end homelessness.

In this issue, learn how THN advocates protect critical services, explore a community spotlight from Basin Dream Center and find key updates from 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.*



Advocacy in action: THN's advocates protect homelessness services across Texas

Last year, proposed legislation threatened homelessness service providers across Texas by restricting where they could operate, changes advocates said could have forced many to close or relocate.

Through Texas Homeless Network's advocacy efforts, providers across the state mobilized quickly, sharing a unified message, engaging elected officials, and helping stop the harmful legislation. Most importantly, advocates provided vital context from those who do the work every day.

"It is important if we're going to lead agencies to not be afraid to go into that war field for what we believe in," said Janet Collinsworth, Founder & CEO of Agape Resource & Assistance Center, Inc. and Jericho Village, LLC., who testified, door-knocked, and made calls alongside THN advocates last year.

Moments like this highlight why advocacy matters: protecting the programs and systems communities rely on and ensuring real-world expertise shapes policy decisions.

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Community Spotlight: Basin Dream Center

Across Texas, young people exiting foster care or facing housing instability often have nowhere to turn, especially in rural communities. In the Permian Basin, Basin Dream Center is changing that. Their Transitional Living Program provides free housing for youth ages 17–26, paired with trauma-informed care, life skills training, and employment support to help build long-term stability.

As demand continued to rise, they outgrew their original facilities and, in 2025, purchased 14 acres to build a shelter, a transitional living unit, and tiny homes for independent living.

“Their commitment and compassion gave me hope when I had none, inspiring me to pursue music and achieve more than I imagined."

🔗 Basin’s success stories

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 convened for its final meeting on April 21. During this session, members received updates on resources for Local Homeless Coalitions and offered strategic recommendations to the TX BoS CoC Board of Directors to advance ongoing modernization efforts. The group also received information on the 2026 Person-Centered Case Management Training Series, where key training objectives were shaped directly by members.

CoC staff provided an overview of the 2026 TX BoS CoC Action Plan, highlighting how long-term Modernization goals are embedded throughout the plan. Staff also invited feedback on the potential formation of an advisory body to support implementation and provide ongoing oversight. A broader update on Modernization efforts was shared with CoC General Members during the Spring General Membership Meeting on April 29.

While we've held our final meeting of the CoC's Modernization workgroup, this work isn't stopping. TX BoS CoC staff are eager to continue taking action to foster a more person-centered CoC. Follow along on our journey by checking back for CoC Action Plan quarterly progress reports that will be posted here.

Questions about Modernization? Please contact Hope Rodgers at hope@thn.org.

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC

Communities across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care are responding to rising homelessness and working toward local solutions.

1. In **Nueces County**, Corpus Christi residents are calling for urgent housing solutions
2. **Comal County** reported a 7% increase in homelessness in New Braunfels
3. In **Bell County**, Temple High students are building tiny homes to support housing efforts
4. **Ector County** held its "Hope for the Homeless" event
5. In **Hays County**, new PIT Count data is helping guide next steps
6. In **Angelina County**, local leaders are raising awareness about the connection between substance use and homelessness
7. In **Williamson County**, new ordinances in Georgetown are shaping how support services can operate, even as nonprofit efforts continue to grow

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