

Point-in-Time Count 2025

Community Planning Meeting

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Understand the PIT Count and its Importance

Review Roles and Responsibilities

Volunteer & Partner Coordination

Logistics and Resources

Discussion and Q&A

Next Steps and Wrap-Up

Overview of Point-in Time (PIT) Count

What is the PIT Count?

- Definition: An annual survey to estimate homelessness in our community, typically conducted during a 24-hour period.
- Purpose: Provides vital data for policy-making, funding, and services
- Requirements: HUD mandates PIT for CoC (Continuum of Care) planning.

Why the PIT Count is Important

- Data for funding and resources
- Understanding trends in homelessness
- Advocacy for the community
- Improving services and outreach

Who is included in the PIT Count?

People Experiencing Homelessness

- Unsheltered: People living in places not meant for human habitation (e.g., streets, parks).
- Sheltered: People staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs.

Demographics

- Age, gender, race, veteran status, and other factors to be recorded to understand community needs.

Key Dates and Timeline



NIGHT OF PIT

- The NIGHT OF PIT is FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Date of the PIT Count

- February 26, 2025: Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Programs
 - Why? HUD requires that we count all people that stayed overnight at a specific shelter.
- February 27, 2025: Service-based Locations
 - If you count someone that reports staying at a shelter or transitional housing facility at a service location – you must capture on your survey tool where they stayed on the night of February 26th.

Training Sessions

- In-Person Training
 - Shelter / Transitional Housing: February 11, 2025, at 9 AM
 - Unsheltered: February 13, 2025, at 9 AM
- Training Sessions will be recorded and posted on the Lead Agency Website.

Data Entry and Reporting Deadlines

- All paper surveys must be entered in HMIS or Hyperion no later than March 3rd.
- Why? The HMIS Lead must de-duplicate and check accuracy and completeness of the data before the submission deadline to HUD.

Follow-up actions post- count

- The Lead Agency's goal is to submit the preliminary post-count report to the community by March 14th
- Data analysis will be ongoing from March 4th through the PIT/HIC submission date which is expected to be by the end of March or early April 2025.
- Action planning meeting will occur within 30 days after the PIT submission to HUD.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Volunteers: Interviewing individuals, assisting with data collection.
- Coordinators: Overseeing site locations, managing volunteers.
- Service Providers: Offering support and assisting with outreach.
- Community Partners: Engaging in outreach and connecting individuals to resources.

Volunteer and Partner Coordination



Volunteer Registration and Recruitment

- Sign-Up Process
 - Volunteers will sign up online via Jot Form.
- Volunteers with lived experience and diverse backgrounds are needed for translation.
- Specific Volunteer Needs
 - Outreach teams
 - Volunteers at overnight shelters
 - Volunteers at site locations

Training and Orientation for Volunteers

- Training and orientation to participate in PIT is mandatory
- You must sign up and attend an in-person / virtual session.
- Alternatively, you may watch the recording but will need to complete a quiz and form to affirm attendance.

Partner Roles in the PIT Count

- All providers play a key role in identifying and connecting with individuals who we want to survey.
- Help locate hard-to-find homeless individuals
- We're asking all community partners to help with logistics or outreach efforts.

Logistics and Resources

A photograph of a shipping yard with a truck and stacks of containers. The image is overlaid with a teal gradient. On the left, a dark teal vertical bar contains the text 'Logistics and Resources'. The background shows a white truck with a trailer and a stack of blue and white shipping containers. The sky is blue with some clouds, and there are green hills in the distance.

PIT Count Locations and Coverage

- Where will the Count Take Place
 - Shelters, Transitional Housing Facilities, Street Outreach, and Service Locations
- Area Assignment
 - Volunteers will be assigned specific areas or shelters to cover
 - Areas may include high-density areas or those with more unsheltered individuals.

Can your
organization
be a survey
location?



Survey Location Logistics

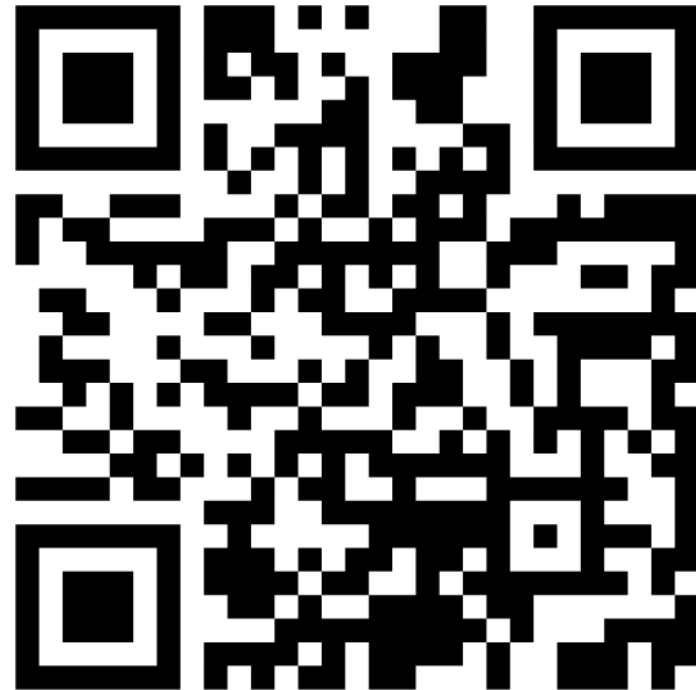
- We need all shelter and transitional housing facilities, and service locations that will be participating as a survey location to complete the form linked from the QR Code in Slide 19.
- This information helps the Lead Agency coordinate volunteer need and materials.

Materials and Resources for Volunteers

- The following information will be released by CoC Program Staff
 - Flyers
 - Survey Forms
 - Hyperion Information
 - Maps and Area Assignments
 - Safety protocols and materials
 - Incentive / Care Bags
- If you are not receiving this information – please sign up as a CoC Member. Signing up is free and open to all.

Sign-Up!!!
CoC Membership

Individual Membership



Organizational Membership



Inform!!!

Post at various locations in the community.



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2025

Help Us Count! You Matter.

When: February 26 & 27, 2025

What is the Point-in-Time Count?

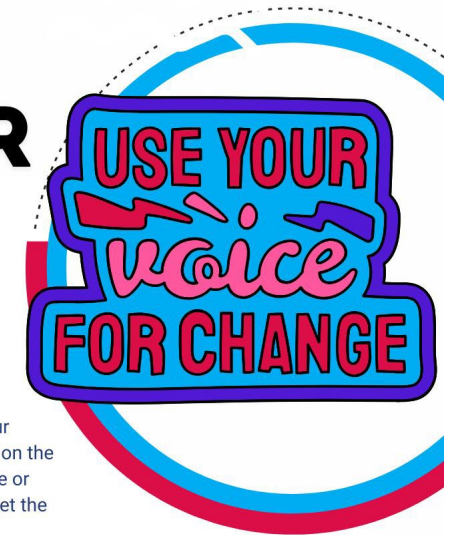
It's a one-day count of all people who are homeless in our community. This is a count of people who are homeless on the streets, in shelters, and sleeping in places that aren't safe or meant for living. The information helps our community get the right services and support for people who need it.

WHERE WILL THE COUNT TAKE PLACE?

- Emergency Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- On the Streets
- Service Locations (e.g., soup kitchens)
- Public Places (e.g., parks, bus stations)

WHY IS THE PIT COUNT IMPORTANT?

- It helps us understand how many people are homeless.
- It helps us secure funding for services like shelters, food, and medical care.
- It helps you share your voice to make



HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

In Shelters or Housing Programs

- Staff or trained volunteers will help you

On the Streets

- Outreach teams will stop and talk to you when giving out food and supplies

CONFIDENTIALITY

To make sure no one is counted twice, we ask:

- If you've already been counted
- Your name
- Your gender
- Your age
- The shelter location or area where you

Discussion and Q&A

Key Next Steps

- Survey Reminder: Complete the “PIT Count & Volunteer Support Survey” no later than February 11th
- Training Sessions: Ensure volunteers are aware of training schedules
- Community Outreach: Information will be going out rapidly to spread awareness about the PIT Count

Final Reminders

- Contact Information
 - For questions or assistance, contact Martika Baker at (850)-466-5379 or email: martikab@openingdoorsnwfl.org
- Stay Connected:
 - PIT 2025 Page: <https://openingdoorsnwfl.org/collaboration/point-in-time-count>
 - Main Website: <https://openingdoorsnwfl.org/>

Thank You!

- Thank the community, volunteers, and partners for attending and their continued support of the PIT Count.