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# NYC CoC Newsletter

## What's on Deck

### Annual HMIS Training

It's that time of year again: As per the NYC HMIS Policies and Procedures, all End Users must participate in training annually to maintain active accounts in the warehouse (ClientInsight/ClientTrack). **To meet this requirement, End Users must attend one 1-hour Zoom session, and can register at the links below.**

- **Tues, October 21st @ 10am - [HMIS Standard User - Session #1](#)**
- **Weds, October 22nd @ 1pm - [HMIS Standard User - Session #2](#)**
- **Tues, Oct 21st @ 1pm - [HMIS Power User](#) (Recommended for End Users with extensive HMIS knowledge and experience)**

If you are unable to make any of the above dates/times, please let HMIS know by reaching out to [DSSHMIS@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:DSSHMIS@dss.nyc.gov) for an alternative option to meet this requirement!

## 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

### Mental Health Resource Tool Kit

The NYC CoC is excited to share the [Tool Kit: Companion to Your Recovery, a resource guide for outpatient mental health resources](#) compiled by

## 2025 Steering Committee Election Applications are Open!

**Applications are due October 22, 2025 by 5pm.**

The NYC Continuum of Care (NYC CoC) is now accepting Steering Committee election applications for **9 of the 17 seats**. Terms are for two years and will begin on January 1, 2026. Please note that applicants may only apply for one seat category.

**The 9 available seats of the NYC CoC Steering Committee include:**

- One (1) At-Large member
- Two (2) Coalition representatives
- Two (2) Government representatives
- Two (2) Persons with Lived Experience
- One (1) General member
- One (1) Youth member
- Two (2) Non-profit organizations

Before submitting an application, **you must read** the [Solicitation for Membership](#) to make sure you meet the eligibility criteria and are willing to make the 2-year commitment.

[Click here to submit an online Steering Committee Application!](#)

[Visit the 2025 Steering Committee Elections webpage](#)

If you have questions regarding the 2025 Steering Committee Elections, contact Jonathan Martinez at [Martinezjo@dss.nyc.gov](mailto:Martinezjo@dss.nyc.gov)

the Patient-Family Advisory Council (PFAC) of the Payne Whitney Clinic of New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYP). The PFAC consists of patients, family members, staff, and faculty of Payne Whitney, the psychiatric department of NYP.

The Tool Kit is a comprehensive directory of resources and information that anyone recovering from a mental illness can utilize. It originated due to the perceived lack of outpatient resources for patients facing mental health challenges.

We hope you will share the Tool Kit with program staff and participants in your agency! For more information, please email [chw9025@nyp.org](mailto:chw9025@nyp.org).

[Click here to view the Toolkit!](#)

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### New York Public Library Adult English Literacy & Learning

The New York Public Library is here to help your program participants improve their writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills in English. Whether they are starting to learn the language, getting better, or are already advanced,

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## City and State's Mother Cabrini Mental Health Summit

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation and City & State New York will convene leaders across health, housing, justice, philanthropy, community advocacy, and faith-based organizations in a dialogue that aims to break down systemic barriers and spark cross-sector solutions centered on dignity, recovery, and housing stability.

**Location:** Sony Hall, 235 W 46th Street, New York, NY 10011

**Date:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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

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## Furman Center's on the Ballot: New York City's Charter Revision Commission Proposals

The event will center around the New York Charter Revision Commission's housing proposals on the ballot this November including, two affordable housing ballot measures to help expedite housing production to meet growing demand. It's an opportunity for New York City registered voter to weigh on the measures.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025

**Time:** 8:45 - 10:00 AM ET

**Location:** NYU School of Law - Vanderbilt Hall 40

they can sign up for online or in-person classes offered at libraries across the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island—all free! For more information, visit [nypl.org/english](https://nypl.org/english).

For a copy of the flyer in other languages, contact Genesis Ledesma at [genesislelesma@nypl.org](mailto:genesislelesma@nypl.org)

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## New Yorkers with SNAP benefits offered free Museum of Natural History membership

The American Museum of Natural History is offering free membership for New York residents enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Once signed up for the Discoverer program, SNAP recipients can start using their membership that same day and will receive a digital membership card and be able to reserve advance tickets on the museum's website.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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## NYC Neighborhood Food Resource Guides

Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012

Doors open at 8:15 AM. Continental breakfast will be served.

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

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## Federal Reserve Bank of New York Presents Making Missing Markets: Connecting Communities and Capital

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York will host a hybrid event on fostering and improving markets channeling investments into under-resourced communities. Event speakers and panelists will highlight the vital role of community-based interventions.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 pm - 5:40 pm ET

**Location:** Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10045, in the Auditorium

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

## In Case You Missed It

### CoC Speaker Series Recap

On October 7th the CoC team hosted their 2nd CoC Speaker Series Event. The event featured Streetlives, a NYC-based non-profit that empowers unhoused individuals through digital products rooted in lived experience. The

The Hunter College NYC Food Policy Center created NYC Neighborhood Food Resource Guides for each NYC neighborhood to help connect community members in need with food resources.

[Click here to find food resources in your community!](#)

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### NAEH's CEO Corner

Overview of Targeted & Mainstream Cuts Impacting Homelessness.

[Click here to view the analysis!](#)

## Funding Opportunit y

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Funding Opportunities.

## Events

**The Health & Housing Consortium's ("the Consortium") 15th Annual**

Streetlives team was joined by staff at Rising Ground, Project Hospitality, and SCO. Attendees got to learn about Streetlives' online platform called YourPeer. A searchable directory of peer-validated social services in NYC. They also learned about the pilot currently underway to gather real-time participant feedback for DYCD-funded youth drop-in centers. If interested in learning more, feel free to reach out to Adam Bard, Executive Director at Streetlives; [adam@streetlives.nyc](mailto:adam@streetlives.nyc).

[Click here to visit the Streetlives site!](#)

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## What the Federal Government Shutdown Means for Vouchers & Benefits

The article explains that New Yorkers who rely on federally funded assistance programs, including housing vouchers, should see those benefits continue for now, even with the shutdown experts say.

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

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## Network Hosts Emergency #SavetheCoC Rally

On September 25th, the Network hosted a rally in New York City which brought together nearly 70 supportive housing advocates, providers, and tenants.

[Click here to read the press release!](#)

## Health & Housing Convening

The annual convening will take place **on October 22, 2025** in person at NYU Langone Health - Tisch Hospital.

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

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## The New York's 16th Annual Housing and Support Services Conference

The Housing and Support Services Conference will be from **November 5th-6th in Niagara Falls, NY.**

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

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## Care for the Homeless Fall Policy Seminar

Homelessness in Older Age: Understanding the Health and Housing Gap will take place **on November 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at CUNY Graduate Center, Elebash Recital Hall, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016

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

## CoC Spotlight



### Rising Ground's Job Fair

In September, **Rising Grounds' Young Adult Rapid Rehousing program (18-24), which consists of both New Home RRH and New Home YHDP**, hosted a job fair. The first event was a security training event that was held at Rising Ground's Jamaica Hub for clients. Guardian Group Services facilitated the training - Clients completed their 8 - and 16-hour training certification at Rising Ground's site. Clients were provided a job placement employment/job hiring event.

The second event was an employment/job hiring event orchestrated by Rising Ground's Employment Education Specialist, Trey Ellison. Trey secured a host of employers, including (The Jericho Project, Council for Airport Opportunity, Parks Dept, Camba, etc.). A few of our clients were actually hired on the spot. Additionally, Rising Ground was able to screen and hire for their youth peer navigators position, funded by DYCD.

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!](#)

## Job Opportunities

**Rising Ground is Hiring!**  
[Youth Peer Advocate](#)

## Join a Committee



In addition, Rising Ground's **Nourish & Thrive Healthy Living** workshop was presented by youth peer advocates Jada Clarke and Malaysia Wesley. Attendees learned about how to shop for and prepare food in their new home, and the importance of maintaining a healthy diet for their well-being.

[Click here to learn more about Rising Ground!](#)

## Housing News

### Homebase's H.R.1 “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” Factsheet

Below you can find Homebases' fact sheet with information about the bill and its impact on unhoused individuals.

[Click here to view the factsheet!](#)

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### NAEH Snapshot: Providers Can Only House 8 Percent of Homeless People

Data shows that there is not enough funding allocated from the federal government to meet the nationwide demand for permanent housing. What was uncovered was that on the day of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there was only enough permanent housing available to house 8 percent of people experiencing homelessness in the United States.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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## **HPD's OPENING DOORS: An Innovation Challenge for Accessibility In Housing and Small Businesses**

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) recently launched the **OPENING DOORS: An Innovation Challenge for Accessibility In Housing and Small Businesses**, the first-ever Accessibility Innovation Challenge. The challenge invites architects, engineers, developers, advocates, accessibility experts, and members of the public to submit forward-thinking ideas to improve access, inclusion, and universal design in New York City residential buildings and small businesses. Aligning with a shared mission to build a more inclusive City.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## **CoC Eats**

**For information on where you can find free food from food pantries and soup kitchens, [click here!](#)**

**Halloween Edition**

With Halloween approaching, the team pondered a very serious question. If you're out trick or treating, what is your candy of choice? What kind of candy would you need to see in your bag in order to walk away happy? Below you can find which ones stood out for the CoC and HMIS teams.

- DOTS
- Milk Duds
- Mini Snickers
- Twizzlers (and no not licorice!)
- Nerds Gummy Clusters
- Starburst
- Mini M&Ms
- Kit Kat
- Skittles
- Push pop
- Fruit Roll ups
- Sour Powers
- Nestle's Crunch
- Candy Corn

**Did we hit the mark? Let us know if we missed any classics or hidden gems.**

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