



# Alaska Coalition on Homelessness Update

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# What is the purpose of the AK Coalition on Housing & Homelessness?

- The mission: The Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (AKCH2) is a statewide organization working to develop strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing and eliminate homelessness in our great state.



# Balance of State Continuum of Care

- Funded by a combination of HUD and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).
- promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.
- provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.
- promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.
- optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

# What does that mean for the Kenai Peninsula?

- AKCH2 carries out the day to day management of the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Program (AK-501).
- The Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care supports the entire peninsula and all residents homeless/near homeless.
- Provides resources to collaborate and share data with the rest of the State.

# Why collaborate?

- On January 22, 2018, the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness Board adopted the Alaska Balance of State Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

# Why is this relevant?

- (HUD) requires the collection of Point in Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data for one night each year to assist in measuring the extent of homelessness within Alaska.
- Coordinated entry is designed to make this data more accurate.
- This data is also used to advocate for federal and state funding to assist Alaska's homeless.

# Where do we want to go?

- Make available options for rapid rehousing
- Coordinate efforts for re-housing between all agencies
- Support landlords/employers
- Create a stable data collection process between agencies
- Community awareness beyond the Project Homeless Connect Event