

# JOIN FORCES WITH THE COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS!

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PART OF THE COALITION?

It means **fierce, coordinated, and effective advocacy** at the local, state, and federal level to invest & uphold the Essential Work done day in and day out by your Essential Workers AND **practical support for your staff so they can do their job more effectively**. As a part of a strong, informed network your participation helps us further our mission to **mobilize our community to challenge systemic causes of homelessness and advocate for housing justice**.



## WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER?

- **Won inflation & wage adjustments** for homeless service and housing agencies in Seattle and King County.
- **Advocated to improve state public benefits & programs** to assist poor & disabled Washington residents.
- **Mobilized to help pass or renew major levies to fund local affordable homes and services:** Crisis Care Centers, Veterans, Seniors & Human Services, & Seattle Housing Levy.
- **Organized against policies & laws that criminalize people** for being homeless, poor, or who have substance use disorder.
- **Helped over 2500 people send direct messages to their elected representatives** about housing, homelessness, and human services priorities (12,000+ messages to city, county, state officials in 2023).

**“THESE SESSIONS GIVE US KNOWLEDGE AND LANGUAGE TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE FOR CLIENTS. I HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THAT WE HAVE THESE TRAININGS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND REFER STAFF TO ENGAGE. MANY THANKS!”**

-FRONTLINE PROVIDER FROM MAY 2023 PUBLIC BENEFITS TRAINING

**“I ALWAYS LEARN SO MUCH FROM YOU FOLKS! THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING A FONT OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION!”**

-PROGRAM MANAGER FROM JUNE 2022 MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## HOW DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION AND STAFF BENEFIT?

Access to **high quality training events**, support around civic engagement activities, and **monthly opportunities to professional development skill building** and cross issue/population information sharing.

In 2023 year we held:

**10 training events** with over **900 attendees** from **over 80 agencies** in housing, homelessness, & human services.

**48 Voting Rights and Registration events** that engaged over 500 people living homeless.

**500 providers attended our monthly General Membership Meetings.** Topics included WA State Legislative updates, free tax clinics, programs at the Seattle and King County Libraries, and the new Tenant Resource Line.

**Supported over 1600 students** with new backpacks, school supplies, and books!

