

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

### We mobilize our community to challenge systemic causes of homelessness and advocate for housing justice -- Join us in 2023!

*"You're the voice of the unheard." – Frontline staff person working in homelessness.*

#### **We convene people to advocate, educate, organize, and take action.**

People who work in homeless services, housing, and health care are at the front lines of systems that must both strengthen and change. Your essential work informs ours. The Coalition exists to support and lift up direct service staff and people with personal experience of homelessness.

Together we can and do advance good policies and real solutions, and advocate for housing justice.

#### **TOGETHER WE CHAMPION SYSTEM CHANGES**

*"I think that the Coalition serves a crucial (and complex) function. . . . It holds a unique position where a lot of different arms of municipal, state, and local government, community organizations, NGOs, advocacy groups, and interested individuals all cross paths and pool intentions." – Direct services staff working in homelessness and housing.*

- **Raise** the voices of our members and community around shared priorities during city, county, state, and federal processes to shape laws, pass budgets, and oversee bureaucracies.
- **Activate** for changes in policies, practices, and laws through Action Alerts, advocacy campaigns, and meetings which keep members up-to-speed about substantive issues and empower people to communicate directly with people who represent them.

#### **FACILITATE DEEPER COLLABORATION AND LEARNING**

*"It's the one space for county-wide networking and collaboration for service providers."  
-- Program Manager in housing for people previously homeless.*

- **Engage** members at our monthly Membership Meetings, a forum for providers and advocates to share information, learn, and make connections, across populations and programs.
- **Educate** members through free trainings to staff at member organizations to advance our shared mission of providing excellent services to people experiencing homelessness.

#### **LEVERAGING PEOPLE POWER & RESOURCES**

*"Engaging both people who are/have experienced homelessness, as well as service providers with unified advocacy".  
- Program Manager*

- **Project Cool for Back-to-School** supports over a thousand homeless students connected with our member organizations each year with backpacks, books, school and health supplies.
- **Homeless Voter Registration and Voting Rights Education:** We register people experiencing homelessness to vote and train volunteers and staff at member organizations to encourage participation in the democratic process. Central to these non-partisan skills is empowering marginalized groups to know their voting rights

**Ready to join us? We hope so!** Please contact Coalition staff with any questions or to join:

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