



## The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

*We are a network of individuals, non-profit organizations, government agencies, faith communities, and community businesses working together to serve people experiencing homelessness. Our end goal is to help folks establish safe housing as quickly as possible and help them to retain that housing so their homeless episode is short and never repeated. We also work to address many of the factors that drive homelessness.*

### What the Coalition Does

We gather weekly from 9 - 11 a.m. on Fridays (currently virtually by Zoom), to share information, learn about resources for community members living homeless or at risk of homelessness, and coordinate efforts to address homelessness. We bring our voices to public policy debates, and advocate for the right to housing throughout Pierce County. Aware of the disproportionate effects of homelessness on marginalized communities, we work to center the voices of those with lived experience in our efforts to learn, coordinate, and advocate.

We post videos and transcripts of past events at our website: <http://www.pchomeless.org>. This communication hub offers links to available overnight shelters and safe parking, as well as community resources.

### Membership is Participation

The Coalition is an open table for all who are committed to ending homelessness with respectful engagement; there is no membership requirement. You can access the Coalition's activities and resources through subscribing to the Coalition listserv.

We depend on the contributions of time and expertise from service providers, advocates, and community volunteers. The Coalition offers no financial compensation.

Attendance at all group meetings is open upon registering for a specific meeting through the website. A weekly steering committee guides our work and proposes actions for consideration at Friday meetings. We create other committees and workgroups to focus our activities.

### Our Values

- **An open table** – all who care about eliminating homelessness are welcome.
- **Diversity** – of role, race, age, gender identity, ability, income/wealth
- **Lead with equity** — center the experience and voice of those most affected
- **Growth** – challenge ideas, beliefs... with respect
- **Care** – for each other... positive energy, encouragement, mentorship, listening
- **Shared power** – own and step into our own power; encourage and make room for others

### How to Get Involved

- **Sign up** for the email listserv at <http://www.pchomeless.org> to receive updates and notice of events. Use this listserv to make requests for information or resources and to let others know about resources you have to share.
- **Drop in** at a Friday meeting between 9 am and 11 to listen and contribute.
- **Contact us** at [info@pchomeless.org](mailto:info@pchomeless.org) if you would like to make a short presentation about your group or project during one of these meetings.