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Point in Time Count January 31, 2018

Various non-profits and state agencies providing services to homeless persons are gearing up for the twelfth official statewide Point In Time count of homeless community members.

The Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (Balance of State Continuum of Care) and the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance (Chittenden Continuum of Care) are again joining efforts for the twelfth statewide Point in Time Count on January 31, 2018. The Continua are comprised of local homeless, housing & human service organizations that strive to make homelessness in our communities rare and brief. These efforts will be supported by the Agency of Human Services and the Vermont State Housing Authority.

The twelfth coordinated Point in Time Count will collect data to be used by the Balance of State, Chittenden County, and local continuums in their funding applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as to provide a statewide baseline for measuring the success of housing and supportive services used to reduce the number of people who are homeless in Vermont.

Vermont's last Point in Time homelessness count, conducted on a single night in January of 2017, recorded an overall statewide increase of 11% in the number of homeless individuals statewide. On that night last January, 1,225 persons were counted as homeless across the state, a reminder that more work must be done if homelessness is to cease in Vermont.

Local Continuas of Care participating in this year's count have participated in prior trainings to support best practices in community involvement. For a copy of the Data Collection form, or for additional information and instructions on how to administer the survey and where to send it after the count, please go to Helpingtohousevt.org or contact:

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About Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness:

The VCEH is a statewide coalition with more than 50 private, community based nonprofit members that represent a wide spectrum of organizations dedicated to ending homelessness in Vermont.

About Chittenden County Homeless Alliance:

The Chittenden County Homeless Alliance is a coalition of individuals, organizations, and government who support our vision of a safe, decent, affordable, stable home for every person and family in Chittenden County.

Both entities are made up of people who operate homeless shelters, transitional and permanent housing, and provide a variety of services to help.