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JACKSON/WEST TN COC NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Our First Issue!

JACKSON / WEST TENNESSEE CONTINUUM OF CARE

About This Newsletter

Across West Tennessee, organizations and individuals are working every day to help our neighbors find safety, stability, and a place to call home. This newsletter is a new way to connect that work and the people behind it.

Our CoC brings together housing and service providers, community organizations, people with lived experience of homelessness, and other partners committed to preventing and ending homelessness across our **23-county region.**

Each quarter, we'll share CoC updates, highlight our partners, celebrate progress, and connect you with resources, training, and **opportunities to get involved.** We also hope to help you discover the work happening in neighboring counties and find new opportunities to collaborate.

Whether you are a longtime member or just learning about the CoC, we're glad you're here. Your experience, ideas, and commitment help strengthen our community's response to homelessness.

This newsletter belongs to our entire CoC and its members. .To share your agency's updates, upcoming events, resources, or accomplishments in a future issue, email Sarah Mays at sarah@jmprevent.org.

Thank you for being part of this work and for helping build a more connected West Tennessee.

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Who We Are

Purpose and Mission



Purpose

The Jackson/West Tennessee Continuum of Care (CoC) welcomes all individuals and organizations committed to ending homelessness in our region. We especially encourage participation from those with lived experience of homelessness, and we offer modest resources to help support their involvement.

Mission

The Mission Statement of Jackson/West Tennessee CoC, Inc. is to reduce homelessness and to improve family stability by increasing housing resources and support services, through collaborative efforts with partner organizations when available.

Our Region

We serve a diverse and vibrant region spanning 23 counties in West Tennessee. The map shows the communities we serve in red. Our work is grounded in the unique strengths, needs, and opportunities of each community we call home.



How To Get Involved

What Do Members Do?

CoC members contribute their time, expertise, and perspectives to help guide our collective work. Members support planning, collaboration, and action across our region.

CoC members work collaboratively to:

- Develop local and regional solutions to end homelessness
- Coordinate housing, services, and funding for homeless families and individuals
- Review and evaluate the effectiveness of the CoC and its funded programs
- Make strategic decisions about funding applications to HUD and other sources
- Engage the community on issues of homelessness and affordable housing

Become A Member

We welcome individuals and organizations that share our commitment to preventing and ending homelessness. There are many ways to get involved, and we'd love to have you join us. **Scan the QR code or email support@westtncoc.org to start the membership process.**

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What To Expect From the CoC Newsletter

Each quarter, we'll bring you:

- CoC Updates: News, committee highlights, and upcoming meetings.
- Around Our 23 Counties: Local efforts and community connections across West Tennessee.
- Partner Spotlight: Meet the organizations and people making a difference.
- Resources and Opportunities: Training, funding, and tools to support your work.
- Progress Worth Sharing: Accomplishments and the impact of our collective efforts.
- Ways to Get Involved: Opportunities to participate, collaborate, and share your voice.



Resources and Staying Connected

Here are ways to find support, stay informed, and share your voice. Use the sections below to explore resources, upcoming opportunities, and simple ways to get connected.

Need Help or Helping Someone?

On our website you will find information and resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or for those supporting someone in need. You can **use the RED "Need Help"** button to connect to resources.

Mark Your Calendar

Stay up to date on upcoming meetings, events, and opportunities to learn, connect, and get involved.

The calendar can be found on our CoC website!

Explore Our Website

Visit our website to find news, resources, tools, and more information about the work of our CoC and our region.

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Your Voice Matters

Share your ideas, experiences, and feedback. Community input helps shape our work and strengthen our collective impact. **Scan the QR code or visit our website to give your input today!**

Share Your News

Have an update, success story, or resource to share? We'd love to hear from you and feature it in a future issue. **Email your information to Sarah Mays at sarah@jmprevent.org**