

2019 Benefits of Membership



Coalition members affirm a commitment to the Coalition's mission to ensure safety and survival for people while they are homeless, and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region.

Coalition member organizations and staff benefit from:

❖ Being part of a powerful coalition with a strong independent voice ~ *together we move our issues forward!*

- ⇒ We mobilize around our shared priorities during city, county, state, and federal budget processes and legislative sessions.
- ⇒ We raise the collective and individual voices of homeless service providers, and people who are or have experienced homelessness by speaking up together for smart policies, robust public budgets, and up-stream changes to systems that contribute to homelessness.
- ⇒ Weekly news, including Action Alerts and advocacy tools, keep members up-to-speed about substantive issues and let you know when and how to speak up to inform important decisions.

*"The Coalition is **the only centralized voice** of advocates and staff working on these issues independent of funding decisions."*

– Executive Director

"I was so impressed with the training you all put on. Public Benefits 101 was really amazing. I left with so much new and useful information. I returned to work with at least three actionable items we will be putting into place for our clients. It was honestly the best training I've been to in about 8 years."

– Housing Case Manager

❖ Training, professional growth, and leadership development opportunities

- ⇒ Monthly General Membership meetings are a forum for providers and advocates to share information, learn, and make connections regionally, across populations and programs.
- ⇒ Our training curriculum is free to staff at our member organizations and advances our shared mission of providing excellent services to people experiencing homelessness. Recent topics include: *Public Benefits 101; Helping Homeless Students; Nalaxone; and Immigration 101 for Service Providers.*
- ⇒ Resources to support your work are shared at our trainings and on our website.

*"This is **THE** organization uniting and focusing local advocacy on homelessness, and providing opportunities for organizations to partner and work together."*

– Community partner

❖ Coalition partnerships, campaigns, and special events

- ⇒ Project Cool for Back to School supports over a thousand homeless students connected with our member organizations each year by providing them with backpacks, school and health supplies.
- ⇒ We register people experiencing homelessness to vote and train volunteers and staff at our member organizations to encourage participation in the democratic process. Central to these non-partisan skills is empowering marginalized groups to know their voting rights.
- ⇒ Our Advocacy 101 workshops turn passion into action by teaching participants how to be a voice for real and positive investments.
- ⇒ Scholarships support people who know homelessness first-hand to participate in opportunities to learn and take action.