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# NYC CoC Newsletter

**And...We're Back!**

Did you miss us?

## What's on Deck



**HANDS OFF HOUSING**

**Join the Network with tenant leaders, partners & advocates for a #HandsOffHousing rally to protect vital HUD programs & staff!**

**Hands Off Housing Rally**  
**Friday, March 21st at 10:00AM**  
**City Hall Steps, NYC**  
**Register: [bit.ly/HOH25](https://bit.ly/HOH25)**

**the Network**  
Supportive Housing Network of NY

## Stay Informed

To ensure you are staying up to date, please sign up for following mailing lists:

- [CoC Mailing List](#)
- [HUD Exchange](#)
- [NAEH Mailing List](#)
- [NLIHC](#)
- [SHNNY's Newsletter](#)
- [NYU Furman Center](#)
- [The City of NY](#)

## Resources

**Workforce Innovation Grant**

## The Network's "Hands Off Housing Rally"

Join the Network with partners, advocates and tenant leaders **on Friday, March 21st at 10:00AM at the Steps of City Hall** for a #HandsOffHousing rally demanding that DOGE halt its attempts to gut HUD and roll back critical housing protections, which will inevitably worsen the housing and homelessness crisis.

**Date:** Friday, March 21st at 10:00AM

**Location:** City Hall Steps, NYC

[Click here to learn more and sign up!](#)



## Workforce Development and Financial Empowerment for People with Disabilities Webinar

The NYC Continuum of Care is excited to host this webinar featuring guest speakers from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG). Come to learn more about valuable

The Alliance is [requesting proposals](#) to award a one-time grant of up to \$50,000 to start or continue initiatives that support the recruitment, promotion/advancement, and retention of high-quality homeless services staff. Applications are due by **11:59 P.M. ET on March 28, 2025** to [hri@naeh.org](mailto:hri@naeh.org).

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## Become a Behavioral Health Community Health Worker through paid apprenticeship!

The Mayor's Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH) is launching a pilot Behavioral Health Community Health Worker (BH-CHW) apprenticeship in early 2025. Developed in collaboration with CUNY, Hostos Community College, the Healthcare Career Advancement Program, and nonprofit health and human service organizations, this will be the first nationally recognized apprenticeship of its kind.

[Click here for more information!](#)

resources available for people with disabilities who are interested in employment and financial counseling!

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** Mar 20th, 2025 10:00 AM ET

[Click here to register!](#)

## In Case You Missed It



### March Public Meeting Recap

Thank you for joining us at the March public meeting on Tuesday!

If you were unable to attend, please click the links below to view the presentation and materials discussed. Part Two of the public meeting presentation contains information about the uncertainty surrounding federal funding in 2025, including current guidance, upcoming advocacy initiatives, and ways to stay informed.

[Click here to download the presentation!](#)

## Events

### NLIHC's 2025 Housing Policy Forum

The conference will take place on **Monday, March 24 - Thursday, 27** at the Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C. [Click here for more information and to register!](#)

### Register for the 2025 NCHV Annual Conference

The conference will take place **Tuesday, May 27th - Friday, May 30th** at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. [Click here for more information and to register!](#)

**Early Registration is**

**Open! Register using the**

**discount code EBIRD2025**

Any event or news you want to share please reach out to the NYC CoC Team at [nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:nyc.coc@dss.nyc.gov)

To view events happening at

the CoC, see our [Calendar of Events!](#)

## Resources:

NYC Continuum of Care Mailing List

- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nyccoc/index.page>

HUD Exchange

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Mailing List

- <https://endhomelessness.org/>

National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) Mailing List

- <https://nlihc.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e702259618becdc3f0451bd5d&id=e090383b5e>

SHNNY Newsletter

- <https://shnny.org/>

NYU Furman Center

- <https://furmancenter.org/signup>

The City of NY

- <https://www.nyc.gov/connect/newsletter-sign-up.page>

## Job Opportunities

### New Destiny

[Chief Program Officer](#)

### IMPACCT Brooklyn

[Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor](#)

### Breaking Ground is Looking for Persons with Lived Experience

[Consumer Advocate, Transition Senior Consumer Advocate, Transition](#)

## Join a Committee

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## Responsible Financial Management Presentation

[Homebase](#) hosted a [national webinar](#) on February 5, 2025, to support the financial planning needs of Continuums of Care (CoCs) and CoC-funded organizations. The [webinar](#) covered best practices for financial management.

[Click here to view the presentation slides!](#)

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## FY2024 CoC Competition Awards

On July 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the two-year Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), providing more than \$3.5 billion in competitive funding to homes services organizations across the country. The two-year CoC Program NOFO is the first of its kind and was issued to relieve the administrative burden on applicants.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> 2025, HUD announced the [2024 NOFO Awards](#). The NYC CoC was awarded 165 projects, totaling \$173,695,665, an increase of \$153,194 from the prior year. Projects will be contacted independently about the status of their awards.

## HOPE 2025



## 20th Annual Night of HOPE

On the night of January 28, 2025, over a thousand New Yorkers canvassed streets, subways, and public places all over New York City for the annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE).

This year marked the 20th annual HOPE survey, NYC's unsheltered point-in-time count, which estimates the number of New Yorkers experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Conducting an unsheltered point-in-time count fulfills HUD's requirement for all CoCs to receive annual funding and helps the City direct resources.

Thanks to all who volunteered for HOPE - we couldn't do it without you! Also, stay tuned for the results, which will be available later this year.

## CoC Spotlight

### New Roles for Onyx & Lauren!

The CoC would like to congratulate Onyx Walker and

Lauren Velez on their new roles.



**Onyx Walker is the new YAB Community Manager.**

As the former Chair of the YAB, Onyx has played an integral role in youth advocacy, utilizing his experience and expertise to influence the CoC's work and affect change for many youth who experience homelessness. Below are a few words from Onyx.

“Often youth advocates and lived experts are faced with the choice to end their advocacy journey once they age out of the affected range. I am privileged enough to be able to continue my journey through supportive leadership by becoming the YAB’s new Community Manager. I’m honored to be able to continue my work with the YAB in this new capacity and help create opportunities the way that it did for me.”

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**Lauren Velez now serves as the Director for the Metro Team (NJ/NY/PA) at CSH.**

Lauren joined CSH in 2021 as a Senior Program Manager on the Metro team where she led the “Moving On” initiative, working with providers and government agencies to create supportive, stable households and creating pathways for people to move beyond supportive housing into the private rental market with vouchers. Lauren’s 13 years of expertise spans across the supportive housing field, working collaboratively across various sectors and with a multitude of populations. Within four months of joining the team, Lauren was promoted to Associate Director of the Metro Team. Lauren’s ability to navigate and foster relationships with funders, community partners, and diverse groups has lent itself to the growth of the Metro team. Lauren makes a significant positive difference in creating and sustaining high quality supportive and affordable housing in New York City.

## Housing News

### What’s Happening at HUD?

Learn more about what is happening at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by reviewing the

published press releases.

[Press Releases 2025](#)

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## **NLIHC's "On the Home Front"**

In a new post on NLIHC's "On the Home Front" blog, a former South Carolina Housing Choice Voucher recipient describes her journey toward becoming an affordable housing advocate. "I envision a future where my voice, along with the voices of thousands of others who share similar experiences, can be amplified to bring about meaningful change," she writes. "It is essential that we work together to raise awareness about the issues faced by those in public housing and push for policies that protect their rights and well-being."

[Click here to read the post!](#)

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