

July 2019 Balance of State Continuum of Care Newsletter

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Housing First Explained by National Alliance to Ending Homelessness

<https://endhomelessness.org/what-housing-first-really-means/>

2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Update

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has begun the process for opening the 2019 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) competition with the release of three FY 2019 CoC Program Registration Notices. The CoC Registration process is the first step in the NOFA competition. The Collaborative Applicant for each CoC is responsible for completing this step. DCA completed this in April as Collaborative Applicant for the Georgia Balance of State CoC.

Release of the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition NOFA is expected at any time. The web page for the competition is on the HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2019-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/#nofa-and-notices>. Interested parties can sign up for HUD CoC notices on the

HUD Exchange at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/>.

As information becomes available, the Balance of State CoC will post information and materials for the 2019 competition at:

<https://www.dca.ga.gov/safe-affordable-housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care>.

Balance of State CoC Membership

The Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) is composed of organizations providing a system of outreach, engagement, and assessment; emergency shelter; rapid re-housing; transitional housing; permanent housing; and prevention strategies to address the various needs of homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness in the 152 county area.

The BoS Continuum has an open membership recruitment process for individuals and representatives who are interested in becoming a formal Member of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. If you are interested in becoming a formal member of the BoS CoC, please go to the Membership Survey link on the following link page, to answer a few questions

(<https://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/homeless-special-needs-housing/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/membership>).

Save the Date

*2020 Housing Symposium
February 10-12, 2020
Savannah, GA*

*Hosted by the Georgia
Department of Community
Affairs - Office of Homeless
and Special Needs Housing*

*More event and registration
details coming soon*

**Balance of State
User Group Webinar
July 24, 2019
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**



Registration Link Coming Soon

Youth System Planning

Balance of State CoC and Youth Homeless Advisory Group is looking for youth with lived homeless experience to help youth system planning

The Balance of State would like to extend a thank you to the following agencies for completing first youth specific Point in Time Count specific to the BoS Geographic Area :

Thank you Open Arms, Advocates for Children, Safe Harbor and Coastal Community Action!

Contact April Woods at 470-421-5437 or april.woods@dca.ga.gov

What is the Youth Action Board?
The Youth Action Board is a group of youth meeting with community service providers and the Georgia Balance of State to help plan homeless youth services in Georgia.

Why?
We cannot serve homelessness youth without youth like you to help us and help make decisions about what works! We need you at the planning table to tell us what you need, what works, and what hasn't worked, with the common goal to end youth homelessness in Georgia.

Who should join?
Anyone ages 18-24 who has experienced homelessness, is LGBTQ+ pregnant and/or parenting, involved, or has been in the juvenile justice system, a victim of sexual trafficking and exploitation, or participated in foster care.

When are the meetings?
We will be having meetings via conference call and some in person meetings throughout the year 4-6 times per year.
This is a paid position. You will get an hourly wage for conferences and in person meetings.

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Summer is Hard on our Homeless

Let's remember people experiencing homelessness.

Make sure all community resources are advertised in places people experiencing homelessness gather.

Think about what your community can do to pay extra attention to those sleeping outdoors.

*Thank you,
GA BoS CoC Staff*

Important Dates

July 2019

July 9, 10 AM Clayton County Coordinated Entry Meeting, location Hearts to Nourish Hope

July 19, 10 AM Middle Georgia Veteran By Name List Meeting, VECTR Offices, 1001 S. Armed Forces Blvd, Warner Robins, GA

July 22, 12 PM Albany Dougherty County Homeless Coalition Meeting, location Micro business Center

July 25, 10 AM Coordinated Entry Presentation in Camden County, GA, Meeting located at Coastal Georgia Community College Camden Campus

July 25, 10 AM South Georgia Veteran By Name List Meeting, Meeting located at Lowndes County Department of Labor

Check HERE for CoC Updates

BoS CoC Website

The GA BoS CoC has a new website and can now be found HERE.

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