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HELP: Participate in 2021 PIT count

Do you work with people experiencing homelessness? We need help with the 2021 PIT!

The PIT count is an annual count of Rhode Islanders experiencing homelessness. Getting an accurate count is massively important for funding, advocacy, and resource management.

To participate, all your agency needs to do is take a short (20 minute) free training and fill out a 3 question survey on your smartphone for each person experiencing homelessness with which you have contact. This survey is specifically for individuals experiencing homelessness who are staying in a place not meant for human habitation.

Learn more & get involved at
rihomeless.org/pit-2021

DONATE: We need mask donations

Since the start of the pandemic response, the Coalition has been organizing supply distribution to many homeless agencies statewide. Now, as we are thrust into another wave of high cases, we once again need to call on you to put your sewing skills to good use.

Visit rihomeless.org/donate-masks
to learn more

LISTEN: New VoH Podcast Episode: 'Another Success Story'

The Coalition's Voices of Homelessness podcast released a new episode this month: "Another Success Story." Host Shirley Jones interviews Tisha Miller, who was featured on Caught In Providence with Judge Frank Caprio, and Megan Smith of House of Hope, CDC. They discuss the oppressive systems that keep people entrenched in homelessness and the ways in which kindness can change someone's life. **Listen [here](#).**

SAVE THE DATE: Vote YES for the Housing Bond on 3/2/21

On March 2nd you have the chance to make your voice heard and tell the state we need more investment in housing. Vote YES on the Housing and Community Opportunity bond (\$65,000,000).

This program will increase both the quantity and quality of affordable housing and community spaces in Rhode Island through supporting the design, development, or repair of approximately 2,000 housing units across the state. Further, it will create a grant process to help communities recover from the economic and health impacts of COVID-19. **Read more about the bond [here](#).**

Sunday, January 31
Deadline to register to vote

Tuesday, February 9
Deadline to submit mail ballot applications

Read more about the voter deadlines & the special election [here](#).

ATTEND: Homeless System Orientation {Free}

Upcoming: January 28, 2020

Are you a new staff member at a homeless service provider, looking to learn more about homelessness? Are you a staff member at another organization that works with persons experiencing homelessness and don't know enough about the homeless system?

Attend this training to better understand the homeless system, coordinated entry, and the importance of data!

RSVP [here](#)