

HOMER AREA

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

2022 REPORT



No one deserves to lose hope.

The Homer Project Homeless Connect Steering Committee is proud to report on our third annual Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event held on January 26, 2022, in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula’s 11th Annual Project Homeless Connect. 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 63 individuals who attended the PHC event in Homer and Anchor Point. A total of 54 people participated in the Intake process, 33 in Homer and 21 in Anchor Point. Overall there were 70 individuals represented in the Intakes. Of the 28 participants who completed the Exit Survey, 19 reported this was their first time attending a PHC event.

Veteran Status

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	6	8.6%
No	64	91.4%
Don’t know	0	0%
Refused	0	0%
Total	70	100%

Age

	Frequency	Percent
13 years and under	10	14%
14 years – 17 years	2	2.8%
18 years – 24 years	3	4%
25 years – 44 years	22	32%
45 years – 64 years	27	39%
65 years and over	3	4%
Don’t know	1	1.4%
Refused	2	2.8%
Total	70	100%

Race

	Frequency	Percent
American Indian/Alaska Native	10	14%
Asian/Asian American	0	0%
Black/African American/African	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%
White	54	76%

Don't know	0	0%
Refused	7	10%
Total	71*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. While there were only 70 responses, a participant(s) may have identified with more than one Race.*

Ethnicity

	Frequency	Percent
Non Hispanic/Non Latino	54	77%
Hispanic/Latino	2	3%
Don't know	0	0%
Refused	14	20%
Total	70	100%

Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Female	28	40%
Male	41	58.6%
A gender other than singularly female or male	0	0%
Transgender	0	0%
Questioning	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%
Refused	1	1.4%
Total	70	100%

Do you have any disabilities? (Self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	19	27%
No	46	66%
Don't know	2	3%
Refused	3	4%
Total	70	100%

Disabling Conditions (Self-reported)

	Frequency	Percent
Alzheimer's/Related Dementias	0	0%
Chronic Alcoholism/Substance use disorder	1	3.4%
Intellectual/Developmental Disability	2	7.3%
Mental Illness	3	11%

Traumatic Brain Injury	4	15%
Physical Health Problem	6	22%
Other	2	7.3%
Don't know	4	15%
Refused	5	19%
Total	27*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of Disabling Conditions identified by 21 individuals who disclosed one or more condition. There were 46 individuals who reported having no conditions, and 3 who refused to answer, for a total of 70 responses.*

Alaska Regional Corporation/Tribal Affiliation

	Frequency	Percent
Not Affiliated	53	76%
Bering Straits Native	0	0%
Cook Inlet Regional	1	1.4%
Sealaksa	0	0%
Ahtna	0	0%
Bristol Bay Native	0	0%
Doyon Limited	0	0%
13 th Regional	0	0%
Aleut	0	0%
Calista	0	0%
Koniag	1	1.4%
Arctic Slope Regional	0	0%
Chugach Alaska	0	0%
NANA Regional	0	0%
Don't know	3	3.8%
Refused	11	16%
Other	1	1.4%
Total	70	100%

Sexual / Relationship Orientation

	Frequency	Percent
Heterosexual/Straight	50	85%
Gay	0	0%
Lesbian	0	0%
Bisexual	1	1.5%
Questioning/Unsure	0	0%
Aromantic	0	0%
Asexual	1	1.5%
Demisexual	0	0%
Pansexual	0	0%
Queer	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Don't know	0	0%

Refused	7	12%
Total	59*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

Where did you sleep last night?

	Frequency	Percent
Homeless Situation:	11	20%
Institutional Situation:	0	0%
Temporary or Permanent Housing Situation:	43	78.2%
Don't know	0	0%
Refused	1	1.8%
Total	55*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

How long have you been staying there?

	Frequency	Percent
One night or less	0	0%
Two to six nights	0	0%
1 week or more (less 1 month)	1	3.3%
1 month or more (less 90 days)	4	14%
90 days or more (less 1 year)	8	27.4%
One year or more	15	52%
Don't know	1	3.3%
Refused	0	0%
Total	29*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

When was the last time you were in stable housing of some kind?

	Frequency	Percent
Less than one year	11	42.4%
One year	1	3.8%
Two years	4	15.4%
Three years	4	15.4%
Four years	1	4%
Five years	0	0%
More than five years	5	19%
Don't know	0	0%
Refused	0	0%
Total	26*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

How many separate episodes of homelessness have you experienced in the past 3 years?

	Frequency	Percent
One time	6	17.4%
Two times	8	23.6%
Three times	4	12%
Four or more times	6	17.4%
Don't know	7	20.6%
Refused	3	9%
Total	34*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

How many total months have you been homeless in the past 3 years?

	Frequency	Percent
One month	5	14%
Two months	3	8%
Three months	6	17%
Four months	1	2.6%
Five months	0	0%
Six months	0	0%
Seven months	0	0%
Eight months	0	0%
Nine months	0	0%
Ten months	0	0%
Eleven months	0	0%
Twelve months	2	5.5%
More than twelve months	7	19.4%
Don't know	10	28%
Refused	2	5.5%
Total	36*	100%

**Percentages above are based on the total number of responses. Non-Head of Household and minors were not asked this question.*

Participant Needs

This year's Shopping List was based on the most popular items distributed/requested at last year's event, and the goods either purchased or donated based on cash and in-kind donations. The following is the list along with the total number of each item that was distributed:

Homer Area Project Homeless Connect Drive-Through Shopping List

47	Backpack
39	Food Box
46	Snack Bag

50	Hygiene Kit – hand towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, clippers, comb, band aids
50	Comfort Care Pack – socks, hand/foot warmers, hand sanitizer, face masks, flashlight, space blanket, lotion
17	Feminine Hygiene Products
7	Condoms
20	Dog Food
14	Cat Food
43	Sleeping Bag
41	Blanket
21	Tent
18	Tarp
26	Utensil pack
14	Narcan Kit
4	Medication disposal bag
17	Reflective vest
15	Men’s Hat
20	Men’s Gloves
8	Women’s Hat
12	Women’s Gloves
15	Scarf
0	Child’s Hat
2	Child’s Gloves
1	Child’s Scarf
10	Socks
14	Plastic Poncho
12	COVID Home Test Kit
7	Diapers/Wipes
0	Formula/Baby Food
2	Taxi Voucher (provided for ride to and from PHC event)
24	Clothing Voucher (Homer Thrift, Salvation Army, Helping Hands, PJ’s Thrift Store)
14	Laundry/Shower Voucher (Cheeky Moose)

Participant Exit Survey

Responses from 28 completed Exit Surveys:

	Yes	No	Somewhat
The event was helpful to me.	27	0	1
I felt respected and supported.	28	0	0
Was this your first Project Homeless Connect?	19	9	n/a

Participant Exit Questions

How many are in your household?

	Frequency	Percent
13 years and under	4	9.5%
14 years – 24 years	5	12%
25 years and over	33	78.5%
Total	42	100%

What items or services were most helpful?

- 8 – Everything
- 4 – Food
- 4 – Sleeping bag
- 2 – Blankets
- 2 – Gloves
- 2 – Flashlight/Headlamp
- 2 – Warm clothing
- 1 – Socks
- 1 – Pet food
- 1 – Covid test
- 1 – Location
- 1 – Help with rent
- 1 – Backpack
- 1 – Laundry voucher

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

- 3 – Gas cards
- 2 – Cleaning Supplies
- 1 – Housing assistance
- 1 – Shower Voucher
- 1 – Food Stamp assistance
- 1 – Healthcare services

Vendors

Homer In-Person Vendors

Alaska Division of Public Assistance	Independent Living Center
Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous	Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic
All Things Addiction Coalition	KPBSD Students in Transition
Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services
Homer Community Food Pantry	South Peninsula Hospital
Homer Public Health Center	

Anchor Point In-Person Vendors

Anchor Point Community Food Pantry	Seldovia Village Tribe – Medicaid sign up
KPBSD Students in Transition	South Peninsula Hospital
Ninilchik Traditional Council Health Services	

The following organizations provided info, which was included in the Information Packets distributed to participants who chose the drive-through only option:

907 Vets	Seldovia Village Tribe Veterans Services
Homer Community Resource List	South Peninsula Haven House
Independent Living Center	Sprout Family Services
Kenai Peninsula College – Adult Education and Skills	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Safe Families for Children	Veteran’s Affairs
Seldovia Village Tribe Health & Wellness	Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

Volunteers

Homer Project Homeless Connect Steering Committee:

Monica Anderson	Claudia Haines
Lindsey Collins	Cinda Martin
Mary Darbonne	Missy Martin
Derotha Ferarro	Dana Roberts
Abby Ferrer	Lisa Talbott
Annie Garay	

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

Event Volunteers

Rick Abboud	Ronnie Leach
Kyle Darbonne	Dan Lush
Jeffrey Eide	Shannon McBride Morin
Rick Hoover	Sierra Moskios
Karen Howorth	Deb Schmidt
Lia Jacobsen	Dean Sundmark
Kerianna Lasiter	Donna Vukich

Cash and In-Kind Donations

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic
Central Peninsula General Hospital	Kachemak Bay Rotary
Cinda Martin	Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
Homer Animal Friends	Kenai Peninsula Project Homeless Connect

Homer Community Food Pantry	Safe Families for Children Homer
Homer Emblem Club #350	Salvation Army
Homer Thrift	Seldovia Village Tribe
Homer United Methodist Church	South Peninsula Haven House
Independent Living Center	South Peninsula Hospital

We sincerely apologize if we have missed any donor or volunteer.

Endnote: Data was secured through the Homer Area Project Homeless Connect event held in Homer and Anchor Point on January 26, 2022. Participants may have called in for services or received services by proxy; that data is included in this report.