

Homelessness MATTERS



NEWS & NOTES

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HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEWS

Expert Roundup: Public Health and Homelessness

NJ Spotlight News

Homelessness is not just a housing crisis but a public health emergency, with the unhoused facing increased chronic health issues. Public health agencies are tackling this with innovative, equity-driven programs, informed by experts from organizations across the country.

NJ Rents Higher Than National Average in 2023 and Rising

NJ Asbury Press

New Jersey's rent prices surged by 4.24% in 2023 to an average of \$2,841, outpacing the national average. While rent varied across the country, the Northeast experienced the highest lease payments, with seasonal trends and a construction boom influencing the market dynamics.

What If Public Housing Were For Everyone?

VOX

The concept of social housing, which provides publicly owned housing for all income levels, is gaining traction in the U.S. This approach aims to increase housing supply by making government a competitive bidder in the real estate market, differentiating from the stigmatized public housing by branding it as "social housing".



Why It's So Hard To End Homeless In America

The Harvard Gazette

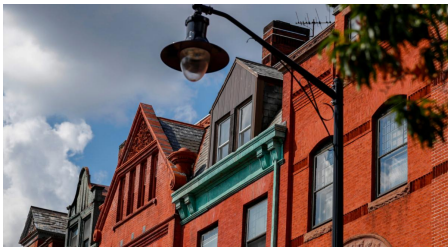
Ending homelessness in America is a complex challenge, deeply rooted in



poverty and a scarcity of affordable housing, compounded by medical, psychiatric, and substance-use issues.

[Affordable Housing Overhaul Gets Assembly OK, But Journey Not Over](#)

New Jersey Monitor



New Jersey's Assembly passed a bill to change the affordable housing system. It's caused a stir, with Republicans worried about taxes and Democrats pushing for more housing to address shortages. The bill went through with changes but still shows the big split on solving housing issues.

[NJ Allocates \\$95 Million From Opioid Settlement: To support critical programs tackling the opioid crisis. \\$17 Million For Shelter Beds, Rental Subsidies, and Their Housing Assistance Programs](#)

The New Jersey Business Magazine

Gov. Phil Murphy allocates \$95 million from New Jersey's Opioid Recovery Fund to support critical programs tackling the opioid crisis, with \$17 million dedicated to bolstering shelter beds, rental subsidies, and housing assistance programs. This investment aims to provide essential support to individuals and families impacted by the opioid crisis.



[What One Nonprofit Learned From Getting Hacked- and How Other Groups Can Protect Themselves.](#)

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Cybercrime is spiking, but nonprofits can stay safe with a few smart, budget-friendly steps. Take a look at the Red Barn hack as a cautionary tale and beef up your cyber defenses!

[Are 'Accessory Dwellings' an Answer to NJ's Housing Crisis?](#)

Gothamist

New Jersey is looking into a new bill that would require towns to allow additional housing units, aiming to help with the

[Understanding Public Perception of Homelessness in The UK](#)

HOMEWARDS Royal Foundations

Gov. Phil Murphy allocates \$95 million from New Jersey's Opioid Recovery Fund, with \$17 million dedicated to

housing shortage. Some locals worry about losing control and the impact of more residents, but it could mean more affordable homes, especially for seniors struggling with high taxes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mental Health First Aid
Certification Course for Homeless
Service Providers**

3/5 9am - 4pm

*In partnership with the Mental Health
Association of NJ*

**NJ Shelter Consortium
March Meeting**

3/21 12pm - 1:15pm

For Directors of NJ Shelters

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

3/13 10am-11:30am

*In partnership with the Mental Health
Association of NJ*

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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