

Homelessness MATTERS



NEWS & NOTES

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Sharing resources and knowledge helps us all do better — if you run across any gems you think would be a good read for your peers, please let us know at info@NJCEH.org

COALITION NEWS

[NJ Legislature Passes Landmark Affordable Housing Legislation; Gov. Murphy Signs Into Law](#)

Fair Share Housing Center

Effective partnerships make all the difference! We are so proud to have been part of the advocacy efforts led by Fair Share Housing Center that passed a piece of landmark legislation on Monday that will facilitate the creation of more affordable housing across the state.

HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEWS

[Budget Address: Gov. Murphy Re-Doubles Support for Affordable Housing Reform](#)

Insider NJ

Murphy's budget address highlighted his support for affordable housing legislation with a focus on new funding to assist first-generation homeowners and encourage the development of accessory dwelling units. The proposed budget includes significant investment in rental assistance, down payment aid, and incentives for municipalities, aiming to address New Jersey's housing crisis.

[Bridges Outreach, Inc. Helps Hundreds Exit or Avoid Homelessness In 2023, Shattering Prior Year Impact](#)

Tap Into Newark

In 2023, Bridges Outreach, Inc. housed 209 people and prevented 283 from becoming homeless, marking a major increase due to enhanced funding and programs. Their Housing First strategy and community engagement led to a significant drop in Newark's unsheltered homelessness, despite rising challenges statewide.

[Just Believe: Home for Veterans Overcoming Addiction Getting Started In Ocean County](#)

Asbury Park Press

During the pandemic, some foundations and donors provided more flexibility in their giving, but it is uncertain if this trend will continue. To maximize your chances of receiving general operating grants, research foundations that offer this type of support and clearly demonstrate how your work aligns with their mission.



Released From the Hospital With Nowhere to Go? NYC Has a Budding Alternative

Gothamist

Medical respite programs in NYC are making inroads are creating safe spaces for homeless individuals discharged from hospitals to continue to heal. These programs offer a safe environment for healing and medical care, reducing readmissions and improving health outcomes. More funding is needed to expand this work and address the homelessness crisis.



NJ Homelessness: What's Changed, Why It's Growing Nationwide

Patch

The article delves into the increasing homelessness rates in New Jersey, where more than 10,200 residents were identified as homeless in the past year. On a national scale, the number of individuals seeking shelter rose from 267,000 in the period of 2013-2017 to nearly 327,000 in the timeframe of 2018-2022, indicating a significant uptick in homelessness across the country. The data suggests a concerning trend that may be influenced by economic changes, funding cuts to shelters, or a combination of both factors.



Can Municipalities Criminalize Homelessness

WGN Radio 720

Karen and Antonia Fasanelli, Executive Director of the National Homelessness Law Center, discuss the U.S. Supreme Court case deciding if municipalities can criminalize homelessness. The case's outcome will have significant implications for homeless individuals and legal measures.

Federal Funding Boots Unsheltered Homelessness Response.

National Alliance to End Homelessness

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted \$420 million to support efforts in 32 communities to reduce unsheltered homelessness in 2023. A report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness' Homelessness Research Institute outlines how localities used the funding and the expected benefits from these investments.

10 Insider Tips to Raise General Operating Support.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NJ Shelter Consortium

March Meeting

3/21 12pm - 1:15pm

For Directors of NJ Shelters

Info Session on Cyber Security

3/28 11am - 12pm

In partnership with KnowBe4

We love to share news about Homelessness Service Agencies' accomplishments, events and noteworthy activities with Coalition members — If you or your organization has something to share, please send it to us at info@NJCEH.org



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