

South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC)

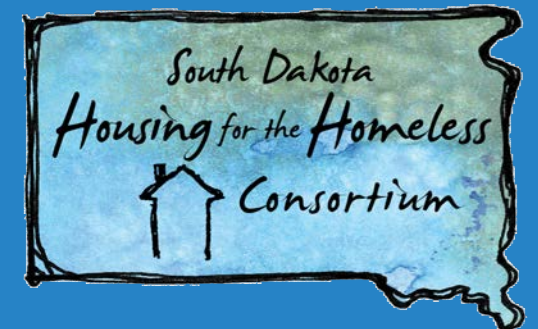
QUARTERLY MEETING | DECEMBER 15, 2020

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Meeting Agenda

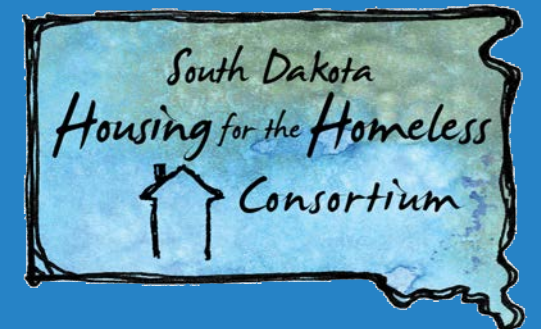
- Welcome & Announcements – 11:00 AM
- COVID-19 – Testing, Vaccinations & Homelessness – 11:05 AM
- Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Training - 11:20 AM
- ESG-CV 2, & Technical Assistance - 11:50 PM
- HMIS NOFA Report 12:10 PM
- Coordinated Entry System - 12:30 PM
- 10 Minute Break – 1:15 PM
- Committee Reports (YAB Presentation) - 1:25 PM
- Town Hall – 2:10 PM
- Adjourn - 2:30 PM



SDHHC

Introductions – Announcements

- Please use chat box
 - Name
 - Agency – Affiliation
 - Attendance purposes
- Please mute when not speaking
- Collaborate & Participate
 - Committees
 - Town Hall – Agency Reports



COVID – 19 Testing & Vaccine

SD Dept. of Social Services, Deputy Cabinet Secretary

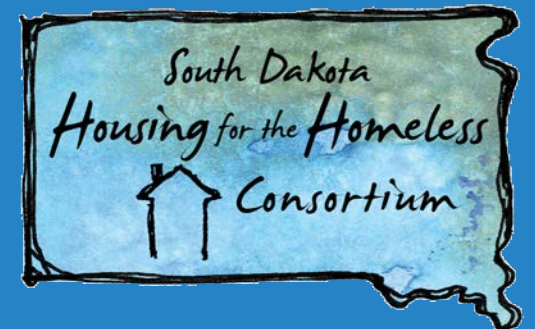
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Mass Testing/Sentinel Testing in Congregate Settings

DECEMBER 2020

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Mass Testing - Results and lessons learned to date
- Sentinel Testing- Benefits and Process
- Next Steps

#1 Goal: Slow the Spread of COVID-19

- [Testing](#) to diagnose COVID-19 is only one component of a comprehensive strategy to slow the spread of this disease
- Other critical components include:
 - [Promoting behaviors that reduce spread](#)
 - [Maintaining healthy environments](#)
 - [Maintaining healthy operations](#)
 - [Preparing for when someone gets sick](#)



South Dakota COVID-19 Testing Plan

Strategies

1. Ensure Statewide Access to Testing for all Symptomatic Individuals
2. Conduct Mass, Point Prevalence and Sentinel Testing for At-Risk and Targeted Vulnerable populations
3. Assist Communities to Conduct Testing
4. Adapt to Changing Testing Needs and Capabilities

Types of COVID-19 Testing

- **Mass Testing:** testing a large number of individuals in a short amount of time to determine the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in a population
- **Sentinel Testing:** testing a few asymptomatic individuals over time (i.e. each week or month) to monitor SARS-CoV-2 in a population
- **Point-Prevalence Testing:** testing individuals that may have had a high-risk exposure to a known case of COVID-19 in a population
- Lessons Learned

Sentinel Testing

- Sentinel surveillance – testing asymptomatic individuals randomly to help monitor the presence of COVID-19 in congregate living settings.
- Sentinel surveillance helps to ensure that any new infections are detected promptly, and their contacts traced to contain transmission as early as possible.
- Sentinel testing will be offered to all providers that serve individuals in congregate settings. Providers that did not participate in mass testing can take advantage of this opportunity as well.
- The process is similar to mass testing in terms of specimen collection, laboratory kits, and the Department of Health will continue to support payment to the lab conducting the testing.

Sentinel Testing – Process

- Recommend providers test a total of 5% of residents, participants and/or staff who are asymptomatic and apparently well through the Fall.
- Testing staff and residents each week is advised to obtain the best results. For smaller congregate living providers, testing a minimum of one staff/resident per week, even if this exceeds the 5% total is advised.
- Do not select the same staff/resident for repeated testing. When all staff/residents have been tested, repeat testing may begin.
- If your facility is currently conducting Mass Testing, that should be completed before moving to sentinel surveillance testing

Sentinel Testing Process

- STEP 1- Register for Testing with your agency point of contact
- STEP 2 - Establish process to select individuals for testing
- STEP 3- Obtain Consent from participant
- STEP 4- Obtain Medical Order for Testing
- Step 5 – Arrange for specimen collection
- Step 6- Send your agency POC the number individuals to be tested and dates so they can approve payment of the lab analysis with the lab being used for testing –i.e. LabCorp, Sanford, Avera, Monument
- Step 7 – Arrange testing supplies/kits
- Step 8 – Collect Specimens
- Step 9 – Send results to your agency point of contact once received from processing laboratory

Sentinel Testing – Registration

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Facility Name: | | |
| Facility Address: | | |
| Previously conducted Mass Testing? | Yes | No |
| Proceeding with Sentinel Testing? | Yes | No |
| Point of Contact (POC) | | |
| POC Phone | | |
| POC Email Address | | |
| Number of Staff participating? | | |
| Number of Residents participating? | | |
| Anticipated start date for sentinel testing? | | |
| Does the facility have access to a doctor or medical director who can write an order for COVID-19 testing in your facility? | | |
| Does the facility have access to a qualified healthcare professional trained to administer the test? | | |
| Anticipated laboratory to process the test? | | |

Sentinel Testing – Timeline

- Contact your agency point of contact by **September 15**
- Email your contact
 - Indicating you are opting into sentinel testing in congregate settings and include the registration form
or
 - Indicating you are opting in and will participate in the school-based testing
or
 - Indicating you will not be participating

CONTACTS:

Community Support Providers – Jana.Doherty@state.sd.us

Psychiatric Residential and Group Care Providers – Kevin.Kanta@state.sd.us

Behavioral Health – Tiffany.Glaser@state.sd.us

Domestic Violence Shelters- Cora.Olson@state.sd.us

Testing Results to Date

Mass Testing:

- Total of 1800 individuals tested (residents and staff)
- 26 positive
- Overall positivity rate of 1.42%

Sentinel Testing: We have 24 providers that have opted in for Sentinel testing.

- Cumulative Results Sept through Nov - 424 tests, 13 positives for a positivity rate of 3.07%

Rapid Testing: Continuing to support providers with efforts to implement. Several providers have begun utilizing this testing capability.

Testing

QUESTIONS??

COVID – 19 Testing & Vaccine

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SD CARES

Housing Assistance Program

- Temporary - Rental, Mortgage, & Utility Assistance
 - More than 3,400 SD households enrolled
 - \$10,000,000 in Funding
 - Assists income loss due to COVID 19
 - 12/18/2020 Application Deadline



SD CARES

Housing Assistance Program

Partner Agencies

Helpline Center

Codington County Welfare

Four Bands Community Fund, Inc.

Grow South Dakota

Inter-Lakes Community Action

Partnership

Lakota Funds

Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial

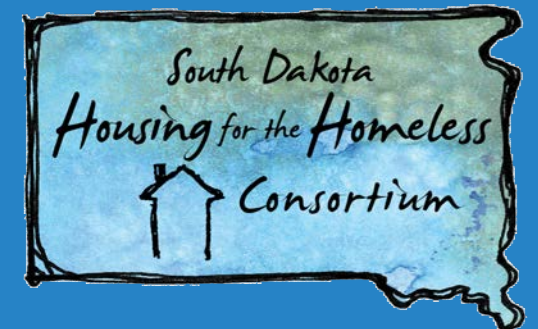
NeighborWorks Dakota Home Resources

Pennington County Health & Human Services

Rural Office of Community Services, Inc.

Western SD Community Action

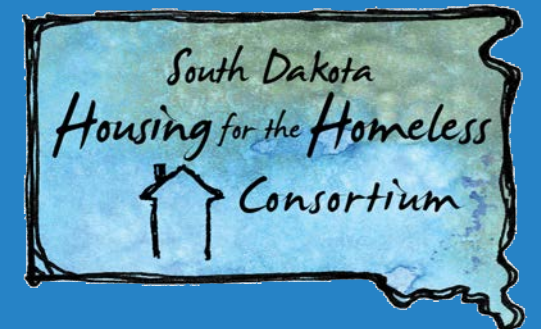
South Dakota Housing Development Authority



2021 PIT Count

Point-In-Time Count

- Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- Statewide effort
- Multiple agencies & volunteers working together



2021 PIT Count

Point-In-Time Count Activities

- Homeless Surveys
 - Sheltered Count
 - Unsheltered Count
- Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)



Why do we do a PIT Count?



To measure & monitor trends & changes on local & national levels



To help understand what resources we need & strategize the best ways to use them to end homelessness



To comply with federal regulations & requirements



Point-In-Time Count

HUD Definition of Literally Homeless – Summary

- Primary night time residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation
- Sleeping at a public or privately operated shelter



Point-In-Time Count

Literally Homeless – Summary Continued...

- Exiting an institution where they have resided for less than 90 days and resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation prior to institution
- Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence/Human Trafficking has no other residence, lacks resources to obtain other permanent housing



Why the last 10 days in January?

- Same time ensures consistency & trends monitored appropriately
- CoC likely maximizing resources. Counts those unable to access emergency shelter, other assistance.



Why the last 10 days in January?

- Public benefits beginning of month are likely exhausted
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/>



Who is Counted in PIT?

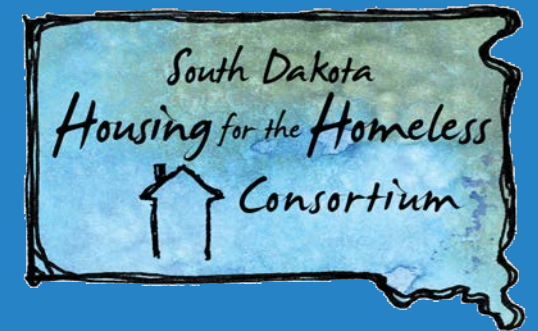
Sheltered PIT Count

- Emergency shelters including hotel vouchers
- Transitional Housing



Unsheltered PIT Count

- Car
- Park
- Abandoned building
- Campground
- Parking Lot



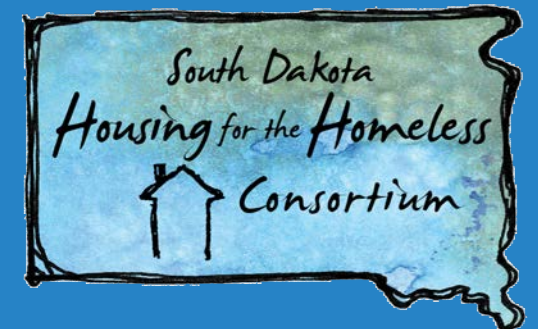
PIT Data Comparison

2019 PIT Count

- Statewide – 995
- Rapid City – 322
- Sioux Falls – 334
- Statewide Veteran – 66

2020 PIT Count

- Statewide – 1058
- Rapid City – 353
- Sioux Falls – 344
- Statewide Veteran – 43



Point-In-Time Count

SD Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking Agencies & PIT Count

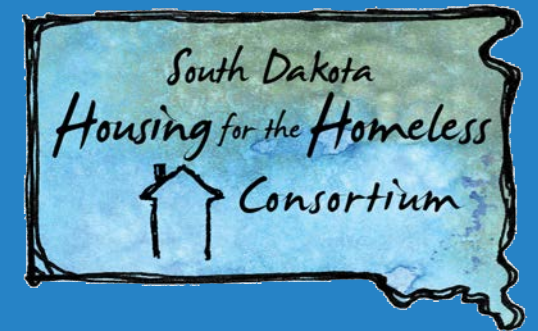
- Complete the same HIC Form
- PIT Count ensures confidentiality, & safety
- DV agencies are contacted directly by SDHDA
- DV agencies completed PIT Count via spreadsheet not containing identifying info
- A report is generated with PDF that is emailed to SDHDA
- Assist DV agencies – Training Video



PIT Count & Housing Inventory Chart Paper Survey Review

Paper PIT & HIC Forms

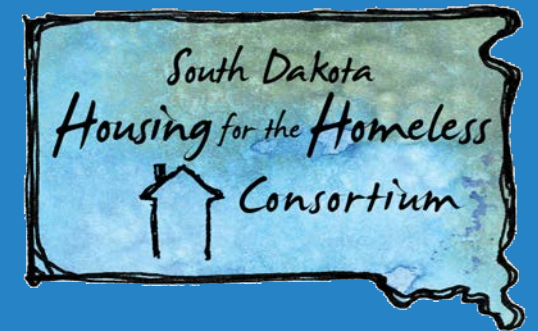
- HIC Paper – Basic Review Video
 - Records data for beds and units
 - Projects serving homeless/formerly homeless
- PIT Count Paper
 - Entered into APP via www.CountingUS by desktop computer



PIT Count & HIC Activity Organization

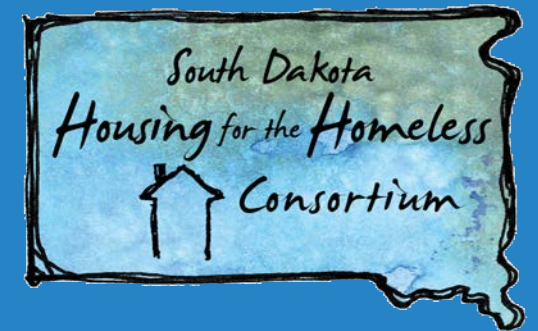
City & Regional Lead/Coordinator

- Rapid City & Region 1 – Sara Hornick, VOA-NR
- Region 2 – Becky Hubsch, Grow, SD
- Region 3 – Darcie Bultje, ROCS
- Region 4 – Arleen Weerheim, ICAP
- Sioux Falls – Suzanne Smith, Augustana
- VA Staff Leads
 - Kristy Anderson, East River
 - Jamison Hild & Heather Rystrom, West River



SIMTECH Mobile App

- Set-up Key is SD2021
- Count is in Test Mode
- Please plan on practicing with App prior to the count
- <http://pointintime.info/support/simtech-resources/>
- Also desk top version - www.CountingUS



Getting Started with the Point in Time App

Step 1: Download the Counting Us mobile app from [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#).

Search for the term “Counting Us” or use the QR code to the right to find the app.



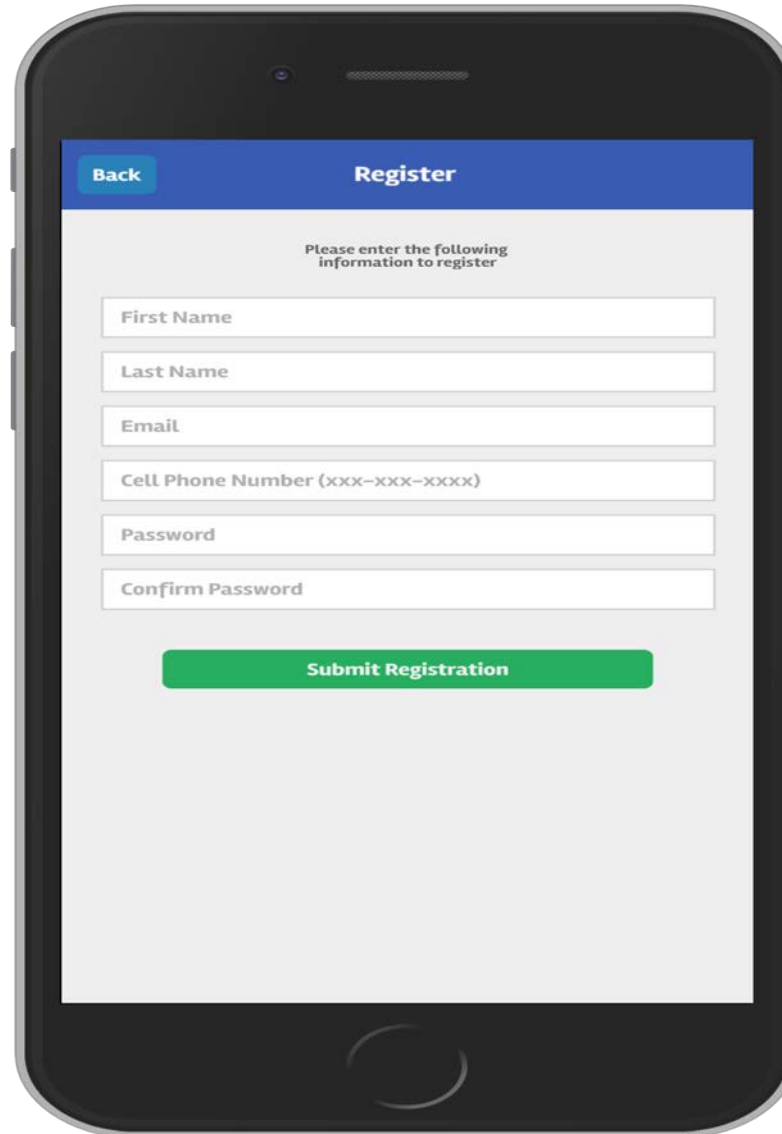
Step 2: Tap Register

This will bring you to the registration form



Step 3: Register

Enter your info and tap
“Submit Registration



The image shows a smartphone screen with a registration form. The form has a blue header with a 'Back' button and the title 'Register'. Below the header, there is a prompt: 'Please enter the following information to register'. The form contains six input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Cell Phone Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx)', 'Password', and 'Confirm Password'. At the bottom of the form is a green button labeled 'Submit Registration'.

Step 4: Enter your info

Tap “Log In”, “Choose Count”, and then “Join New Count”

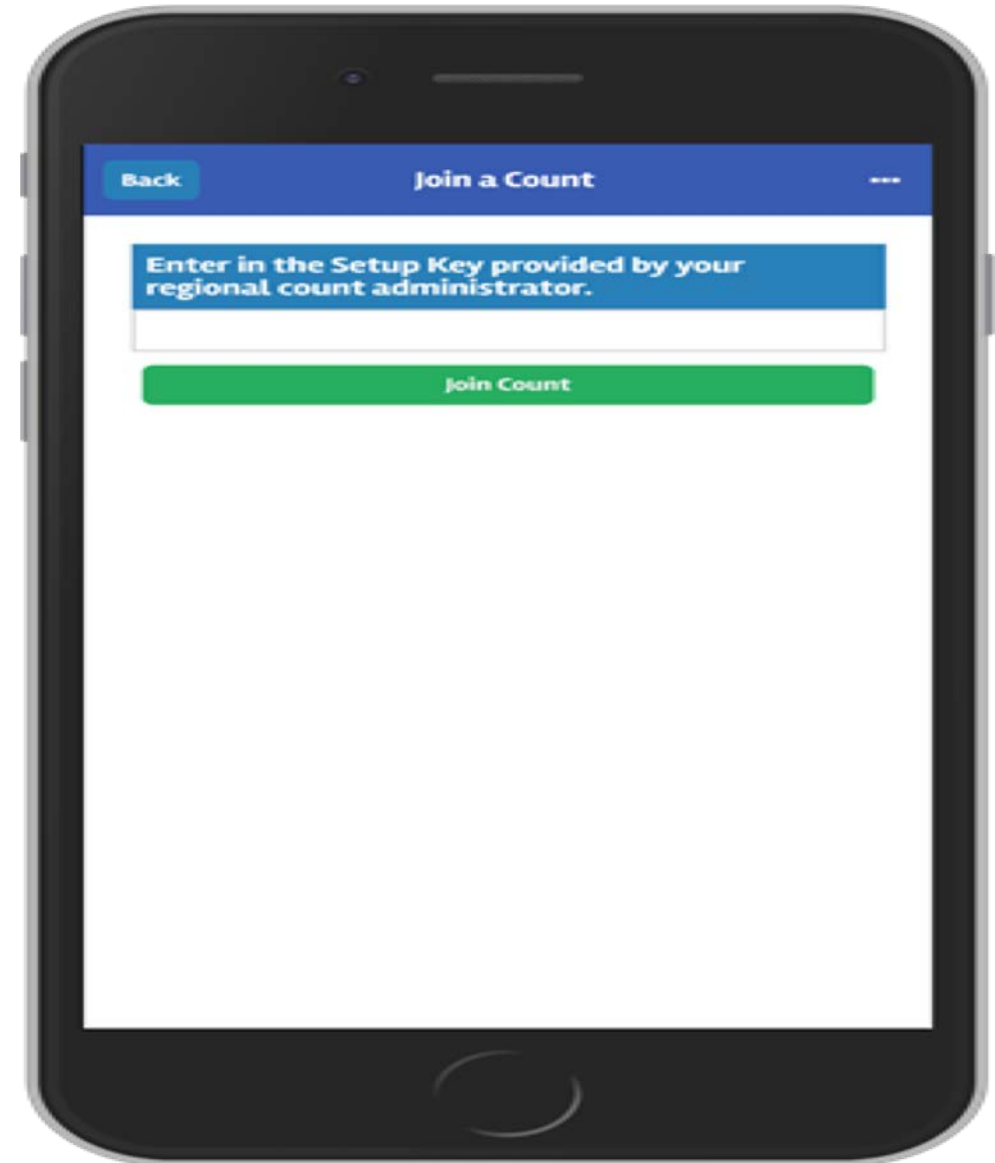


Step 5: Join a Count

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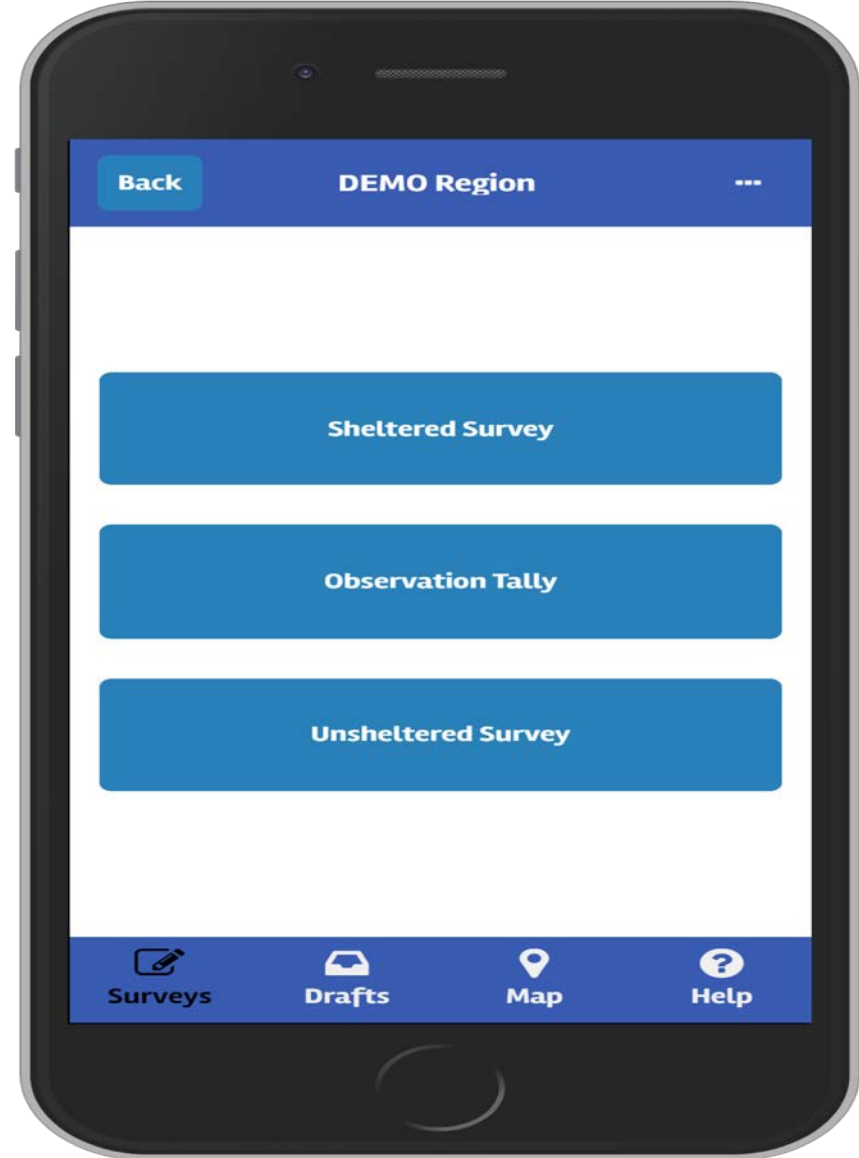
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and tap “Join Count”



Step 6: Get Started

Tap “Get Started” and you are ready to start the count!



SD PIT Count Surveys – Mobile App

Mobile Application conditional logic

Select 1 of 3 options “Where did you sleep on Tues. Jan. 26?”

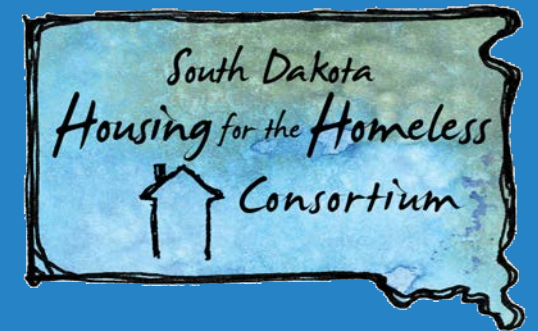
- Homeless Survey Sheltered 2021
- Unsheltered Homeless Survey 2021
- Unsheltered Homeless Observation Tally 2021



SD PIT Count Surveys – Mobile App

<http://pointintime.info/support/simtech-resources/>

Mobile Application Command Center



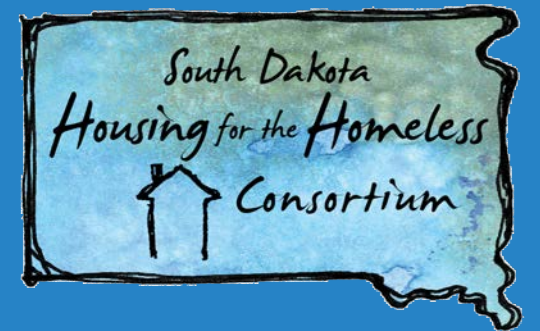
SIMTECH Mobile App

- Desktop application
 - <https://counting.us/>
- Practice surveys, Please!
- ES, TH Project info
- Demonstration



2021 PIT Unsheltered

- Sheltered PIT Count will proceed
- Unsheltered PIT Count
 - HUD Guidance
 - Count Plan
 - Training Videos



ESG Reports

ESG Traditional

- ESG '19 grant expires on 1/29/21. At that time will recapture remaining funding and make it available for reallocation
- ESG '20 \$637,969. Funds were awarded to 17 agencies across the state. Grant runs from 9/14/20-2/14/22

ESG CARES Act – 2 rounds

- Round 1 \$2,199,893 – awarded to 9 agencies across the state. Grant runs from 6/12/20-12/12/21
- Round 2 \$5,554,958 – planning to have application out in December
- Pre-award costs are eligible back to March 13, 2020 when the Governor declared an emergency in SD

ESG Information on the SDHDA website: <https://www.sdhda.org/social-programs/emergencysolutions-grants-program>

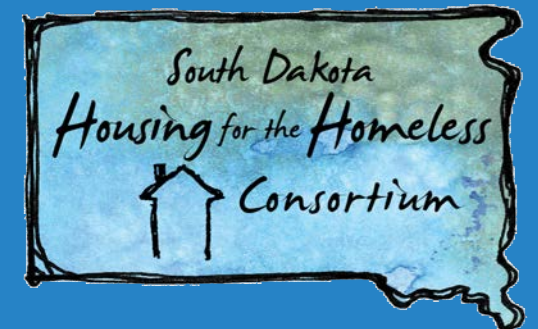
ESG on HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/esg/>



ESG - Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance Goals

- Grow subrecipient capacity
- Increase subrecipient pool
- Expand program geographic coverage
- Subgrantee monitoring strategy
- ESG recipient capacity development



HMIS NOFA Report

- Data Quality Improvement
 - Training platform development, update docs
- Data Integration
 - VA HOMES Data upload tested successfully
- Staff Training
 - SDHDA attended NHSDC virtually



SD Coordinated Entry

- HUD Data Elements effective Oct. 1
- Access: Updated Physical Access Points
- Participant Rights & Expectations
- Policy & Procedure Manual

[Coordinated Entry System | https://www.sdhda.org/housing-for-the-homeless/services/coordinated-entry-system](https://www.sdhda.org/housing-for-the-homeless/services/coordinated-entry-system) SDHDA



SD Coordinated Entry

SD Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Participant Rights

As a participant in the CES, you have the right...

- To be treated with respect and compassion.
- To receive services free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- To make choices about services and options available to you.
- To have information you share treated confidentially.
 - By giving verbal consent during your assessment you agree that your housing status and needs may be shared with agencies participating in the CES process.
- To file a complaint if you believe you've been treated unfairly.

Here's what to expect next:

- Housing openings in CES are at times limited **so you should continue to search for housing options outside of the CES process.**
- CES seeks to connect people with supports to move toward permanent housing.
- The waitlist for CES is not a first come, first served basis. Households are prioritized based on the needs identified during the assessment process.
- When a housing opening that matches your needs becomes available you will be contacted directly by the agency.
- If you are working with an agency for case management please keep them updated on changes in your living situation and contact information.
- If you are not connected with a case manager for supports you can update your living status and contact information by calling the CES number at 1-800-664-1349.



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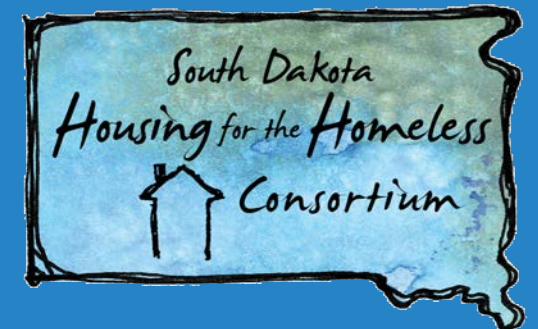
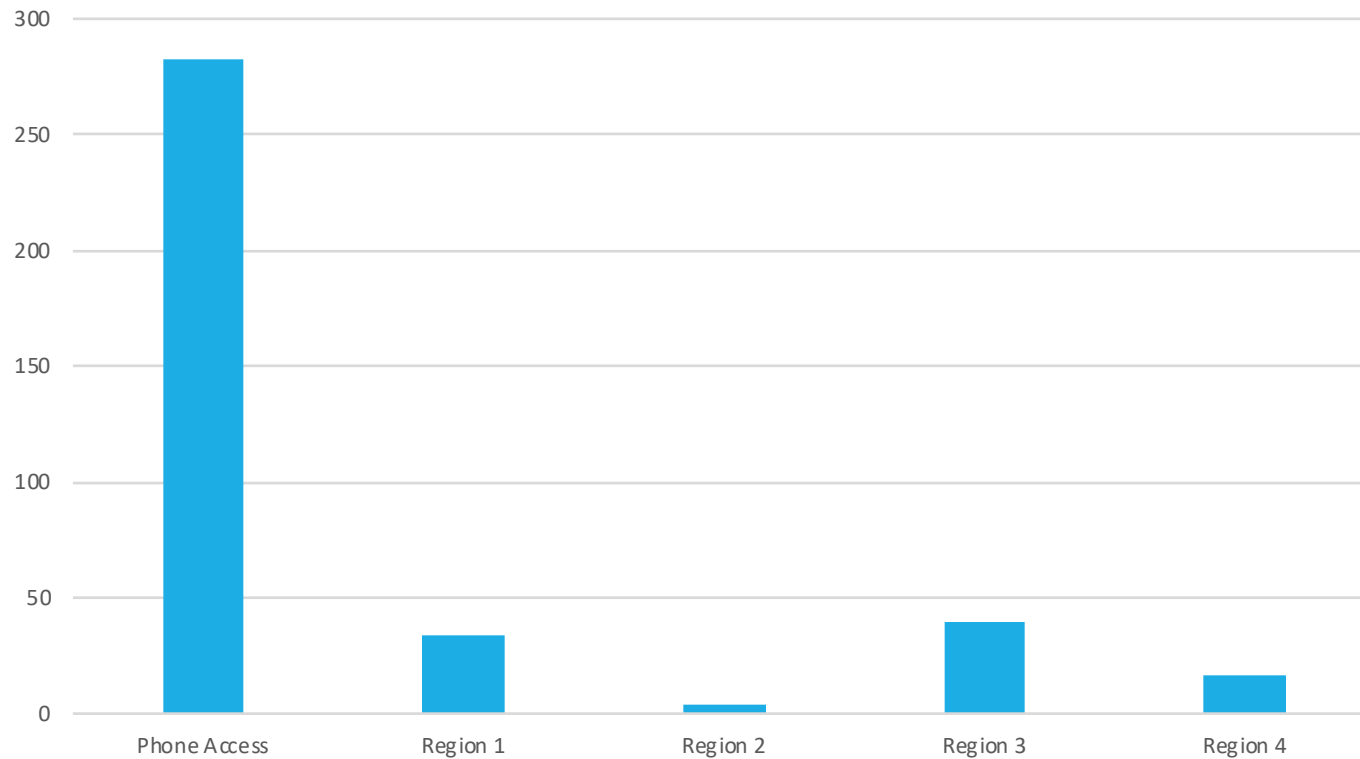
System Performance:
6.1.20-11.30.20

- Primary access point is toll free line. (75%)
- Majority of households scoring for Rapid ReHousing or Permanent Housing Solutions.
- 92% referrals are to Rapid ReHousing or equivalent and 56% exits post referral.



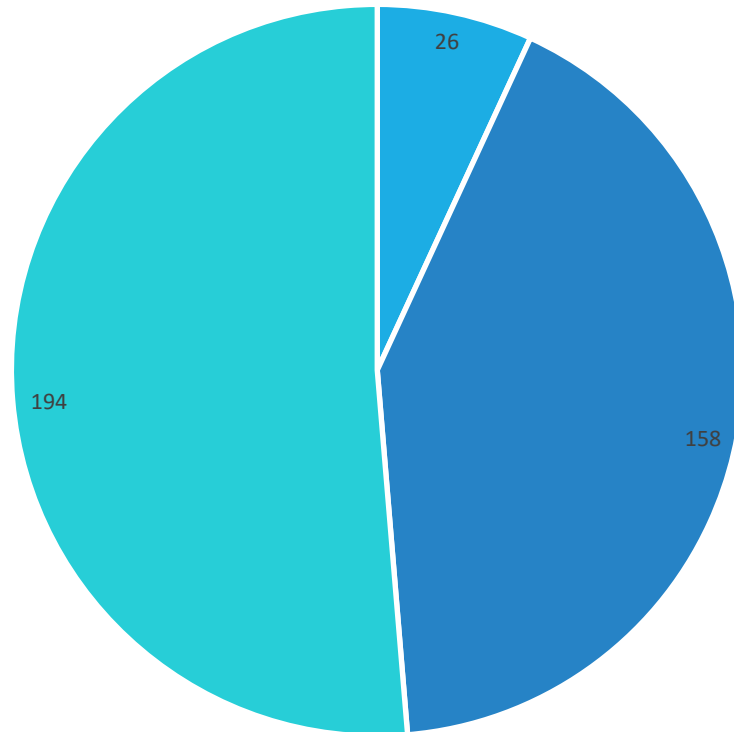
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CES Assessments
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VISPDAT Score
N=378

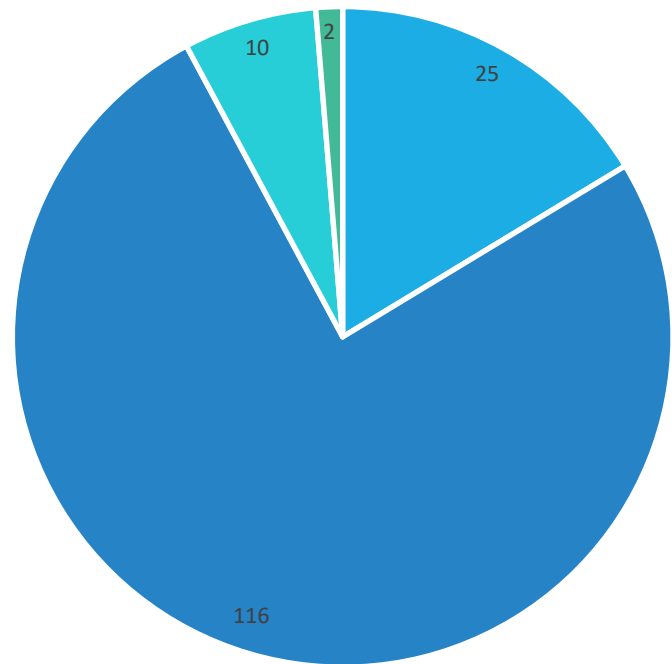


■ 0-3 No Housing Intervention ■ 4-7 Rapid ReHousing ■ 8+ Permanent Supportive Housing

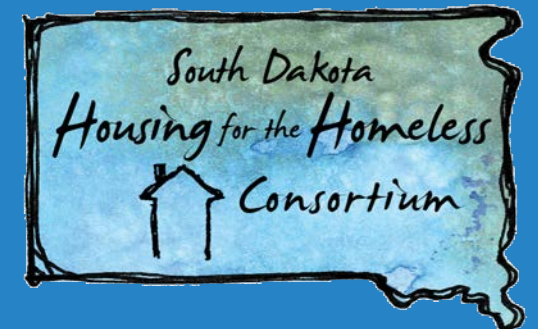


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CES Referrals- All Regions
6.1.20-11.30.20
N= 153

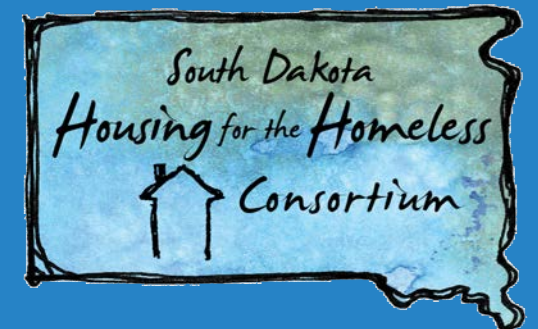
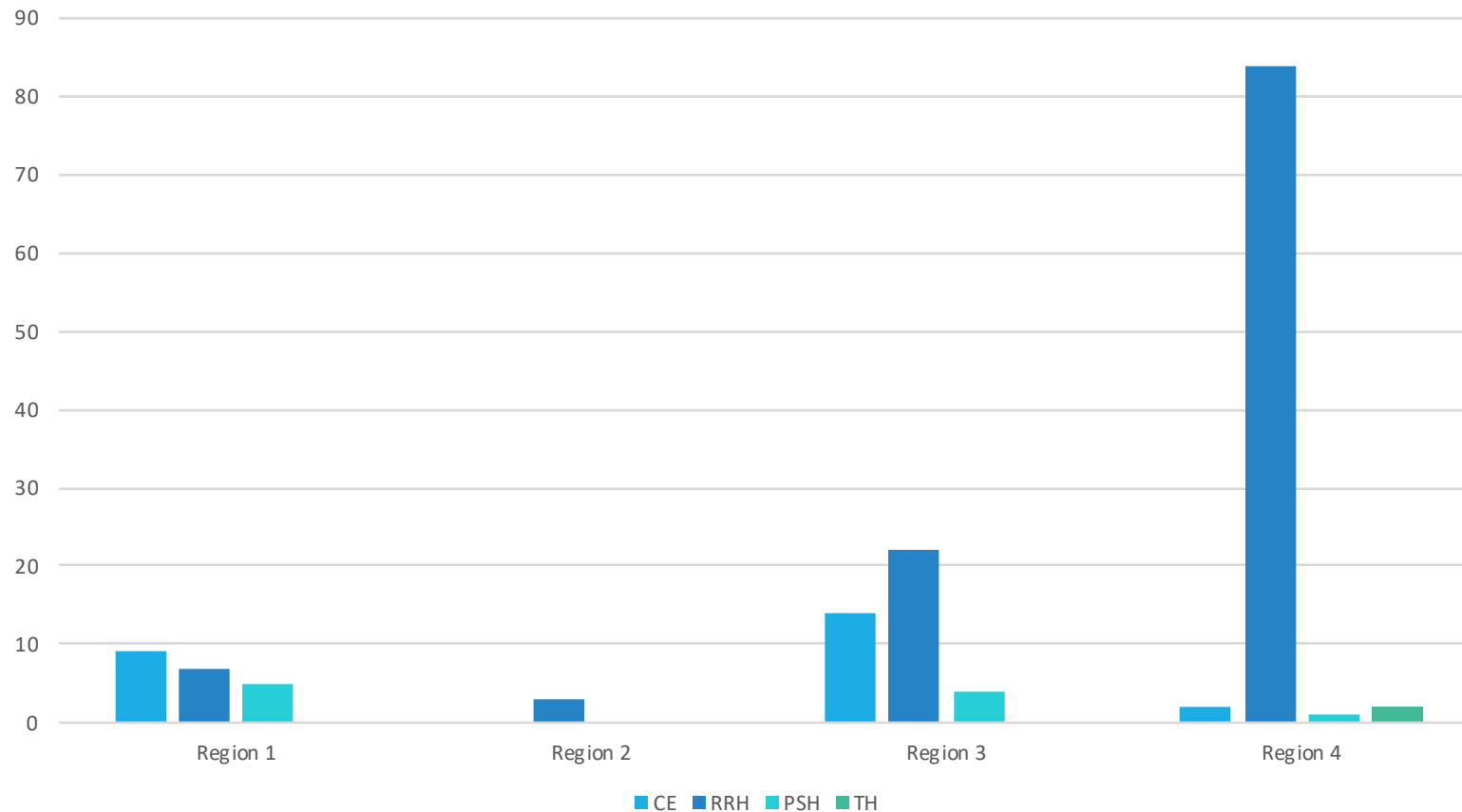


■ CE ■ Rapid ReHousing ■ Permanent Supportive ■ Transitional



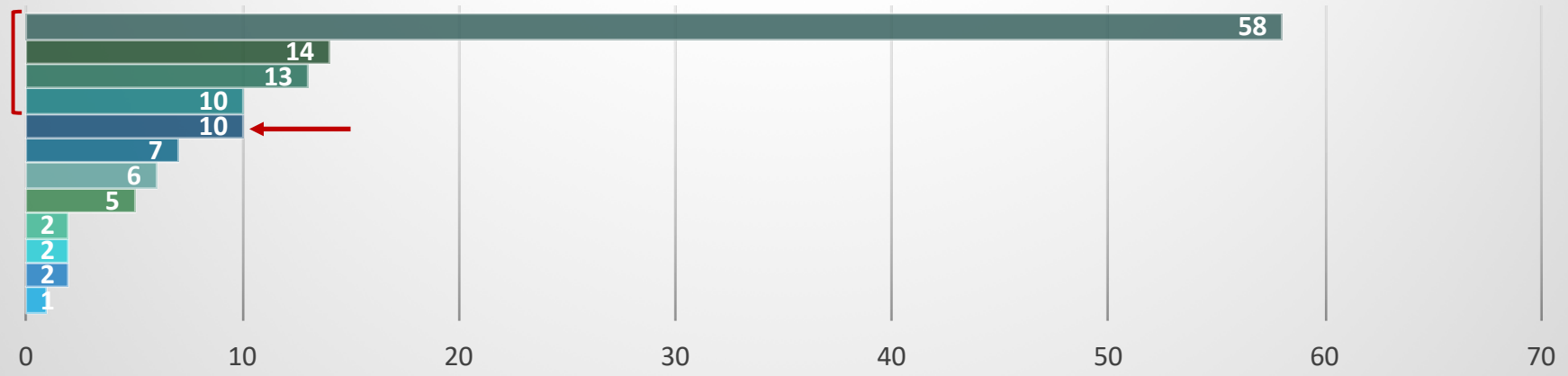
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CES Referrals-By Region
6.1.20-11.30.20



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Exit Destinations post Referral
6.1.20-11.30.20
N=130



83% exits to stable housing.

- RRH
- Rental w/o subsidy
- Unknown
- Place not meant for human habitation
- Transitional Housing
- Emergency Shelter
- Family/Friends
- Public Housing
- PSH
- Rental other sub
- Jail
- Sub Tx



SD Coordinated Entry

What's next..

- Continued review of critical data elements
- COVID19 Response
- Engaging people with lived experience



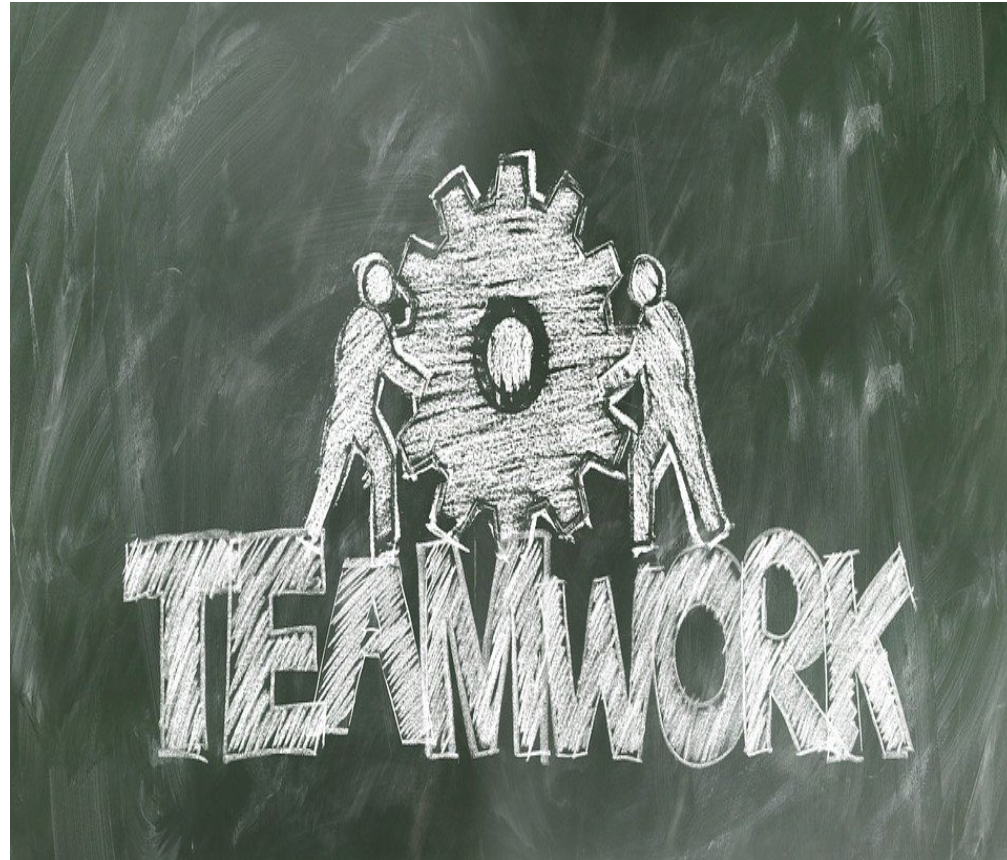
SDHHC Quarterly Meeting

**TIME FOR
A BREAK**



Committee Reports

- PAC
- Veteran
- PIT Count
- HMIS
- Youth
- Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Summit
- Native American
- YAB (presentation)



Youth Action Board

For the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
Grant

What is YAB?

Mission statement: We are a youth led group that advocates, educates, learns, uses, and gains resources to create a positive change in the ongoing homeless youth problems in our community.

“Change starts somewhere, why not here?”

What have we done?

- Youth voice input form (What would I do with 1 mil)
- Gave voice to those who can't attend meetings
- Youth Engagement Session at the COC meeting
- Created vision statement and Tagline
- Marketing flyer
- Roles and Responsibilities for YAB Members, Mentors and Application Team
- Created Incentives budget and obtaining funding

Youth Voice Input Survey

- 39 SD Foster Youth responded
- Main things youth recommended a program that includes shelter and basic needs like food and water
- Sent the survey out to multiple agencies to get input from other young people.

Youth Engagement Presentation

Different methods for youth engagement:

- Incentives
- Using newer technology (texting and social media)
- Personal invites from mentors

The youth are a key part in getting information and change. Engaging/Recruiting youth remains to be major priority for the YAB

Recruitment

- Incentives
- Flyer
- Social Media
- Mentor Outreach

BE THE CHANGE YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Join the Youth Action Board in our fight
against the growing homeless youth
population in our community

WE...

- Are led by young leaders
- Are focused on ending youth homelessness
- Plan to access funds to help plan and implement housing solutions that work
- Meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 PM
- Are eligible for Incentives for the work we do

- Are you 15-25 years of age?
- Do you have a personal connection to homelessness?
- Are you passionate about ending youth homelessness?

If you answered yes to any
of these questions...

**WE NEED
YOU!!**

For more information, please contact
Kristin Kiner @ 605-310-4400

Incentives for YAB Members

- Members receive \$20 per meeting attended and a “retention bonus” of \$25 after their 4th Meeting.
- Mentors soliciting to write grant applications
- McKinney Vento donated \$625 in gift card to cover incentive from June to September
- Proposal to the PAC granted the YAB over \$7500 to cover incentives until the YHDP Grant comes in.

Roles and Responsibilities

- How mentors interact with youth?
- How youth interact with youth?
- Expectations

Future Goals and Objectives

- Provide support and recommendations to the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project grant writers for solutions and support that work for us when the YHDP grant application opens.
- Collaborate with Black Hills Regional Homeless Coalition Youth Taskforce
- **Collaborate** on Safe Place Initiative
- Continue recruiting young people in the community to Join the YAB or provide their experience and ideas
- Learn about current services and programs. Develop innovative ideas to solve the homelessness issue among individuals 15-25 years old



YDHP Grant Brainstorm

- Overcrowding and unsafe environment in shelters
- Educating adults on how to support and interact with youth
- Program to supply shelter and basic needs for 15-25 year olds and overcoming the parental permission roadblock for runaways under 18
- Safe housing, emancipation, or a path out of a toxic household
- Supporting the youth to get an education, jobs, and other goals



Questions?



SDHHC Town Hall

- Please participate
- Unmute to speak & mute when not
- Reports from communities & agencies
- Events, training, etc.



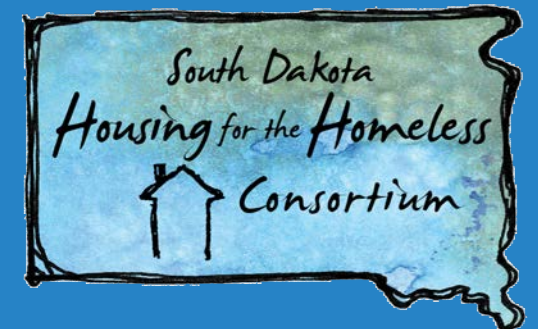
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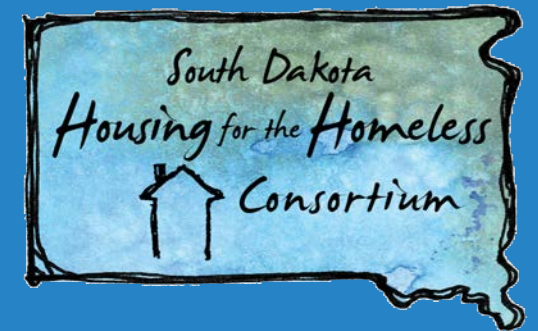
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Quarterly MEETING | MARCH 10, 2020 | 11:00 A.M. CT

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