



Catawba Area Coalition for The Homeless



OUR MISSION, VISON, AND CORE VALUE

Mission: To provide strategic support through innovation, collaboration, education, and advocacy among community partners so that they may effectively and efficiently serve those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming unhoused.

Vision: That homelessness be rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Core Value: Housing is a human right.



AGENDA

- Staff & Program Updates
- Finance & Grant Updates
- Continuum of Care Updates
- How to Address Common Misconceptions About Homelessness
- Agency Updates
- What's Next?



CACH Community Referral Program - Referral Types

- Community Referrals: These referrals come through our online Community Referral Survey.
- Agency Referrals: These referrals come from local agencies looking for assistance for their client(s).
- Self Referrals: These referrals come directly from an individual or household who needs assistance. These typically come through our Facebook page or website. • Outreach Team Engagement: These are individuals our internal team notices or
- makes direct contact with without a referral.



CACH Community Referral Program

- Twenty-two referrals were made in the month of September.
- The Street Outreach Team followed up on all referrals.
 - <u>Community Referral Updates</u>
 - Self Referrals: 5
 - Agency Referrals: 4
 - Outreach Referral: 12
 - Community Referrals: 1



Engagement Updates

- 39 Total clients served (unduplicated)
- 15 New client connections
- 6 Clients engaged in case management
- 3 Clients added to Prioritization List
- 1 New Encampment Identified
- 1 Encampment Closed
- 42 Referrals Made
- 16 Narcan/ Harm Reduction Kits Distributed



Engagement Updates

- As of August, we began conducting street outreach in Chester County. • Starting in November, we will partner with the Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) to conduct weekly outreach in Clover and other parts of Western York County.
- This month, we began monthly visits to Moss Justice to engage with inmates and provide education on navigating the homeless response system.
- We have created a Pocket Guide for Lancaster and Chester counties. They will be made available on our website at <u>www.sccach.org/resource-guide</u> by the end of the week.



Street Outreach Engagement Schedule

- Weekly Outreach:
 - Rock Hill Area
 - Clover/ York Area
- Monthly Outreach:
 - Fort Mill/Tega Cay Area
 - Chester County
 - Lancaster County



OUTREACH UPDATES

Community Referral Survey

- To access the survey, go to our website (<u>www.sccach.org</u>) and select "Community Referral " (located under the "Resources" page).
- Full URL: <u>www.sccach.org/community-</u>
 <u>referral</u>



RAPID REHOUSING UPDATES

The Rapid ReHousing Client Identification Process

- Individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness <u>cannot</u> be referred to the Rapid ReHousing Program. If an individual qualifies for this program, they will be contacted directly by a Rapid ReHousing Case Manager. • If someone needs housing services, please refer them to one of the below agencies
- so they can be assessed for services.
 - Pathways Community Center
 - The Catawba Area Coalition for The Homeless
 - Family Promise of York County (for families only)



RAPID REHOUSING UPDATES

CACH Rapid ReHousing Program Stats

- Through our partnerships with Bethel Shelters, The Haven Men's Shelter, and The Life House Women's Shelter, case managers completed Rapid ReHousing onboarding with 24 clients in the month of September.
- As of this week, one client has transitioned into housing and we have set a goal to transition another 13 clients into housing in the month of October.



<u>RAPID REHOUSING UPDATES</u>

Faithful Foundations: Housing Assistance Network

• We invite faith-based leaders to join our effort to provide appliances, furniture, and other household items to individuals transitioning into housing through the Rapid ReHousing Program. If your church would like to participate, please email melissa.carlyle@sccach.org.



OPERATIONS UPDATES

Point-In-Time (PIT) Count: January 2025

- We are waiting for HUD to announce the official PIT Count date.
- Volunteer recruitment will begin in late November or early December.



Count date. early December.

OPERATIONS UPDATES

2024 Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: November 17th - November 23rd

- We are working to finalize the events schedule for this week.
- If your agency is hosting an event during this week, please email Melissa at melissa.carlyle@sccach.org to have the event included in our official events schedule.



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<u>OPERATIONS UPDATES</u>

2024 Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: November 17th - November 23rd

- Known events include...
 - Candlelight Vigil Time/Place TBD
 - Tender Hearts Luncheon Wednesday, November 20th at 12 PM at 145 Blackburn St, York, SC
 - Habitat for Humanity of York County's Thanksgiving Box Distribution
 - Contact Krista Parenti for details 803-493-2174; <u>kparenti@yorkcountyhabitat.org</u>



OPERATIONS UPDATES

2024 Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week - Thanksgiving Boxes





Client Registration (max of 5 per agency)





Donation Sign-Up

<u>OPERATIONS UPDATES</u>

Staff Response Times

• Please be aware that our response times may be slower over the next few months. Our team consists of just two members, and we are currently in a period of expansion, focusing on enhancing our outreach and housing services. Our top priority is transitioning individuals and families into shelter and housing. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to enhance our services.



FINANCE & GRANT UPDATES

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Funds

- We are working to compile an Outcomes Report for the 23-24 SCORF funding cycle. We anticipate sharing this report with the coalition later this year.
- The 24-25 SCORF funding cycle is underway. Sub-granted funds are being used to support substance use treatment, peer support, healthcare, homelessness, and housing programs.



FINANCE & GRANT UPDATES

Recent Applications

• 2024 CoC Project Application

Upcoming Applications

- Springs Close
- Sisters of Mercy





<u>CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATES</u>

<u>United Way Hurricane Helene HUB</u>

- Click on the link above to get help or learn about opportunities to give help to support households and communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. Through the HUB, you can learn how to...
 - Donate to disaster relief funds such as the <u>United Way Association of South</u> <u>Carolina Disaster Fund</u>.
 - Donate physical items.
 - Volunteer.



<u>CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATES</u>

2024 Continuum of Care NOFO Updates

- CoC project applications are currently being ranked by MACH's ranking committee. The ranking of projects will be completed and agencies will be notified by October 15th.
- The CoC's consolidated application will be submitted by October 30th.



<u>CONTINUUM OF CARE UPDATES</u>

HMIS Agencies

- The monthly Data Quality Report's due date has been extended to Monday, October 14th.
- October 1st is the start of HUD's new fiscal year. If anything has changed with your projects, please let MACH know.





HOW TO ADDRESS COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS



WHY WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS

Misconceptions about homelessness persist in our community, and we continue to hear these misunderstandings—sometimes even from members of our own coalition. Addressing these misconceptions is crucial for fostering a more informed and compassionate response to homelessness.

As a coalition, we must unite under the shared narrative that housing is a human right. It is essential to advocate for effective solutions that address homelessness and ensure that everyone has access to safe and stable housing. By confronting these myths and working collaboratively, we can create a stronger, more supportive community for all.



<u>UNDERSTANDING HOMELESSNESS</u>

Homelessness is a complex issue that affects individuals and families from various backgrounds. While many individuals experiencing homelessness may face cooccurring challenges, such as mental health or substance use disorders, the primary cause of homelessness is a lack of accessible and affordable housing for low-income households.



Misconception 1: "Homelessness is a choice."

- Homelessness is a Housing & Systems Problem: Homelessness is a result of broader systemic issues, including economic and racial inequality, lack of affordable housing, and insufficient social safety nets, rather than individual failings.
- Causes of Housing Loss: Individuals or households may lose their housing for various reasons, including job loss, health emergencies, the death of a family member, relationship breakdowns, or experiences of domestic violence.
- **Desire for Stability**: Most individuals experiencing homelessness desire stable housing and support.



Misconception 2: "Homeless people are lazy or unwilling to work."

- Employment Efforts: The vast majority of individuals experiencing homelessness in York County are employed or actively looking for work.
- Wage Disparities and Housing Costs: Many individuals who are employed still struggle to afford housing in our community due to low wages, rising rents, and the overall high cost of living.
- Barriers to Employment Stability: It is difficult to find and maintain employment when experiencing homelessness, as challenges like lack of transportation, unstable living conditions, and limited access to resources create additional barriers to job retention.



Misconception 3: "Homelessness only affects certain demographics."

- **Broad Impact:** Homelessness can affect anyone—families, veterans, youth, the elderly, and individuals from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Even individuals who don't directly experience homelessness are impacted by its effects on community health, safety, and economic stability.
- Diverse Causes & Needs: Diverse populations experience homelessness for various reasons, highlighting the need for tailored solutions that prioritize housing for all.



Misconception 4: "Homeless people are dangerous or criminals."

- Vulnerability to Crime: Most individuals experiencing homelessness are not involved in criminal activities. In fact, individuals experiencing homelessness are more likely to be victims of violent crime than individuals who are housed.
- Criminalization of Homelessness: Individuals experiencing homelessness are often criminalized simply because they lack stable housing and do not have a safe place to sleep, facing penalties for activities like sleeping in public or loitering, which are often unavoidable due to their circumstances.



Misconception 5: "If we build it, they will come."

- **Community Needs:** The majority of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community are from this area or lived in this area for years before losing their housing.
- Misunderstanding & Exaggerations: The perception that the majority of people experiencing homelessness are being "bussed in" often stems from misunderstandings and stereotypes about homelessness.
- Community Responsibility: To effectively address this problem, we must first acknowledge that it is our community's problem to solve. Pointing fingers and placing blame results in inaction.



HOW TO COMBAT MISCONCEPTIONS

- Share Accurate Information: Provide facts and data about homelessness to dispel misconceptions and promote understanding.
- Use Respectful Language: When discussing homelessness and the individuals affected by it, use language that is compassionate, respectful, and humanizing.
- Encourage Volunteering: Invite individuals with misconceptions to volunteer with organizations that support people experiencing homelessness. This hands-on experience can foster empathy and understanding.



HOW TO COMBAT MISCONCEPTIONS

- Foster Understanding Through Conversations: When discussing homelessness
 with those you disagree with, approach the conversation with patience and an open
 mind. Listen to their perspectives and share your insights calmly to promote
 understanding.
- Focus on Solutions Over Fear: Recognize that emotional and fearful responses can lead to a lack of empathy and inaction. Emphasize that there are known solutions to homelessness; what is needed is more community support to implement these solutions effectively.



Together, we can make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.



AGENCY UPDATES





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<u>KEYSTONE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES</u>

Community Yard Sale

- When: Saturday, October 5th from 8 **AM - 2 PM**
- Where: 430 S Herlong Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29732
- What: \$20 Parking Spot Rental Spaces, Food Truck, Vendors Welcome
- Who: Call 803-328-3444 for more details









BETHEL SHELTERS

Love Our Neighbor Week

- When: Sunday, October 5th -Saturday, October 12th
- What: Week of events and the annual BBQ fundraiser (sales are up on the Bethel website).
- Who: For paper BBQ tickets or any questions, please reach out to us at info@bethelshelters.org.







NEIGHBOR

A Weeklong Community Event

October 5 - 12, 2024

PALMETTO COMMUNITY HEATH CARE

An Evening of Celebration

- When: Tuesday, October 8th from 5 PM
 - 8 PM
- Where: Off The Tracks Brewing, 502 Cherry Rd.
- What: \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, Live music, dinner and drinks
- Who: Tiffany Morrison 803-366-6337 for more details



Palmetto Community Health Care Presents

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION



Join us for dinner & drinks \$40 in advance \$50 at the door Kids free

Featuring the live music of Hank Futch

OFF THE TRACKS BREWING

502 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC



www.palmettocommunityhealthcare.org Scan QR code for tickets Part of the South Carolina Free Clinic Association

NONPARTISAN EFFORT TO ENGAGE SC VOTERS

Candidate Meet & Greet

- When: Saturday, October 12th from 1 **PM - 4 PM**
- Where: Oakland Baptist Church, 1607 Oakland Ave. Rock Hill, S.C. 29732
- What: Meet & greet, refreshments, and a Q&A session.
- Who: For more information, call Linda Love at 803-487-6262.







Engaging the Community with the Candidates

Meet & Greet **Light Refreshments Question & Answer Session**

- Oakland Baptist Church
- 1607 Oakland Avenue
- Rock Hill, S. C. 29732
- October 12, 2024
- 1:00 pm-4pm

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH & INVISION DIAGNOSTICS

Mammogram Screening

- When: Saturday, October 19th from 10
 PM 4 PM
- Where: 802 Crawford Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732
- What: Mammogram screening event
- Who: Call 877-318-1349 or go online to schedule your appointment



Trinity Baptist Church is Partnering with Invision Diagnostics to Host a Mammogram Screening Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

10:00 - 4:00 PM

802 Crawford Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730



Please call (877) 318-1349 to schedule your appointment. You can also schedule your appointment online at https://appointments.invisiondiagnostics.com/

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HDC's Annual Meeting

- When: Thursday, October 24th from 9 AM -11 AM
- Where: 326 Technology Center Way Rock Hill, SC 29730
- Who: Contact Danielle Sanders at 803-329-5544 or danielle.sander@cityofrockhill.com to RSVP.







CHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tall Cop Says Stop Event

- When: Tuesday, December 10th from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Where: Gateway Conference Center -3200 Commerce Drive, Suite C Richburg, SC
- Who: For more information, please contact April Spruell at <u>aspruell@chesterso.com</u>.





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Tuesday December 10th, 2024 8:30AM-11:30AM

> Speaker: Jermaine Galloway

Gateway Conference Center 3200 Commerce Dr, Suite C Richburg, SC

> Contact April Spruell-COSSUP Coordinator: 803-377-6188

CAROLINA TRANSITION COLLECTIVE

About Carolina Transition Collective

- Carolina Transition Collective helps families move from homelessness to housing with support, care, and community volunteers.
- Check out their <u>Facebook page</u> to learn more!





AGENCY UPDATES

UNITED WAY OF YORK COUNTY

(1) Add Your Agency Information: To add your agency, please download the <u>Agency Addition form</u>. The completed form can be sent to the SC211 team at <u>SC211@uwasc.org</u>. Addition to the SC 211 database is subject to review by the SC211 team. All additions must meet the criteria outlined in the Inclusion and Exclusion Policy.



AGENCY UPDATES

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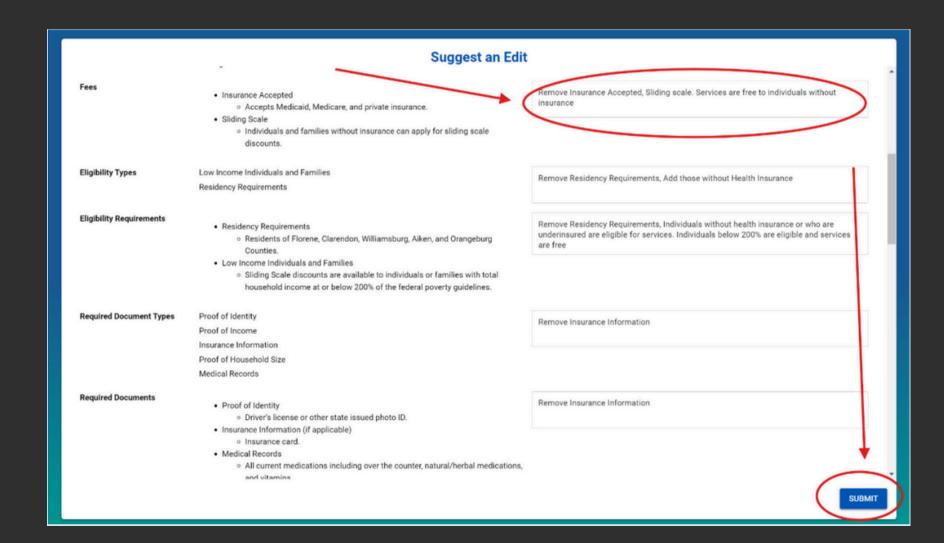


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(2) Update Your Agency Information: Navigate to the field that needs to be changed (changed hours, fees, address, etc.) and type the corrected information. Please ensure updated information is submitted into its relevant field.





SOUTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR RECOVERY RESIDENTS

Veteran Recovery Housing Program

- Veteran status must be verified by SCARR and DOADAS.
- Each veteran is entitled to \$1,250 a month for housing-related expenses, for up to six months or until funding is exhausted.
- Applications can be submitted via the DAODAS website.



Are you a veteran looking for recovery housing in South Carolina?





Apply today!



WHAT'S NEXT

• Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 7th, at 11:30 AM**. Location: Pathways Community Center (a hybrid option will be available for those who cannot attend the meeting in person).



<u>CONTACT US</u>

Have questions? Email our staff!

For all general inquiries, email <u>info@sccach.org</u>.

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