CONTINUUM OF CARE IMPACT ON CONNECTICUT



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BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program serves 9,000 individuals in Connecticut, keeping people safely housed, reducing costly emergency system use, and supporting vulnerable populations, including families, veterans, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Separate from the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, which is designed for short-term, emergency crisis response, **the CoC Program is the backbone of the national response to homelessness**—funding permanent supportive housing (PSH), rapid rehousing (RRH), and system-level community planning infrastructure to prevent and end homelessness.

HUD has implemented major policy changes to the CoC program that will undo decades of bipartisan progress towards ending chronic homelessness, upending thousands of lives in Connecticut.

What's At Risk?





9,000 Neighbors losing their current housing

CONSEQUENCES

- These proposed actions will gut **70% of HUD funding**, displacing up to **9,000 people** and eliminating **thousands of housing units**—with older adults, people with disabilities, and families most at risk.
- The loss of CoC funds would also jeopardize contracts with 1,000+ landlords and 400+ staff positions.
- Without CoC support, public system costs—in hospitals, emergency rooms, and corrections—will surge dramatically from people displaced from CoC who have no place else to turn.

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WHY IT MATTERS

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The Continuum of Care Program delivers measurable results. It reduces homelessness, promotes housing stability, and saves taxpayer dollars by reducing reliance on emergency services. Cutting it during a housing and healthcare crisis is not fiscally sound. It's dangerous.

Older Adults

37%

of households in PSH are 55+

23%

of households in RRH are 55+

Disabled

100%

of households in PSH with disabilities

66%

of households in RRH with disabilities

Domestic Violence

17%

of households in PSH are survivors of DV

18%

of households in RRH are survivors of DV

Veterans

4%

of households in PSH are veterans

20%

of households in RRH are veterans

CoC IN CONNECTICUT

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Tracks households and individuals living in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), as well as population characteristics.

Now is the time to strengthen what works—not dismantle it. Let's build forward, not backward.

Families & Young Adults

28%

households with children in PSH

38%

households with children in RRH

6%

youth and young adult (18-24) households in PSH 19%

youth and young adult (18-24) households in RRH









