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Members Sought for Loudoun County Continuum of Care

The Loudoun County Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking applicants for membership. The CoC is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations that provide a variety of shelter and support services to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The overarching goal of the group is to ensure that there is a continuum of services to meet the needs of homeless persons in the community.

CoC membership is open to individuals and organizations that represent or offer services to anyone in Loudoun County who is unsheltered or unstably housed, including homeless service providers, hospitals, mental health providers, advocacy groups, public housing authorities, developers, public schools, law enforcement, judicial entities, and faith-based organizations. CoC membership is also open to individuals with lived experience in homelessness.

The key activities of the CoC include:

- Collecting data about homelessness in Loudoun County; Conducting the annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count in January.
- Maintaining the Homeless Management Information System.
- Operating the Coordinated Entry System to assist those experiencing a housing crisis.
- Sharing information about funding opportunities for Continuum of Care Members; Providing a forum for service providers to network and to collaborate on funding applications for homeless services.

The Loudoun County CoC currently has 43 members and meets quarterly.

More information, including a link to the online application form, is available at <u>loudoun.gov/coc</u>.