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Northern Colorado CoC Newsletter

This Month at a Glance

Partner Convening Highlights: On September 30, partners from across Northern Colorado came together to celebrate accomplishments, strengthen connections, and discuss the future of our regional homelessness response.

CAHPS Assessment Updates: Learn why the assessment is being revised, where we are in the process, and what's next for piloting the updated tool.

Get Involved: From committee participation to sharing your organization's successes, there are opportunities to help shape the work of the NoCO CoC. Check out the Take Action section below!

CoC Corner

From Connection to Action: 2026 NoCO CoC Partner Convening

On September 30, partners from across Larimer and Weld counties gathered for the first NoCO CoC Partner Convening. The event brought together organizations and individuals working throughout our region's homelessness response system to reconnect, celebrate accomplishments, and reflect on the importance of collaboration.

Throughout the afternoon, we heard about the work happening across our communities, recognized partner achievements, and created space for conversations about the challenges and opportunities ahead.

A few themes that stood out from conversations and attendee feedback:

- **Remembering the people behind the numbers:** Liz, a member of the Lived Experience Advisory Council and Governing Board, encouraged attendees to remember that every data point represents a person, and that the full depth of their experience extends beyond what numbers can capture. Behind a recorded appointment, job placement, or service connection are the challenges, efforts, and experiences of someone navigating homelessness. While tracking outcomes is important, we must also create space for people with lived experience to tell their own stories and ensure their voices remain central to our work.
- **Strengthening coordination across agencies:** Attendees reflected on the challenges people face when navigating different programs, eligibility requirements, and referral processes. Too often, individuals must repeatedly share their stories with multiple providers just to access assistance. Stronger communication and coordination between agencies can help reduce these barriers and create a more connected, accessible homelessness response system.

The convening was a reminder that no single organization can end homelessness on its own. Our collective progress depends on strong partnerships, shared information, and a willingness to learn from one another.

As we move forward, the CoC will continue working with partners to strengthen coordination, improve system practices, and identify opportunities to better serve people experiencing homelessness throughout Northern Colorado.

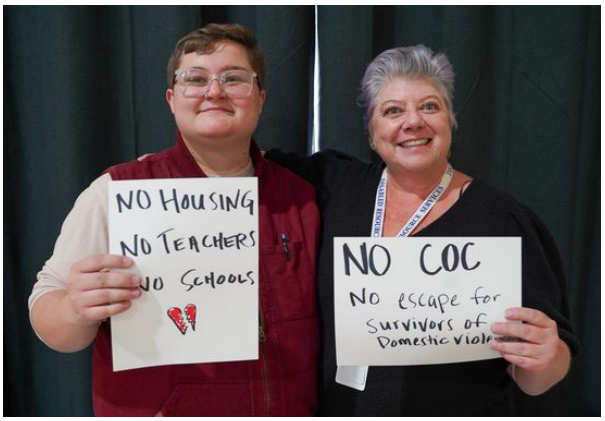
Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the conversation!

If you attended the Partner Convening, we'd love to hear your feedback! Let us know what you found valuable and what we could improve for future events.

>> Share Your Feedback

For those who weren't able to attend:

- **Partner Agency Wins** (pdf)
- **Built to Work Together: How the NoCO CoC Coordinates Northern Colorado's Response to Homelessness** (video)







CoC Personnel Update

We're excited to welcome **Jessica Fabela (Long) as the NoCO CoC's new Operations Manager!** Jessica joins us after more than six years with Homeward Alliance, where she most recently served as Assistant Programs Director. Stepping into the role previously held by Christine Koepnick, Jessica brings experience in program operations, strengthening partnerships, and finding ways to make systems work better for the people they serve.

In her new role, Jessica will oversee CoC operations, support the Governing Board and committees, coordinate partner communication and engagement, and help move regional priorities and initiatives forward. She's looking forward to building new relationships, reconnecting with familiar faces, and working alongside partners to strengthen Northern Colorado's response to homelessness

We're Growing Our HMIS Team!

Homeward Alliance is expanding its HMIS team and hiring an **HMIS Specialist** to support the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC)!

This position will help strengthen HMIS operations across Larimer and Weld counties through technical assistance, training, data quality improvement, reporting, and collaboration with community partners. We're looking for someone who is analytical, resourceful, enjoys solving problems, and is passionate about using data and technology to improve our homeless response system.

Experience with HMIS is a plus, but we also welcome applicants with transferable skills in data analysis, technical support, training, and process improvement.

Interested in joining our team, or know someone who might be a great fit?
>> Learn more about the position and apply directly here.

System Spotlight: CAHPS

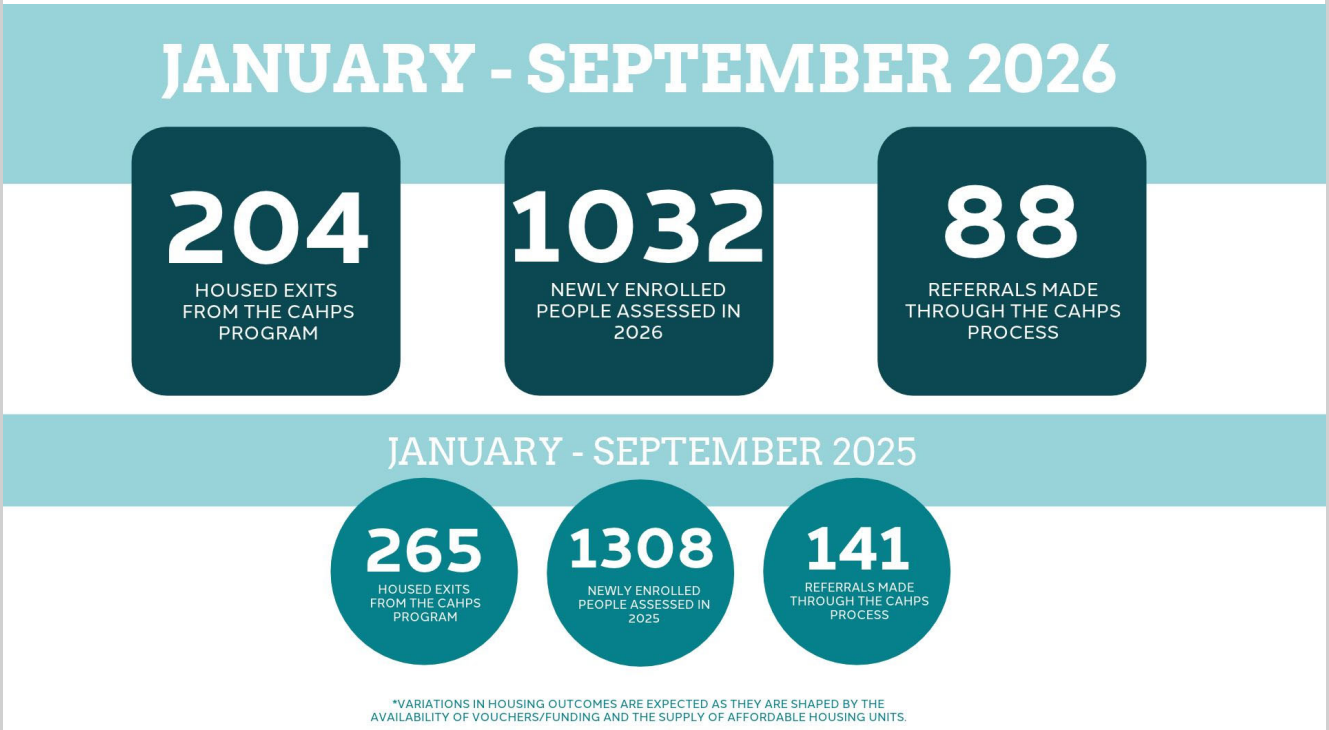
CAHPS Update: Revising the Coordinated Entry Assessment

Over the past several months, we've been working to transition from the VI-SPDAT to a revised Coordinated Entry assessment tool. Building on recommendations from the Assessment and Prioritization Task Force, the revised assessment places greater emphasis on vulnerability to victimization and medical vulnerability, with the goal of making our housing prioritization process more consistent, equitable, and responsive to the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Following the completion of our work with an external consultant, we're now reviewing feedback gathered from partners and the CAHPS Steering Committee and determining next steps for piloting the revised assessment.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and perspective throughout this process! We'll continue sharing updates as we move toward piloting and implementation.

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.

Partner Spotlight

Celebrating Our 2026 Key Partner Award Recipients

At our September Partner Convening, we recognized Jobs of Hope and House of Neighborly Service with the Key Partner Award. These organizations choose to actively participate in the CoC despite not receiving CoC funding or being required to participate. Their commitment reflects the importance of collaboration beyond funding requirements and the value of bringing diverse organizations together to strengthen our regional homelessness response.

We asked each organization to share why they choose to collaborate with the CoC and what makes that partnership meaningful.

Why We Collaborate: **Jobs of Hope**

Jobs of Hope values our partnership with the NoCo CoC, Homeward Alliance, and all our partner organizations. Though Jobs of Hope and our participants may not fit the classic model of homelessness response, we have reaped immeasurable benefit from the meetings, conversations, and dialogue regarding how to bring housing solutions to the people we serve. We choose to collaborate with the NoCo CoC because it has allowed us to be a voice for transitional housing, especially in the context of post-incarceration. We look forward to continuing our involvement in the NoCo CoC and look forward to championing more housing options for justice-involved individuals.

Why We Collaborate: **House of Neighborly Service**

House of Neighborly Service is grateful to receive the Key Partner Award from the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care. We choose to collaborate with the Continuum of Care because we share a commitment to aligning partners and advancing housing solutions for neighbors experiencing homelessness. Participating in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) helps us coordinate services, connect people with available resources, and better understand their needs. Together, we can provide more connected, compassionate support that helps those we serve move toward stable housing and lasting hope.

Take Action & Upcoming Meetings

Share Your Organization's Successes

We want to continue highlighting the accomplishments and collaborations happening across our CoC. Have a program milestone, partnership success, or innovative practice you'd like to share? Submit a Partner Win for consideration in an upcoming newsletter.

>> Submit a Partner Win

NoCO CoC Designated Rep Meeting

Designated Reps ONLY

Thursday, November 5th

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

NoCO CoC Membership Meeting

Open to anyone, registration required

Thursday, November 19th

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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