**Get Involved**

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

connects and mobilizes people to take action to end homelessness:

**Ways to Connect:**

**Join the Coalition Listserv**

* The Coalition listserv is a simple and quick way to plug into the Coalition. Learn about events and meetings; make inquiries about needed resources and share important information with a broad network
* Through the listserv meetings are announced, inquiries and connections made, and questions asked of fellow listserv registrants. The Coalition uses a listserv to communicate about meetings and events and distribute information of interest.
* This listserv is open to all – there is no limitation on who can join or send to the listserv. Any content that is respectful and about preventing or addressing homelessness is allowed. The Listserv currently has about 750 members.
* Coalition committees and workgroups may also have specific listservs to which anyone may subscribe.
* Learn more and register for the Coalition listserv(s) here: <http://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>

**Attend Friday Coalition Meetings**

* The Coalition hosts a weekly meeting open to all who are committed to ending homelessness in Pierce County. Agenda items include “on the street” reports about encampments and emerging issues, presentations by service and activist groups, government agency updates, advocacy invitations, and small group interaction.
* The meeting is currently held via Zoom from 9:00am to 11:00am each Friday. Register at <http://pchomeless.org/home/index/>

**Become a member of the Coalition – join us regularly**

* The Coalition is an open table for all who are committed to ending homelessness and engaging with respect. There is no membership requirement. “Members” are those who participate.
* As a network, we welcome and invite Coalition members to share relevant information learned at the meetings of alliances, government entities, task forces, workshops, conferences, consortiums, organizations, etc. Any Coalition members may share relevant learnings at a Friday Meeting, with the Steering Committee, or with another Coalition committee and workgroup.

**Take Action:**

**Participate in Current Coalition Activities**

As an all-volunteer organization, we count on the energy, time, and commitment of all *to connect and mobilize people to act to end homelessness.* We entrust a Steering Committee to guide our collaborations, and to promote activities that support the Coalition’s mission. Coalition members are currently engaged in the actions listed below (with contact persons for information). Register for any meetings on the Coalition website home page: <http://pchomeless.org/>.

* Enacting an emergency distribution network assisting those living homeless during extreme weather events.
	+ **Safe Sites 4 All Committee**. Contact Jan Runbeck janetrunbeck@gmail.com
* Building capacity for safe parking through collaboration with faith communities and governmental entities
	+ **Safe Sites 4 All Committee**. Contact Jan Runbeck janetrunbeck@gmail.com
* Researching and promoting housing solutions for extremely low-income residents (priority for those under 30% Area Median Income (AMI)
* **Housing Committee**. Contact Adam Reichenberger AReichenberger@tpchd.org
* Developing and disseminating accurate and timely information about homelessness and housing solutions.
* **Media/Communications Workgroup**. Contact Theresa Powers-Drutis tpdrutis@nctacoma.org or Laurie Davenport vls@tacomaprobono.org
* Identifying and creating posts for Coalition Facebook page
	+ **Media/Communications Workgroup**. Contact Dana Peregrine danaperegrine@hotmail.com
* Monitoring and responding to city and county plans and actions
	+ Attend **Friday Coalition meetings**. Register to attend at <http://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>
* Planning Friday Coalition meetings
	+ Attend planning session at conclusion of Friday Coalition meetings, about 11:00am.
	+ Contact Rob Huff to learn more, rhuff@pchomeless.org
* Ensuring the Coalition functions as an anti-racist organization.
	+ **Race and Equity Committee**. Contact Rosemary Powers rpowers@eou.edu
* Attending to the operations of the Coalition.
	+ **Governance Workgroup** – Rosemary Powers rpowers@eou.edu
* For **general questions** email info@pchomeless.org

**Advocate for housing justice at any level**:

Learn more about housing realities and proposed solutions. Make sure your voice is heard. Write letters, add comments on relevant digital news articles, sign on to legislative actions, testify in public meetings, talk personally with elected officials. (See a “tip sheet” here (hyperlink) for suggested talking points). Organize an advocacy workgroup and invite other Coalition participants to join you. Follow and consider actions recommended by The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (<https://www.wliha.org>), The National Low Income Housing Coalition (<https://nlihc.org>) and The National Homelessness Law Center (<https://homelesslaw.org>).

**Volunteer with Social Service and Activist Organizations**

Non-profit service providers and activist organizations across Pierce County offer opportunities to join in their work as a volunteer. Many of these are ongoing participants in the Coalition. View a list here: <http://pchomeless.org/Agencies>, and learn about specific opportunities through participation in the Coalition Friday meetings.