

Homelessness MATTERS



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COALITION NEWS

We Welcome **New State Investments**, Pledging Continued Fight Against Record Homelessness

\$35M	for homelessness response and rapid rehousing
\$4.04M	for sheltering services and frontline staff
\$1.01M	for targeted initiatives in counties with the highest concentrations of homelessness

Thank you for your support. Together, we sent over **2,200 letters** to Trenton. We look forward to working alongside you until **everyone** in New Jersey has a place to call home.



Your Voice Made a Difference: NJCEH Welcomes New State Investments, Pledges Continued Fight to Address Record Homelessness:

Thanks to your unwavering efforts, together, we secured a total of \$40.05 million in the state budget to strengthen New Jersey's homelessness

response—building over \$15 million in new funding upon the \$25 million we championed in the Governor's proposed budget. Specifically:

- \$35 million for homelessness response and rapid rehousing.
- \$4.04 million for sheltering services and frontline staff.
- \$1.01 million for targeted homelessness initiatives in areas with the highest rates of homelessness.

While we welcome this crucial investment, we must be clear: New Jersey's homelessness crisis requires substantial, sustained investment to meet the magnitude of need, especially as federal funding declines and housing costs continue to skyrocket.

Our work is far from finished. But thanks to you, we end this budget season united and better positioned than ever to continue fighting for the full investments our unhoused neighbors, providers, and communities need and deserve.



Report: Other States Besting What NJ Spends on Homelessness

NJ Spotlight News

A Rutgers University analysis—commissioned by the New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness—finds that New Jersey spends significantly less on homelessness services than peer states like Massachusetts and Connecticut, even as the state's homeless population has risen roughly 70% from 2021 to 2025 amid rising housing costs and limited affordable housing. The report highlights that lower per-capita investment in prevention, shelter, and housing supports may be contributing to growing need, as advocates warn existing resources are not keeping pace with demand. With state budget negotiations underway, the findings are being used to call for increased and sustained investment in homelessness services across New Jersey.

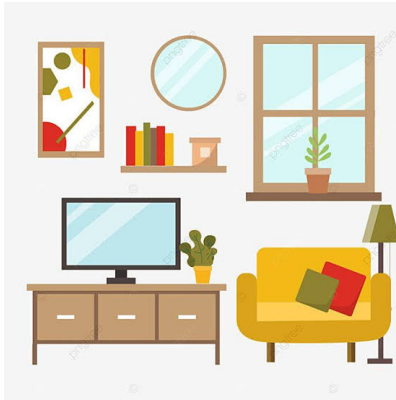
BREAKING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Court Vacates Unlawful Funding Criteria for Solutions to Homelessness in Case Brought by Broad Coalition

A federal court ruled earlier this week that HUD unlawfully changed the FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) funding process, finding the agency failed to properly consider how its actions would affect homelessness programs and

people experiencing homelessness. The decision is an important win for homeless service providers and advocates because it reinforces that major federal policy changes must follow the law and cannot jeopardize critical housing and homelessness resources without proper justification.

RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS



Free Hotel Furnishings Available for Homeless Service Providers

NJCEH is working with a hotel in Central Jersey that is closing its doors effective August 3rd. They have many items available for distribution that we are looking to rehome to homeless service providers and their clients.

We ask interested organizations to fill out [this form](#) by July 8th to confirm which items you are interested in.



Free Webinar on Trauma-Informed Care and Communication

Join us for a free webinar: Trauma-Informed Care and Communication, held in collaboration with SAMHSA's Opioid Response network. The goal of this training is to promote understanding of foundational concepts of trauma-informed care and to instill practical skills for implementing these concepts in day-to-day interactions with clients.

Click to register below:

Fri, 7/17, 1:30-3 PM:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/HPAZKPFQSmYDZ6v33EyQ_g

Wed, 7/29, 2-3:30 PM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/K3LlItNzRo6MOAdhro6EzQ>

Wed, 7/29, 5:30-7 PM:

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Mon, 8/3, 9-10:30

AM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VFw93hhdQP6ml14mMXIVCw>



Interested in Expanding Staffing Capacity at Your Site?

Add an AmeriCorps member to your team. AmeriCorps members can provide direct client support, including supportive case management, helping your organization increase capacity, enhance services, and better meet the needs of the individuals you serve.

Join our upcoming information session to learn more about how hosting an AmeriCorps Volunteer can benefit your site: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Ready to get started? **Apply [here](#) to become a host site.**

Reach out to Nathalia Allenza: nallenza@njceh.org for more information.



Understanding Medication in Mental Health Management



Wednesday, July 15, 2026

During this 1-hour workshop, we will discuss:

- * Common medication types
- * Side effects that may impact behavior
- * The importance of adherence and barriers
- * Reducing stigma around medication

Session times:

6-7AM
8-9AM
10-11AM
2-3PM
4-5PM
6-7PM



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- * Please register for this workshop in advance by scanning the QR code or visiting the URL.
- * When registering, be sure to indicate the time slot you plan to attend.



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Please contact Jaime Angelini with any
questions regarding this training:
jangelini@mhanj.org



GIVE YOUR STAFF ANOTHER TOOL TO CRAFT BETTER CLIENT COMMUNICATION

NJCEH is offering a free, virtual, 45-minute class designed to:

- Increase the positive outcomes of interviews for clients
- Help staff keep control of their time
- Keep initial intake to 15 minutes
- Highlight and define the 5 key markers of a good interview

This class, known as “BATHE” — *the Background, Affect, Trouble, Handling, Empathy Technique* — will be tailored to meet the needs of your specific program and can be held at your convenience.

Email JCantermen@NJCEH.org now to schedule a BATHE Technique training for your staff.

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End Homelessness is
working for your
program to make
every day a better day.



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The NJ Coalition to End Homelessness, in partnership with the NonProfit Times, is pleased to offer homeless service providers and partners an exclusive 25% discount on the [Certificate in Nonprofit Management](#) through the NonProfit Times.

This online certificate program introduces learners to key management and leadership issues facing nonprofit organizations today. Topics include fundraising, board and volunteer development, budgeting, financial management, leadership, marketing, and strategic planning. Participants will also gain insight from nonprofit professionals through real-world video commentary and practical case studies.

Each self-paced course (approximately 3–5 hours) includes interactive exercises, videos, readings, self-assessments, and decision-making scenarios designed to strengthen practical nonprofit management skills. Some courses also offer CFRE credits.

NEW JERSEY HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEWS



Sherrill Announces Action to Lift Housing Supply, Lower Costs in State

ROI

New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill announced new housing affordability initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply through municipal planning support, tax credit financing, and streamlined development strategies. The administration says expanding housing production is key to lowering costs and preventing homelessness, alongside budget investments in rapid re-housing for households at imminent risk. The effort reflects a broader statewide push to address homelessness by reducing the structural shortage of affordable housing.



Op-Ed: Cutting Spending on Homelessness Would Cost NJ a Fortune

NJ Spotlight News

A new NJ Spotlight News op-ed by the Princeton University Eviction Lab makes the case that investing in homelessness prevention, shelter, and permanent supportive housing saves taxpayer dollars while improving outcomes for individuals and families. The article features data and insights from the New Jersey Coalition to End Homelessness, highlighting projections that New Jersey will continue to see rising shelter demand and unsheltered homelessness without increased state investment.



Singleton Legislation to Combat Veteran Homelessness Advances in State Senate

TAPinto Bordentown

New Jersey lawmakers advanced legislation to codify the "Bringing Veterans Home" initiative, a statewide



NJ Advocates Demand Fair Revenue Solutions as Budget Deadline Looms

INSIDER NJ

As New Jersey's budget deadline approaches, advocates gathered in Trenton to call for a more transparent process and new revenue sources to

effort to reduce veteran homelessness through regional housing hubs, coordinated referrals, and data-driven outreach led by the Department of Community Affairs. Sponsors say the bill would create a permanent system to connect veterans to housing and support services more quickly and prevent them from falling into homelessness after returning to civilian life. The proposal reflects a broader push to strengthen targeted, service-based interventions for homeless veterans across the state.

address the state's structural deficit and rising demand for essential services. They warned that housing instability, homelessness, and food insecurity are worsening while programs compete annually for limited funding. Coalition members urged lawmakers to close corporate tax loopholes and require wealthier households and corporations to contribute more in order to sustain investments in housing, health care, and other core public services.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY



Trump Upends Bipartisan Housing Bill, Leaving Lawmakers Scrambling

NPR

An NPR report examines a bipartisan affordable housing bill that would encourage home construction and limit large-scale purchases of single-family homes by private equity firms in an effort to improve housing affordability. Although the measure passed Congress with broad support from both parties, President Trump postponed signing it, tying its approval to unrelated voting legislation and creating uncertainty about the future of one of the most significant federal housing proposals in decades.



Trump is Pushing to Institutionalize Homeless People. That May Include Veterans

NPR

A veteran outreach worker with U.S. Vets in Long Beach describes the



Why Lived Experience Matters in Philanthropy and Housing Advocacy

SAPORTA REPORT

In a powerful first-person essay, housing advocate Bambie Hayes-

intensive, relationship-based work often required to move homeless veterans into housing, including years of repeated contact, trust-building, and voluntary engagement with services. The story highlights both the persistence of veteran homelessness—over 30,000 veterans nationwide—and the success of “Housing First” approaches that prioritize stable housing without preconditions, while also raising concern that federal shifts toward involuntary treatment and institutionalization could undermine these gains. Ultimately, it underscores that compassionate outreach and voluntary housing pathways can be highly effective, even for individuals who have been homeless for decades.

Brown highlights the reality that many people working to address homelessness and housing instability are experiencing those challenges themselves. Drawing on her own experiences with homelessness, unaffordable housing, and poor living conditions, she argues that policymakers and funders must recognize lived experience as expertise and invest more directly in grassroots leaders and organizations closest to the crisis.

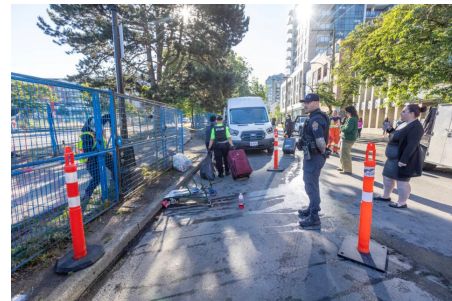


National Low Income
Housing Coalition

The Opportunity to Foster Housing Stability for Millions is Now; The Administration is Ignoring the Growing Call for Change

NLIHC

A national housing advocacy organization criticized President Trump's decision to delay signing the bipartisan 21st Century ROADS to Housing Act, arguing that the legislation would expand housing opportunities, reduce barriers to affordability, and improve long-term disaster recovery efforts. The statement warns that tying the bill to unrelated voting legislation could delay critical housing and recovery resources for families and communities struggling with housing instability and disaster impacts.



Comment: The Real Cost of Displacement and Recriminalization

TIMES COLONIST

In this commentary, a healthcare leader with lived experience of substance use challenges argues that encampment sweeps and the recriminalization of homelessness and addiction carry significant financial and human costs while doing little to address root causes. The author contends that displacement and punishment undermine recovery efforts, increase barriers to care, and ultimately cost more than investing in housing, treatment, mental health services, and long-term support.



Veteran Homelessness Continues Downward Trend: 56% Since 2010

VA News

According to newly released HUD Point-in-Time Count data, Veteran homelessness fell to a record low of 32,495 people in January 2025—a 56% decline since 2010 and a 1.2% decrease from the previous year. While the data highlight significant long-term progress, particularly in reducing unsheltered homelessness, the article notes that rising housing costs continue to place more Veterans at risk and underscores the ongoing need for housing assistance, outreach, and coordinated support services.



Homelessness Just Declined in the U.S.—Trump's Plans Will Take Us Backwards.

FULCRUM

In this opinion piece, former HUD official and longtime homelessness policy expert argues that while newly released federal data show a modest 3.3% decline in homelessness between 2024 and 2025, proposed cuts to housing and homelessness programs threaten to reverse that progress. Drawing on decades of experience at HUD, the author contends that reducing homelessness requires sustained investment in housing and supportive services—not funding cuts and increased reliance on enforcement-based approaches.



County Celebrates Workforce Sleep Cabins to Provide Safe Housing in Pacific Beach

San Diego Country News Center

San Diego County recently opened Compass Commons, a workforce-focused tiny home community that provides safe, climate-controlled sleeping cabins for people working their way out of homelessness. Operated by Shoreline Community Services, the program combines employment, supportive services, and temporary shelter to help participants achieve greater stability and transition to permanent housing.



Are NYC's Rent-Stabilized Buildings Really in Crisis?

SHELTERFORCE

New York City has approved a two-year rent freeze for approximately one million rent-stabilized apartments. Supporters say the measure will help preserve housing affordability and reduce the risk of displacement for low-income renters, reinforcing the important role stable, affordable housing plays in preventing homelessness.

The Cruelty and Futility of Criminalizing the Homeless

COUNTER PUNCH

Two years after the Supreme Court's *Grants Pass v. Johnson* decision allowed cities to penalize people for sleeping in public when no shelter is available, more than 300 localities and several states have adopted laws that criminalize homelessness. Advocates argue these policies—including fines, jail time, and mandatory treatment programs—do not reduce homelessness and instead create additional barriers to housing, employment, and stability, while diverting attention from the underlying shortage of affordable housing.



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