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NoCO CoC Monthly Newsletter

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CoC Corner: Our New Look, Our Shared Purpose

We're excited to officially announce a new look for the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care!

Over the past several months, we've been taking a fresh look at how the NoCO CoC represents itself, as well as how our brand can better reflect the work happening across our region. The result is a new logo, color palette, tagline, and website designed to more clearly communicate who we are and what we're working toward together.

"Aligning Partners • Advancing Housing Solutions" is more than a new tagline. It reflects how we see the role of the NoCO CoC and where we're headed together. It was developed through the rebranding process and approved by the NoCO CoC Governing Board as a reflection of our collaborative, data-informed approach to advancing housing solutions across Larimer and Weld counties.

Our new logo brings these ideas to life. The **doorway represents opening pathways to stable housing, with data helping create the access and direction needed to move people toward housing solutions.** The shape also reflects our Northern Colorado landscape, subtly echoing the mountain range and the roofline of a home.

This rebrand is more than a visual refresh. It reflects an evolving NoCO CoC: one that is **collaborative, data-informed, human-centered, focused on housing solutions, and committed to strengthening our regional response to homelessness.**

We invite you to explore our new look and website and see how the refreshed brand represents the work we're doing together.

CoC Personnel Update:

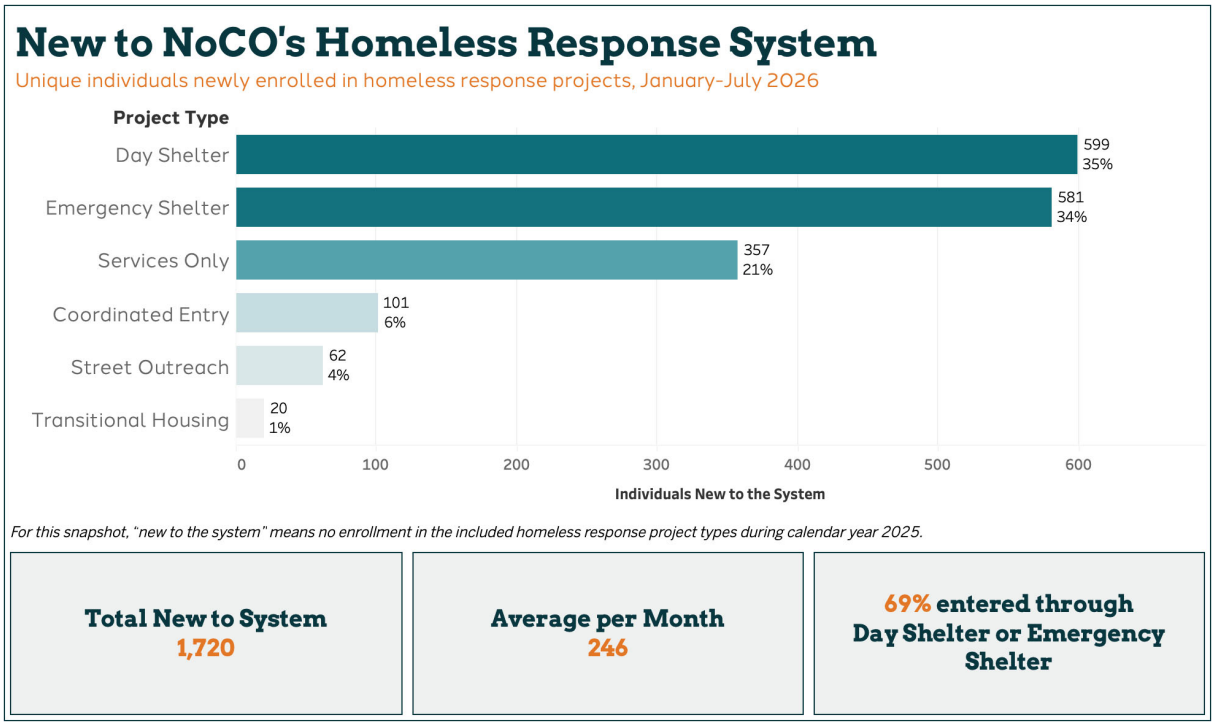
We're excited to welcome **Sierra Smith as the NoCO CoC's Coordinated Entry Specialist**! Sierra joins us after five years with Alternatives to Violence, where she most recently served as a Housing Case Manager, bringing strong experience with both the CoC and Coordinated Entry.

We're also celebrating **Christine Koepnick**, who, after three years with the CoC, has accepted a new position with the City of Greeley as **Senior Manager of Homeless Solutions**. Christine has provided leadership and continuity to the CoC's work for the past three years. We're grateful for Christine's contribution and excited she'll remain connected to the CoC in her new capacity.

The NoCO CoC is accepting applications for our **CoC Operations Manager** position. Learn more and apply: Operations Manager, NoCO CoC - Indeed

System Spotlight: HMIS

Where Are People New to Our System Showing Up?



From January through July 2026, **1,720 unique individuals** newly enrolled in our CoC's homeless response system—an average of about **246 people per month**.

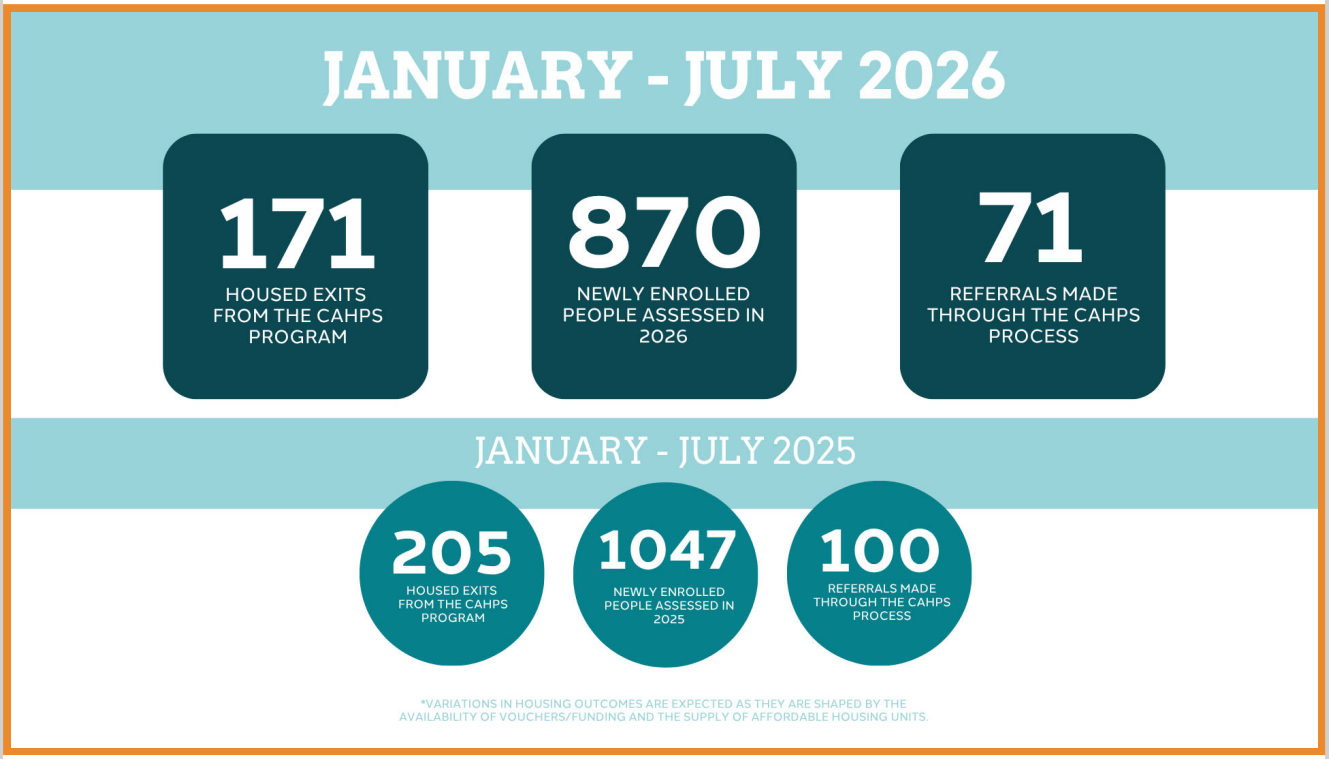
Most new enrollments were in **Day Shelter (599)** and **Emergency Shelter (581)**, together accounting for **69% of people new to the system**. **Housing Problem Solving (HPS)** helps people explore safe, realistic housing options using their strengths, resources, and connections. The high volume at these entry points highlights important opportunities to have HPS conversations early.

Looking at where people first show up helps us understand system demand and where HPS may have the greatest reach.



System Spotlight: CAHPS

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:

Federal Judge Vacates FY26 CoC NOFO; HUD Appeals Decision
A federal judge in Rhode Island vacated HUD's Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 7, finding that HUD violated federal law by failing to complete a required public notice-and-comment process before making significant changes to the CoC program. The ruling invalidated the entire NOFO, including the August 26 application deadline.

The ruling was in response to two related lawsuits: one filed by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), nonprofit providers, and local governments; and another filed by a coalition of states, including Colorado.

HUD filed an appeal on August 13 and sought an emergency stay of the ruling while the appeal proceeds, but the emergency stay was denied. As of August 20, the FY26 NOFO remains vacated, and HUD says it cannot accept applications and will provide additional guidance.

Senate Passes Legislation Aimed at Preventing COVID-Era Emergency Housing Voucher Funding Cliff—House Action Still Required
The U.S. Senate passed a continuing resolution (CR) by a 90-to-6 vote on August 8 that includes provisions aimed at preventing households with Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) from losing rental assistance.

Section 153 of the bill would allow HUD to use unobligated funding from prior years' to continue rental assistance for EHV-voucher holders under lease as of September 30, 2026. The White House formally endorsed the CR on August 3, but the House of Representatives must still vote to approve the senate changes.

More than 40,000 households nationwide utilize EHVs.

Partner Spotlight

Shared Best Practices for Street Outreach

Submitted by Kaylee Wieczorek, Outreach Manager

Street outreach is often the first step in helping people experiencing homelessness reconnect with the services and support they need. At Outreach Fort Collins, relationships are at the heart of this work. That includes relationships with the people we support, local businesses that reach out when someone needs help, and service providers who work alongside us. Building trust and understanding through these relationships helps us meet each person where they are and connect them with the support that is right for them.

Over the past year, our team met monthly with street outreach teams in Loveland and Greeley through the Outreach Workgroup to share

experiences, discuss challenges, and learn from one another. Together, the three teams developed shared best practices to guide their outreach work.

These practices help guide our work every day and reflect what it takes to effectively meet people where they are: **building relationships, working together, and continuing to learn from one another.**

Our Shared Best Practices

Trauma-Informed Care
Lead with empathy, patience, respect, trust, and follow-through.

Person-Centered
Meet people where they are while honoring their unique identities, needs, and autonomy.

Community Health & Safety
Promote safety and belonging for all through collaborative, team-based outreach.

Housing Focused
Use creative problem-solving and Coordinated Entry to connect people with pathways to housing and stability.

Data & Collaboration
Build meaningful connections, protect confidentiality, and use data to strengthen outreach strategies and impact.

These practices offer a shared blueprint for how we show up for people experiencing homelessness and how we can work together to strengthen our communities.

Upcoming Meetings

CoC Partner Event

Our **first-ever** in-person CoC Partner Convening is here!
Join fellow CoC partners for an afternoon of connection, celebration, and looking ahead at the work we're doing together.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

House of Neighborly Service

Attendance is limited to 120 attendees. To ensure broad representation, we are allotting **two seats for each CoC Partner Agency**. We encourage you to connect with your agency's **CoC Designated Representative** if you are interested in attending.

Good to know:

Registration is $25 per person. *We want this event to be accessible to our partners. If the cost presents a barrier to attending, please reach out to us.*

Your registration includes a NoCO CoC T-shirt! *Choose your preferred size when you RSVP.*



Thank you for reading!

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