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NoCO CoC Monthly Newsletter

February 2026

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PIT/HIC Thank Yous

A big thank you to all our partners who supported this year's Point-In-Time Count! Your time and collaboration make this work possible. Our HMIS team is now processing the data and preparing the final submission to HUD. Once submitted, we'll share the results with everyone.

We also appreciate partners helping with the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). This HUD-mandated report captures a point-in-time snapshot of all emergency shelters, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing in our community. It helps us understand system capacity, spot gaps, and guide strategic planning.

Housing Problem Solving

As part of systems improvement work, we are partnering with the City of Greeley to expand shared Housing Problem Solving approaches that prioritize prevention, resource connection, and person-centered support. Right now, we're focusing on

improving data collection and learning from early implementation to strengthen how our system responds to housing crises.

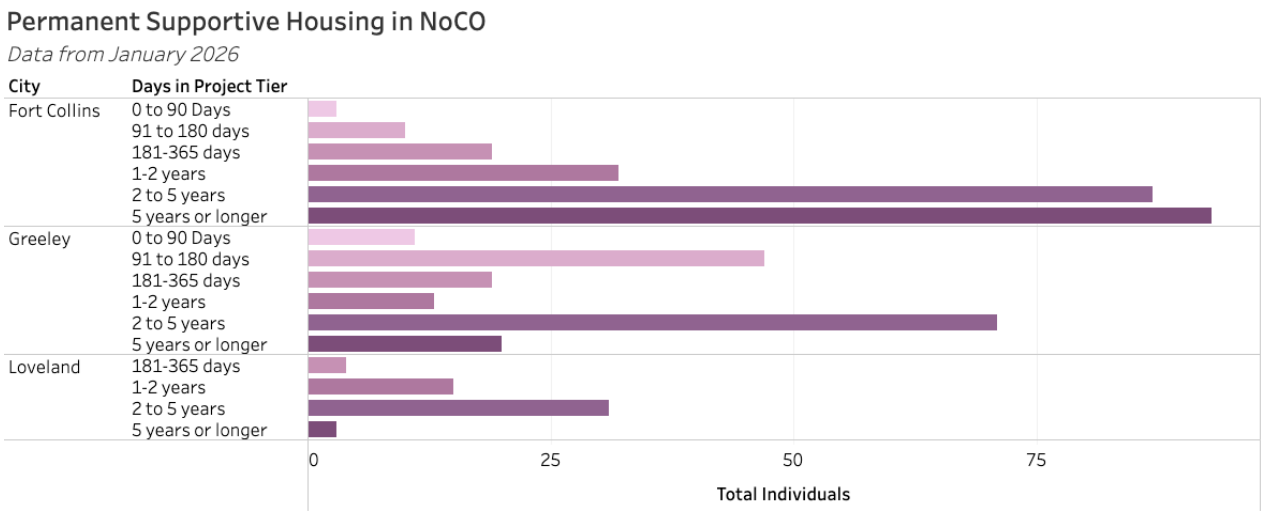
Feedback Opportunity
Finally, the Membership Engagement Committee wants your input! If you are a Designated Representative or attended a CoC Membership Meeting in 2025, please take 8–12 minutes to share your feedback. Your insights will help plan content, meeting formats, and frequency for 2026.

Membership Feedback Survey

Thank you for helping us make our system stronger and more effective!

System Spotlight: HMIS

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)



Permanent Supportive Housing is designed to do one thing exceptionally well: help people with the highest barriers to housing achieve stability over the long term.

In January, PSH programs across Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland were actively supporting hundreds of residents — many of whom have now been housed for **two, five, or even more than five years**. These longer lengths of stay reflect real housing

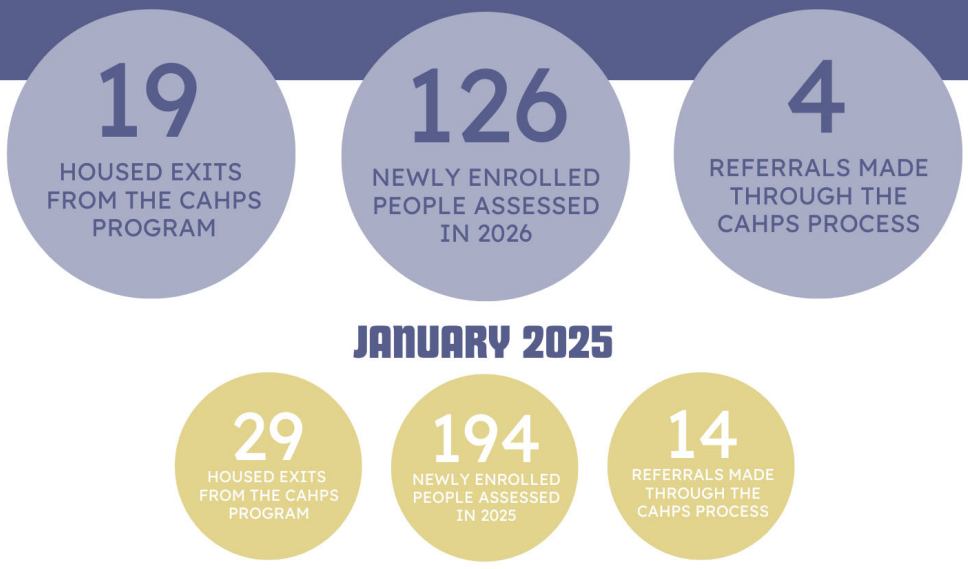
stability: people who were once experiencing chronic homelessness are remaining housed with the right mix of rental support and services.

The presence of individuals in the earliest time tiers also reminds us that PSH continues to serve as an essential pathway off homelessness — while long-term residents reflect the lasting impact of these investments.



System Spotlight: CAHPS

CAHPS — By the Numbers



Housed Exits from the CAHPS Program: This metric reflects the total number of exits to permanent housing from the CAHPS program. It includes all permanent housing exits, not solely those connected to housing referrals made through CAHPS.

Year-to-year fluctuations are expected and are typically influenced by housing inventory, program capacity, and available funding.

Newly Enrolled People Assessed: This metric captures all individuals who were assessed and enrolled in the coordinated entry program. The total includes all household members, not only heads of households. The number of newly enrolled individuals may vary annually based on inflow into homelessness and the addition of new CAHPS partners.

Referrals Made Through the CAHPS Process: This metric represents the total number of referrals made to housing programs through the CAHPS process. It is important to note that not all CAHPS referrals result in housing placement. Variations in referral volume are expected due to changes in program funding, capacity, and number of participating housing resources each year.

CAHPS is a way for communities to match people experiencing homelessness with housing and services that best fit their needs, using a shared process that is managed by the NoCO CoC and supported by 40+ partners.

Worth Watching

Local and Federal Items to Keep on the Radar:

Trump Signs Appropriations Act, Funding Most of Government through September 2026—HUD to Receive Modest Funding Increase
President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026 (H.R. 7148), ensuring funding for most federal government activities through September 2026.

Notably, the act calls for an increase in HUD spending, from about $70 billion in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) to more than $77 billion in FY26.

Specific to homelessness assistance grants (HAG), H.R. 7148 expands funding by about $370 million, from about $4.05 billion in FY25 to $4.42 billion in FY26. The FY26 total includes $4.01 billion for the Continuum of Care (CoC) program, $290 million for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, $107 million for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP), and $10 million for the National Homeless Data Analysis Project.

Homelessness and housing advocates (largely) hailed the bill's passage. While it does not include substantial increases for homelessness funding—and while the landscape around federal funding remains uncertain—it represented a significant victory (for homelessness and housing funding) compared to budgets that had been proposed by the President and Congress.

City of Loveland to Close Overnight Shelter in mid-March, Day Shelter at end of April

The City of Loveland announced its intent to fully close the Loveland Resource Center (LRC) by the end April 2026. The city plans to close the overnight shelter on March 15 and the day shelter on April 30.

The City of Loveland issued a request for proposals (RFP) in late November 2025, seeking an entity to operate a 24/7 shelter at a potential new site in north Loveland. Two organizations submitted proposals, but the city determined that only one was eligible—and that organization ultimately opted not to move forward.

With no viable provider option, the city said it would no longer pursue the site in north Loveland. The city also plans to sell the building that currently hosts the LRC.

United Way of Weld County in Discussions with Potential Operator of Housing Navigation Center in Greeley

United Way of Weld County (UWWC) is in discussions with a potential operator (as yet unnamed) of the Housing Navigation Center (HNC) in Greeley.

UWWC issued a request for proposals (RFP) in November 2025, seeking a new operator the (HNC). UWWC opened the HNC in 2019, and it currently provides year-round day shelter/housing navigation and seasonal overnight shelter (November to April).

UWWC received one full proposal; that proposal is under review by a decision-making group comprised of businesses, faith-based organizations, funders, governments, nonprofits, and UWWC representatives. UWWC expects to provide an update in one month.

Community Wins

North Range Behavioral Health at StarRise: Giving Hope Room to Grow

Submitted by Micaela Sanchez - Director, Marketing and Community Outreach & Suicide Education and Support Services

StarRise is a collaborative Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project that brings multiple community partners together to support individuals exiting long term homelessness. It welcomed its first residents on October 6, 2025. By December 23—just 79 days later—all 58 apartments were leased. This milestone reflects the

leadership of High Plains Housing Development and remarkable collaboration across our community.

North Range Behavioral Health, the City of Greeley Outreach Team, and the United Way of Weld County Housing Navigation Center worked tirelessly to locate applicants, secure documentation, and complete applications so vulnerable neighbors were not left behind.

The Colorado Division of Housing approved vouchers the same day they were received, accelerating move-ins. Property management company Rocky Mountain Communities made StarRise a top priority, moving applications quickly and coordinating lease signings and move-ins with flexibility and care.

If even one partner had stepped back, 58 households might still be waiting for a place to call home.

But the truest success is found inside the building. When one resident, nervous about cooking a turkey alone, used the community kitchen with staff support, neighbors soon joined in. What began as a request for help became a shared meal.

In that simple act, isolation gave way to connection. Uncertainty gave way to confidence.

StarRise represents more than housing. It is collaboration in action, community rediscovered, and hope given room to grow.



Learn More

Partner Spotlight

Colorado Poverty Law Project - Increasing Access to Housing Justice

Submitted by River Heide, Housing Attorney

Colorado Poverty Law Project (CPLP) connects low-income Coloradans facing eviction with staff and volunteer attorneys who provide critical legal assistance at no cost to the client. CPLP believes that no one should lose their housing due to a lack of access to justice.

To increase access to housing justice, CPLP continues to offer two legal clinics to Larimer County tenants and mobile homeowners.

Larimer County Weekly Eviction Clinic:
Where: Larimer County Justice Center, 201 LaPorte Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80521
When: Tuesdays, 9:00am-12:00pm

This clinic provides tenants the opportunity to get their legal questions about eviction cases answered for free. If you cannot attend in person, please contact us to arrange virtual support.

Old Town Library Monthly General Housing Clinic:
Where: Old Town Library in Fort Collins 201 Peterson Street
When: first Friday of every month from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This clinic allows tenants and mobile homeowners the ability to get their legal questions answered for free. To request a 30-minute consultation with a housing attorney, please register at: https://tinyurl.com/23bxs4ud.
Drop-in appointments will be accepted depending on availability.

CPLP has **tripled client volume at the weekly eviction clinic since August 2025**, and expects continued growth as community awareness increases. Colorado Legal Services now joins CPLP, hosting a clinic at the same time and place every Thursday. This means that **more tenants and mobile homeowners are defending themselves in their eviction cases**, and fewer are being unjustly automatically evicted.

Larimer Clinic Flyer

Colorado Poverty Law Project

Take Action

Training Opportunities: the National Alliance to End Homelessness is offering the following upcoming events.

Monthly Advocacy Workshop

Please join NAEH for a monthly webinar every fourth Thursday to collectively build the field's advocacy skills. This month, we will be talking about how to build local power to influence Members of Congress.

February 26, 2026 11:00 AM MST

>>>Registration Link<<<

Where the Road Ends: Permanent Supportive Housing Outcomes and Moving On

Join the webinar exploring the Alliance's Research into Action project and their latest studies into Permanent Supportive Housing outcomes.

February 19, 2026 12:30 PM MST

>>>Registration Link<<<

Solutions to Older Adult Homelessness

USAging is hosting a virtual summit tackling the latest developments in older adult homelessness in partnership with the Alliance.

February 20, 2026 11:30AM MST

>>>Registration Link<<<



Thursday, February 19, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Lincoln Park Gazebo, 802 10th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631

Join us at the Lincoln Park Gazebo to honor and remember those who have passed away over the past two years while unhoused, unsheltered and without a place to call home.

Presented by the City of Greeley Homeless Solutions and United Way of Weld County.

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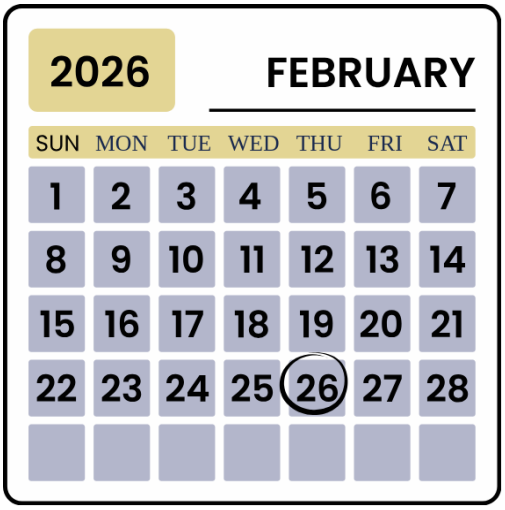
UNITED WAY Weld County

Upcoming Meetings

NoCO CoC Combined Designated Rep and Membership Meeting
Date: Thursday, February 26th

1:30 - 2:30PM

Zoom Link



CoC Connect

Topic: Program Evaluation and Impact through Data

Date: Thursday, March 26th

1:00 - 2:00PM

Register Here



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