

# Homelessness MATTERS



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And much more...

## COALITION NEWS



### Help Shape Future Training Opportunities Offered by the Coalition!

Since January, the Coalition has provided training to more than 1,000 frontline staff across over 80 partner organizations throughout New Jersey. As we continue to expand our Training Academy, we want to ensure that the free and low-cost training opportunities we offer reflect the needs of the homeless services workforce.

If you're a homeless service leader, please take five minutes to complete NJCEH's Training Needs Survey here: [NJ Coalition to End Homelessness Training Academy Needs Assessment – Fill out form](#)

Your feedback will directly inform future training offerings and help us build a stronger homeless service workforce!



### Opportunities to Join the Coalition's 2026-2027 AmeriCorps Program Coming Soon!

On June 8, Coalition staff attended a Networking Fair at Rutgers University hosted by the Bonner Foundation, where they connected with students and shared information about the Coalition's mission and AmeriCorps Program.

Through the program, AmeriCorps members serve with homeless shelters and outreach providers across New Jersey, helping individuals experiencing homelessness access resources, build critical life skills, and prepare for long-term housing stability.

Keep an eye out for information in this newsletter within the next few weeks for opportunities to get involved in the Coalition's 2026–2027 AmeriCorps Program. **Whether you're a shelter or service provider interested in hosting an AmeriCorps member or someone interested in serving as a member, we'd love to connect with you!**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION



### Take Action: Support an Additional \$40 Million for Homeless Services

Thank you to everyone who previously supported increased homelessness funding. We need your voice again as this effort continues.

The FY2027 state budget is still being negotiated, and Senate Resolution #432 and Assembly Resolution #7 now call for an additional \$40 million investment in homelessness prevention, response, and emergency shelter stabilization—an important first step in the multi-year effort needed to strengthen New Jersey's homeless response system.

This is a new action alert directed to Governor Sherrill and state legislators. In less than two minutes, you can send a message urging support for these resolutions and help demonstrate broad support for investing in solutions to homelessness.

Please take action today and share this alert with your staff, supporters, and community partners.

Take action here: <https://bit.ly/4vUWWIG>

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## Protect Equal Access to Housing

Once again, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has proposed changes that would roll back longstanding Equal Access Rule protections for LGBTQ+ individuals seeking shelter and housing services funded by HUD. If adopted, the proposal could affect funding for agencies that do not comply with the directive, even if the directive conflicts with state or local laws. Find more information [here](#).

Submit public comments urging HUD to preserve equitable access to housing for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Deadline:** June 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET

**Submit your comments** [HERE](#).

## RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

# Food Insecurity and Mental Health



**Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

**During this 1-hour workshop, we will discuss:**

- \* How unmet basic needs such as food impact mental health
- \* Signs and survival responses to food stress and trauma
- \* Reducing stigma around misunderstood behaviors

**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 clicking the link.
- \* When registering, be sure to indicate the time slot you plan to attend.



**Mental Health  
Association in  
New Jersey, Inc.**

Please contact Jaime Angelini with any questions regarding this training:  
[jangelini@mhanj.org](mailto: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](mailto:JCantermen@NJCEH.org) now to schedule a BATHE Technique training for your staff.

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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.





## Trump SNAP Funding Restrictions in NJ, Other States Halted by Judge

*Yahoo! News*

A federal judge temporarily blocked new U.S. Department of Agriculture funding conditions that several states, including New Jersey, argued could jeopardize access to SNAP and other food assistance programs. By preserving funding for food assistance, nutrition programs, and emergency food distribution, the ruling helps support low-income households facing financial hardship, reducing pressures that can contribute to housing instability and homelessness.



## Jacquelyn A. Suárez Sworn in for Second Term as Department of Community Affairs Commissioner

*NJ DCA*

Governor Mikie Sherrill has reappointed Jacquelyn A. Suárez as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, citing her leadership in expanding affordable housing, preventing evictions, and supporting vulnerable residents. Under Suárez's tenure, DCA has invested in affordable housing, helped families remain stably housed, and launched initiatives such as Bringing Veterans Home, a \$30 million effort aimed at ending veteran homelessness in New Jersey by mid-2026.



## Singleton, Scutari Bill Providing Tax Relief to Renters, Seniors, and Disabled Residents Advances

*NJ SENATE DEMOCRATS*

A bill sponsored by Troy Singleton and Nick Scutari would expand tax relief for renters, seniors, and disabled residents by increasing the share of rent eligible for property tax deductions and raising the renter tax credit from \$50 to \$250. By reducing housing cost burdens for low- and moderate-income households,



## NJ Legislative Disability Caucus Examines Continuity of Care and Service Gaps at June Meeting

*INSIDER NJ*

The New Jersey Legislative Disability Caucus examined service gaps and workforce shortages affecting residents with developmental, physical, and behavioral health disabilities, highlighting the need for stronger support systems and implementation of

the legislation could help improve housing stability and lower the risk of eviction and homelessness among New Jersey renters facing rapidly rising rents.

the state's Direct Care Workforce Strategic Plan. Addressing these shortages could improve access to housing, transportation, and community-based services, helping people with disabilities maintain stable living situations and reducing the risk of housing instability and homelessness for vulnerable individuals and their families.



### **U.S. Attorney's Office Announces Settlement with Wrightstown, New Jersey Landlord in Fair Housing Act Lawsuit**

*U.S. Attorney's Office District of NJ*

A landlord in Wrightstown, New Jersey, has agreed to pay \$62,500 and remove a disputed lease provision to settle a federal fair housing lawsuit alleging racial and national origin discrimination against a Black and Hispanic tenant in subsidized housing. The settlement reinforces fair housing protections and helps prevent housing instability and potential homelessness by addressing discriminatory practices that can lead to wrongful evictions and the loss of affordable housing.



### **Every Family Priced Out of N.J. Housing Pays The Cost of Our Supply Shortage**

*nj.com*

An opinion piece by the New Jersey Builders Association argues that New Jersey's affordability crisis is driven largely by a shortage of housing supply and supports Governor Mikie Sherrill's efforts to streamline housing production and permitting. Increasing the supply of affordable and market-rate housing could help reduce housing costs, expand access to stable homes, and address underlying factors that contribute to housing insecurity and homelessness across the state.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY**

### **Some Host Cities Are Aiming to House, Not Arrest, Homeless People Ahead of the World Cup**

*The News-Item*

With the FIFA World Cup 2026 looming, host cities are taking sharply different approaches to homelessness: Atlanta is touting a \$185 million push to house thousands, Dallas reports an 87% drop in downtown street homelessness, and Seattle is rolling out tiny-home shelter units but has fallen far short of its expansion goals. An AP survey finds most of the 16 North American host cities, including places like Toronto, Vancouver, and Inglewood, are largely relying on existing programs rather than new funding, even



as advocates warn that event-driven encampment sweeps risk displacing people without creating lasting housing solutions.

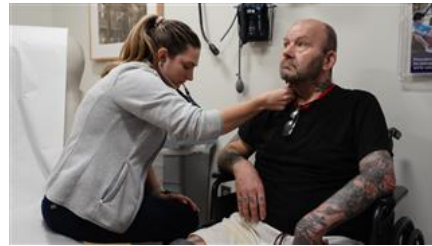
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### [Homelessness is Falling in California for The First Time in Years. Here's What Changed](#)

*TIME*

A new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-linked analysis highlights that California's first reported decline in homelessness since 2018 (down 2.8% year over year) has been driven by a mix of prevention funding, supportive housing with wraparound services, and expanded mental health and rental assistance programs. The report also underscores a key tension in current policy: while these interventions are showing early impact, ongoing housing shortages and expanded encampment enforcement continue to limit system capacity and raise concerns about whether people are being stabilized in housing or simply cycled through short-term displacement.



### [When It's Time to Save a Limb, Novel Clinic Meets Unhoused People Where They Are](#)

*STAT 10*

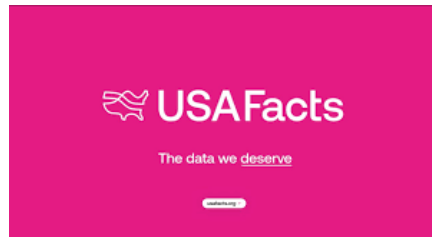
A new clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital is reworking vascular care for people experiencing homelessness by collapsing multiple specialist visits into a single, coordinated appointment and actively bringing patients in through transportation, shelter partnerships, and trust built over repeated contact. The model—part of Boston Health Care for the Homeless collaborations—treats conditions like peripheral artery disease and infected wounds before they escalate to amputations, even when that means bending traditional clinical norms to keep patients engaged long enough to complete care.



### [Map: Homelessness is Down Overall, But Not in Every State](#)

*Governing*

A long-awaited HUD point-in-time count shows U.S. homelessness declined in 2025 for the first time since 2016, but the results come with well-known limitations that matter for interpretation: the count is a single-night snapshot, varies in methodology across 386



### [Which US Cities Have The Largest Homeless Populations? | USAFacts](#)

*USA Facts*

New federal data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development show that homelessness in 2025 remains heavily concentrated in a handful of urban areas, with New York City reporting about 125,683 people



continuums of care, and can undercapture rural and hidden homelessness while being especially sensitive to weather, outreach capacity, and local participation. Even so, the report has renewed debate over “housing first,” with federal officials pointing to longer-term increases since 2013 to argue the model has failed, while advocates say recent declines reflect housing investments, vouchers, and state-level interventions in high-population states like California and New York. The uneven state-by-state shifts also highlight how local housing supply, disaster displacement, and policy changes can swing year-to-year totals more than broad national trends.

experiencing homelessness and Los Angeles City & County at 67,777— together accounting for more than a quarter of the national total. While cities like Seattle/King County, Denver, and San Jose/Santa Clara also rank among the largest continuums of care, the data highlights a sharp geographic split: some cities, including New York, shelter more than 90% of their unhoused residents, while many major California cities still have majority-unsheltered populations exceeding 55%.



### **HUD: US Homelessness Grew by 27% Since 2013**

*Planetizen*

The 2025 point-in-time count shows U.S. homelessness dipped 3% from 2024 to 2025, even as it remains 27% higher than in 2013, with gains concentrated unevenly across states—declining in places like California, New York, and Florida while rising in states such as Oregon, North Carolina, Utah, and Colorado. The report also notes a major policy clash: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is proposing a 13% budget cut, including reductions to major programs like CDBG and HOME, while Congress is pushing to preserve key funding streams, setting up a fight over whether federal housing investment will expand or contract amid persistent long-term homelessness growth.



### **HUD Secretary Touts New Policy That Could Lead to More Homelessness**

*Yahoo! news*

Responding to last week's The New York Times reporting on a new federal housing strategy, this opinion piece critiques a policy from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that would redirect roughly \$1.2 billion away from long-term “Housing First” programs toward short-term housing tied to treatment and work requirements. It warns that the shift could undermine stable housing placements and, by extension, increase the risk of displacement and long-term homelessness.

**Housing First, With Support Services, Aids Homeless Vets**



This opinion piece focuses on the growing homelessness crisis among older adults, especially aging veterans, noting a sharp rise in homelessness among veterans over age 55. It argues that while this population faces complex challenges tied to aging, trauma, and health conditions, stable housing combined with supportive services—such as VA housing vouchers, healthcare, and case management—is essential to preventing returns to homelessness and improving long-term stability.

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