

HOMER AREA

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CONNECT 2025 REPORT



No one deserves to lose hope.

The Homer Community Resource Connect Steering Committee is proud to report on our sixth annual Community Resource Connect (CRC) event. This year the event was held on January 28th, 2025, in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula’s 14th Annual Project Homeless Connect (PHC). The success of this event was due to the collaborative effort between service providers from the public and non-profit sectors, local businesses, and volunteer community members.

Population Served

There were approximately 112 individuals who attended the CRC event between our two locations in Homer and Anchor Point. The event was held at the SPARC in Homer, and at the VFW in Anchor Point. A total of 101 people participated in the Intake process, 71 in Homer and 30 in Anchor Point. Of the 85 participants who completed the Exit Survey, 49 reported this was their first time attending a CRC/PHC event.

The following information is data collected by Intake Volunteers utilizing an Intake Form provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. This Form is created specifically for gathering information at CRC/PHC events throughout Alaska each year for the Balance of State Point-In-Time count.

Where did you sleep last night (Monday, January 27th, 2025)?

	Frequency	Percent
On Streets/Homeless Camp	7	6.4%
Abandoned Property (Not meant for habitation)	2	1.8%
Vehicle/Car	11	10%
Local Homeless Shelter	5	4.5%
Friends/Family (Doubled up)	20	18%
My Apartment/House	55	50%
Hotel/Motel	0	0%
Jail/Institutional Setting	0	0%
Other (Specify*)	9	8.4%
No Answer	1	.9%
Total	110**	100%

**Other responses included: Trailer/Motorhome/RV, Couch surfing, Boat, Work Housing*

***The total is based on the total number of responses. Some participants chose more than one option.*

Were you with a household or by yourself?

	Frequency	Percent
By Myself (Single)	47	47%
With Household	52	52%

No Answer	1	1%
Total	100	100%

Age Category

	Frequency	Percent
Under 18 years	3	3%
18 years – 24 years	5	5%
25 years – 34 years	16	16.2%
35 years – 44 years	17	17.2%
45 years – 54 years	18	18.2%
55 years – 64 years	23	23.2%
65 years and older	15	15.2%
Don't know/No answer	2	2%
Total	99	100%

Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Woman (Girl if child)	54	53.5%
Man (Boy if child)	44	43.6%
Transgender	0	0%
Non-binary	0	0%
Questioning	0	0%
Culturally Specific Identity	0	0%
Different Identity (Specify)	0	0%
Don't know/No answer	3	2.9%
Total	101	100%

Race/Ethnicity

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	28	25.9%
Asian or Asian American	2	1.9%
Hispanic/Latin(o)(a)(x)	2	1.9%
Black, African American, or African	2	1.9%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	.9 %
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(o)(a)(x)	4	3.6%
White	62	57.4%

Middle Eastern or North African	0	0%
Don't know/No answer	7	6.5%
Total	108*	100%

* The total is based on the total number of responses. Some participants chose more than one option.

How long have you been living on the streets or in Emergency Shelters?

	Frequency	Percent
Less than 1 year	11	10.5%
1 year or more	31	29.5%
Don't know/No answer	63	60%
Total	105	100%

Number of times you have been homeless on the streets or in shelters in the past 3 years.

	Frequency	Percent
This is the first time	7	7%
Two to three times	19	19%
Four or more times	21	21%
Don't know/No answer	53	53%
Total	100	100%

Total number of months you spent at least 1 day homeless on the streets or in shelters in the past 3 years.

	Frequency	Percent
Fewer than 12 months	17	17%
12 months or more	33	33%
Don't know/No answer	50	50%
Total	100	100 %

Do you have any disabilities?

	Frequency	Percent
None	40	34.2%
Alcohol use disorder	5	4.3%
Chronic health condition	9	7.7 %
Developmental	6	5.1%
Drug use disorder	1	.9%
HIV/AIDS	1	.9%
Mental Health Disorder	22	18.8%
Physical Disability	27	23%
Don't know/No answer	6	5.1 %

Total	117*	100%
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Are you a survivor or have you been a victim of domestic violence?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	51	33.7%
Yes – Currently fleeing	2	1.3%
Yes – Not currently fleeing	29	19.3%
No	45	29.8%
Don't know/No answer	24	15.9%
Total	151*	100%

**Total responses are more than 101 because individuals who responded 'yes' may have also responded 'yes-currently/not currently fleeing'.*

Have you ever served in the United States Military?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	10	14.7%
No	49	72%
Don't know/No answer	9	13.3 %
Total	68	100%

Participant Needs

This year participants received a 'Passport' upon entering the event which listed all the vendors present. Once they completed the Intake process a Navigator talked to them about the information they were looking for, what resources they needed, and who they would want to connect with before they left the event. While participants were encouraged to visit as many vendors as they liked, there was an incentive for visiting at least 10 vendors; to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Additionally, items from the 'shopping list' this year were spread throughout the vendors; to encourage greater participation interacting with vendors.

Below is a list of all the free items available to participants, which were either donated or purchased through cash and in-kind donations. As in years past, the items provided were based on the most popular items distributed/requested at the previous year's event. The number represents an estimate of how many of each item was distributed (as the information was available).

Shopping List 2025

22	Comfort Care Pack – socks, hand/foot warmers, flashlight, space blanket, lotion
16	Hygiene Kit – hand towel, washcloth, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, tissues
2	Hygiene and personal care supplies – toothbrush/paste, soap, nail clippers, etc.

26	Soap
12+33+10	Toothbrush/Paste
18	Waterless Shower Wipes
30+30	Chapstick
9	Feminine Hygiene Products
4+10	Condoms/Oral Dams
	Emergency Contraception
	Vitamins/Supplements
1	Baby Formula/Food
7+7+20	Diapers/Baby Wipes
5+25	Narcan
10	Fentanyl Test Strips
10	Drug Disposal Bags
3	Covid Home Test
16	Canned Food/Food Bag
23	Snack Pack
13+30	Lunch
18	Pet Food
4	Neuter/Spay Voucher
18+25	Backpack
11+30	Sleeping Bag
9	Sleeping Pad
15+20+14+6	Blanket
1+6	Tent
4+6	Tarp
5+30	Emergency Blanket/Survival Tent
12	Hand Warmers
11	Utensil Pack
	Water Bottle
18	Water Jug
	Sled
10+21	Reflective Vest
8	Plastic Poncho
16	Ice Cleats
13+24	Flashlight
	Headlamp
18+36	First Aid Kit
	Flu shot
	Health Screening
	Pregnancy Test
	HIV Self-test Kit
	Reusable Grocery Bags
7	Magnifying Glasses

20	Laundry/Shower Voucher
1	Taxi Voucher (to and from the event)
68	Clothing Voucher
67	Gas Card
6	Haircut
There was an open 'shopping' area at both locations for gently used items including: Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks, Boots, and Misc. warm weather clothing and supplies	

Vendors

The following are the lists of vendors who were present at the Homer and Anchor Point Events. The number represents the approximate number of participants who interacted with that agency (as information was available).

Homer Vendors 2025

38	Alaska Mindful Paws
20+	Cook Inlet Counseling
20+	Division of Public Assistance, Homer Office
	Food Not Bombs
	Freedom House
	Homer Food Pantry
	Homer Medical Clinic, Medication Assisted Treatment Program
42	Homer Senior Citizens Center
27	Independent Living Center
	Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic
50+	Kachemak Bay Recovery Connection
38	Kenai Peninsula College, Adult Education
23	Kenai Peninsula Votes & League of Women Voters
40+	Ninilchik Tribal Council
53	Seldovia Village Tribe Health & Wellness
	South Peninsula Area Rec Center (SPARC)
76	South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services
50+	South Peninsula Haven House
50	South Peninsula Hospital, Financial Navigator
20+	Sprout Family Services
30	The Galley
	United States Department of Veteran Affairs, HUD/VASH Program
30	University of Alaska, Nursing Students

Anchor Point Vendors 2025

	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
	Anchor Point Food Pantry
	Homer Animal Friends
	Kachemak Bay Recovery Connection
	Ninilchik Tribal Council
	Public Health, Homer Office
	South Peninsula Haven House
	South Peninsula Hospital, Financial Navigator

Participant Exit Survey

Responses from 85 completed Exit Surveys:

	Yes	No	Somewhat
The event was helpful to me.	85	0	0
I felt respected and supported.	85	0	0
Was this your first Community Resource Connect Event?	49	35	N/A

How many are in your household?

	Frequency	Percent
13 years and under	43	27.4%
14 years – 24 years	23	14.6%
25 years and over	91	58%
Total	157 Individuals in approximately 85 Households	100%

What items or services were most helpful?

- 59 – Everything
- 24 – Warm weather clothing/gear
- 14 – Food/Food Pantry
- 14 – Blankets/Sleeping Bags
- 12 – Vouchers (gas, shower, laundry, clothing)
- 9 – Resources/Services

- 7 – Items for Pets
- 4 – Tents
- 3 – Senior Center
- 2 – Backpacks
- 2 – Hygiene items
- 2 – Ice Cleats
- 1 – 5 Gallon water jug
- 1 – Family Planning
- 1 – Housing Assistance
- 1 – Medicaid
- 1 – Someone to talk to
- 1 – Supplies (general)

Were there any items or services you needed that were not available/provided?

- 5 – Emergency housing/Housing
- 4 – Gas
- 3 – Additional hygiene supplies (Bengay, razor blades, toothpaste)
- 2 – Cold weather sleeping bag/Tent
- 2 – Glasses/Eye drops
- 1 – Batteries
- 1 – Heating assistance
- 1 – Job services
- 1 – Overalls
- 1 – Size 3X Coat
- 1 – SNAP
- 1 – Transportation

Volunteers



Homer Community Resource Connect Steering Committee:

Lindsey Collins – South Peninsula Haven House	Cinda Martin – Homer Emblem Club/Kachemak Bay Rotary Club
Abby Ferrer – South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services	Melissa Martin – Anchor Point Food Pantry
Annie Garay – South Peninsula Hospital	Kammi Matson – South Peninsula Hospital
Lia Jacobsen – South Peninsula Haven House	Dana Roberts – Independent Living Center

Our gratitude and thanks to the volunteers and donors who helped make this event possible!

Event Volunteers

Doug Bailey	Shannon McBride-Morin
Pamela Baltzer	Barbara McNinch
Jake Blair	Jane Miles
Melisa Blair	Casey Moss

Richard Bollwitt	Pat Moss
Kevin Bottjen	Fektista Nelson
Dave Bran	Allison O'Neill
Derek Bynagle	Emilie Otis
Sherry Daughtery	Susan Pacillo
Nancy Deaver	Laurie Palo
Alivia Erickson	Frank Quinn
Derotha Ferraro	Clayton Rogers
Jim Fisher	Linda Rowell
Chris Fontaine	Lauren Seaton
Mary Frische	Donna Scovell
Trinity Griffin	Stacey Shultz
Jen Halpin	Liane Stephens
Sheila Halverson	Hien Tran
Joanne Hansen	Mary Trimble
Homer Highschool Boys Basketball Team	Debbie Vantrease
Rick Hoover	Shawnisty Webber
Karen Howarth	Bill Wells
Kordell Jones	Lauren Wolford
Laura Kelly	Erin Workman
Alex Koplín	Michelle Yacobucci
Cathy Kremer	Eric Young
Adele Kvasnikoff	Linda Young
Kerianna Lasiter	Bradley last name?
Jordan Lugo	

Cash and In-Kind Donations

Central Peninsula General Hospital	Homer United Methodist Church
Cinda Martin	Independent Living Center
Community Donations to Clothing Drives and Amazon Wish List	Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic
Coop's Coffee	Kachemak Bay Rotary Club
Homer Animal Friends	Kachemak Community Center
Homer Chamber of Commerce	Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless Connect
Homer Food Pantry	Safe Families for Children Homer
Homer Dental Clinic/Center?	Save U More
Homer Elks Lodge	SPARC
Homer Emblem Club #350	South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services
Homer Public Health	South Peninsula Haven House
Homer Thrift	South Peninsula Hospital

We sincerely apologize if we have mistakenly omitted any donor or volunteer.

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Endnote: Data was secured through the 2025 Community Resource Connect Events held in Homer and Anchor Point on January 28, 2024. Participants may have called in for services or received services by proxy; that data is included in this report.