

2020 Benefits of Membership

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.

- ❖ **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.

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