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When people think about Coordinated Entry, it's easy to focus on one visible outcome: connecting households to housing resources. While that remains an important function, Coordinated Entry is also a system built on collaboration, problem-solving, and partnership that helps strengthen our community response.

One of the key spaces where this happens is case conferencing.

Each week, street outreach teams, shelter staff, housing providers, and other partners from across Northern Colorado come together to share updates, discuss barriers, coordinate next steps, and identify solutions for households navigating homelessness. In addition to resource matching, partners also use case conferencing to problem-solve for households without immediate housing options and explore other supports that may help move them forward.

These meetings allow agencies to work together in real time, combining knowledge, relationships, and resources in ways no single organization could accomplish alone.

Case conferencing has also served as a catalyst for broader system improvements and timely opportunities. Partners have used this space to identify service gaps, strengthen referral pathways, distribute flexible funding resources, surface shelter trends, and improve communication across agencies. It has also helped prompt broader provider conversations to keep partners informed and coordinate community response.

Even during times when housing resources are limited, the value of case conferencing remains clear. This space helps partners stay connected, solve problems together, and respond strategically as a system. The strength of Coordinated Entry is not only in the resources we manage—it is also in the partnerships we build and sustain.

Thank you to the many providers, outreach teams, shelters, resource navigators, housing programs, and community partners who continue to make this collaboration possible each week.

System Spotlight: HMIS

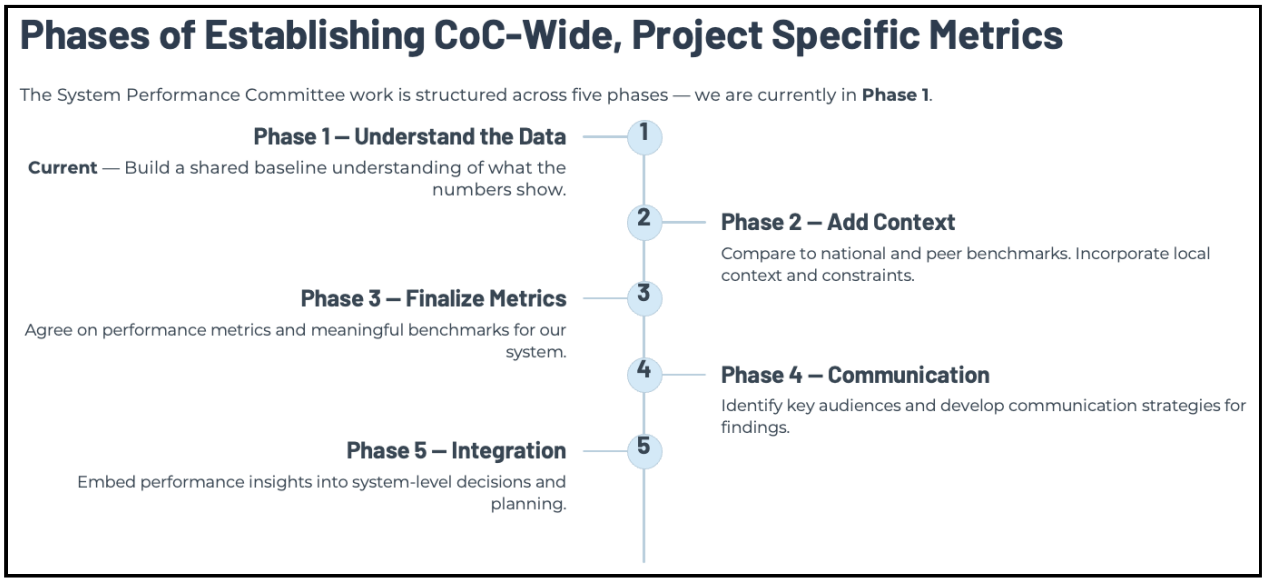
Developing CoC-Wide, Project-Specific Performance Metrics

The System Performance Committee is working to develop **CoC-wide, project-specific performance metrics** to strengthen how we understand and improve system performance. This work will take place over several phases throughout the remainder of the year and includes collaboration with partner agencies and the Colorado HMIS Collaborative.

We are currently in **Phase 1: Understanding the Data**, which focuses on:

- Building a shared understanding of what our current data shows
- Establishing a baseline for system performance
- Identifying key questions and areas for deeper analysis

This foundational phase will guide the development of meaningful, locally relevant metrics in the months ahead.





System Spotlight: CAHPS

New Training Supports Stronger, More Consistent Coordinated Entry

After several months of thoughtful planning and partner feedback, we are excited to share the launch of an updated training for partners who participate in CAHPS — what we refer to locally as our coordinated entry system.

Because Coordinated Entry involves many roles across many agencies, strong onboarding and shared understanding are essential. This refreshed training was designed to better support partners in the day-to-day work of serving households experiencing homelessness—whether administering the assessment tool, participating in case conferencing, or supporting households referred to housing resources.

Highlights of the updated training include:

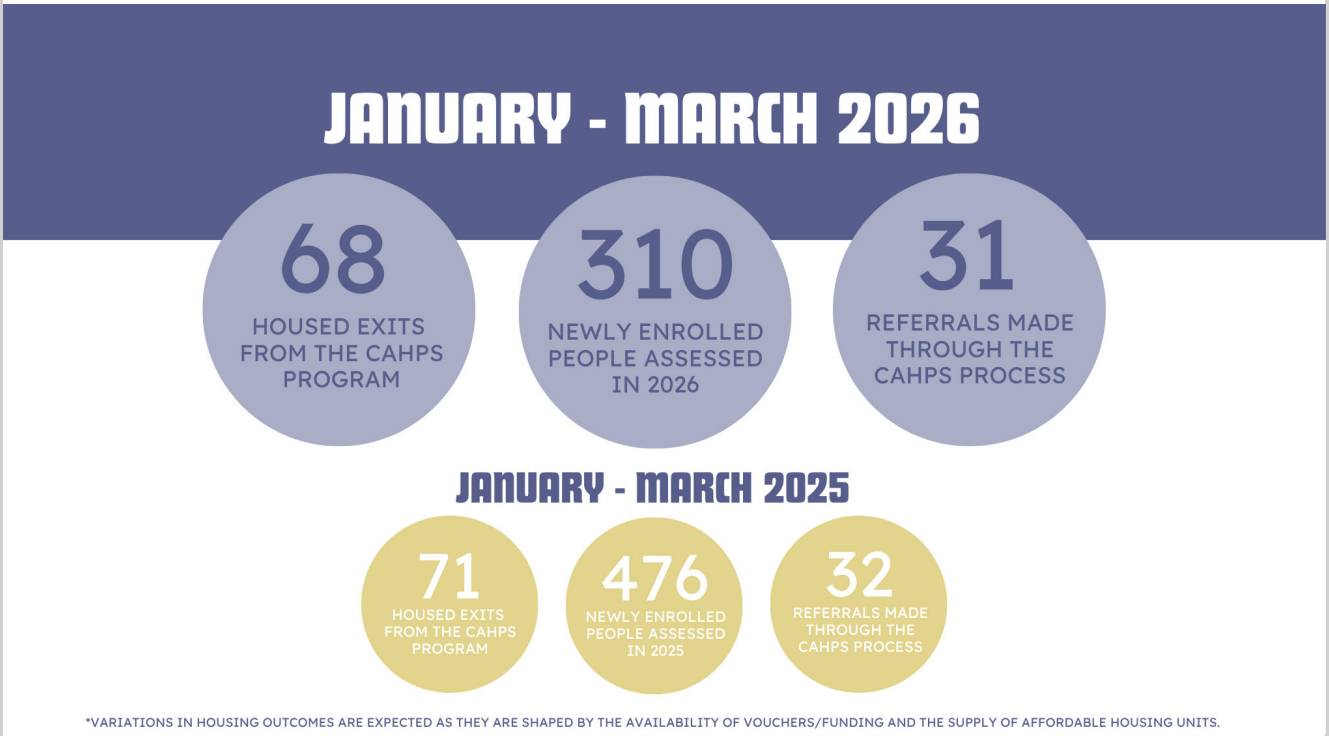
- Expanded information on the structure and purpose of Continuums of Care
- Clearer guidance on the core components of Coordinated Entry
- Guidance for discussing Coordinated Entry with households in ways that build trust, clarity, and understanding
- Best practices for participating in case conferencing using a client-centered, strengths-based approach
- A new section on supporting survivors of domestic violence, informed by our Domestic Violence Improvement Workgroup

In addition to content enhancements, the training was intentionally built to support a variety of learning styles and formats, making it more accessible and engaging for both new and existing partners.

This refresh helps create greater consistency across our system, strengthens collaboration, and equips partners with tools to better support households seeking assistance.

Thank you to the many partners who shared feedback and to CoC staff whose dedication made this update possible.

CAHPS — By the Numbers



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 Issues Proposed FY27 Budget—Administration Aims to Reduce or Eliminate Most Homelessness Funding

President Donald Trump released his administration's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), proposing significant cuts to or eliminating numerous homelessness-related programs.

Several advocacy groups criticized the proposal, which calls for 13% increase in HUD funding, year-over-year. The proposal would eliminate most homelessness assistance programs (CoC NOFO, YHDP, HOPWA) and merge them with the existing Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. It would also eliminate CDBG, HOME, and the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, among others.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) released an analysis and chart of potentially-impacted housing and homelessness programs; the organization also released a landing page with opportunities to advocate.

The administration attempted to enact similar cuts for FY26, but the House and Senate's proposals were far less draconian, and the budget eventually passed with minimal cuts to homelessness and housing programs.

Crossroads Safehouse Opens "The HIVE"—Family Justice Center to Serve as One-Stop Shop of Services for Victims of Violence

Crossroads Safehouse opened The Hub for Information Validation & Empowerment (The HIVE) on April 2, a resource center for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, or trafficking.

The HIVE is located at Crossroads Safehouse's existing facility in midtown Fort Collins. At least 15 on-site organizations provide a wide range of services, including basic needs assistance, legal support, case management, counseling, and more.

The HIVE is located in a portion of Crossroads' facility that was underutilized; as a result, the project will not impact capacity at Crossroads' existing and longstanding safehouse.

United Way of Weld County to Operate Housing Navigation Center in Greeley as 24/7 Shelter through End of 2026

United Way of Weld County (UWWC) plans to operate the Housing Navigation Center (HNC) in Greeley as a 24/7 resource center and shelter through the end of 2026, marking the first year that the overnight shelter has remained open outside of cold-weather months.

The shelter will serve male-identifying guests only, while Catholic Charities plans to provide overnight shelter to female-identifying guests at the Guadalupe Center.

UWWC remains in discussions with at least one shelter provider about assuming operations of HNC at the end of 2026.

Partner Spotlight

Exciting Updates for Family Housing Network

Submitted by Nicki Troudt, Program Lead



Family Housing Network is expanding its capacity to better serve families experiencing homelessness through both facility growth and new housing resources.

The organization is purchasing a new property at 811 E. Myrtle Street, which will allow its Day Center and Overnight Shelter Program to operate from one centralized location. This move will also expand overnight shelter capacity from four families at a time to eight families at a time, doubling the number of families that can be served. Family Housing Network hopes to transition into the new space by the end of the summer.

In addition, Family Housing Network secured new Rapid Rehousing funding that began April 1. Most referrals for this program will come through Coordinated Entry, and over the next year the organization expects to serve 20–25 families experiencing homelessness while helping them secure permanent housing.

Take Action

Beyond the Bridge Screening & Panel Discussion on Homelessness

Together Colorado Larimer County and Loveland Cares are hosting a community screening of **Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness** in Loveland on May 30.

The documentary explores how different communities have responded to homelessness and offers an opportunity to learn about a range of approaches being used in other cities.

Following the screening, a panel discussion will feature Michael Stein, Lead Pastor of LoveFirst Community Church; Olga Duvall, Loveland Service Center Director for The Salvation Army; John Gates, former Mayor of Greeley; Pat McFall, Mayor of Loveland; and others.

The event is free and open to all. Registration is encouraged through the event flyer or direct registration link.

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 2026, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Learn More

Registration Link

Warrant Clearance Event & Community Resource Fair

Loveland Police and Courts Building will host the next Warrant Clearance Event on **Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.**

This event offers individuals an opportunity to address and clear eligible warrants from Larimer County and the Loveland.

A resource fair will also be available, connecting attendees with local service providers and information about support resources available throughout Larimer County.

Please help share this opportunity with community members or clients who may benefit.



Event Flyer - English

Event Flyer - Spanish

Upcoming Meetings

CoC Designated Representative Meeting

Designated Reps ONLY

Date: Thursday, May 7th

9:00 - 10:30am



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