



2017 Point-in-Time Training

Welcome & Introductions

What is Point-in-Time?



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- ▶ A collaborative effort to survey people who are experiencing homelessness in our community
 - ▶ A “snapshot” of the individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness on the night of January 30, 2017
 - ▶ Required by HUD (Housing and Urban Development) for every region in the country
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What the Point-in-time is Not:

- ▶ The PIT count does not identify who is eligible for HUD's homeless assistance programs.
- ▶ The PIT report is not a statement on the success of a community's efforts to alleviate the situation of those experiencing homelessness.
- ▶ The PIT is not a replacement for other data reports, it is a piece of the data puzzle.



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HUD Requirements

- ▶ People to include in PIT:
 - ▶ Sheltered: “An individual or family *living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangement (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals).*” on the night of Jan. 30th, 2017.
 - ▶ Unsheltered: “An individual or family *with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground*” on the night of Jan. 30th, 2017.
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Why do we do Point-in-time?



- ▶ The purpose of the survey:
 - ▶ Educate citizens about the presence of homelessness within their communities
 - ▶ Identify trends and service needs of those experiencing homelessness in the region (i.e. gaps in providing services, be they housing or geographical)
 - ▶ Funnel resources to services and programs serving the population of persons experiencing homelessness
 - ▶ Helps the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative remain competitive for grant funding from Housing and Urban Development
 - ▶ Gather data on subpopulations such as veterans, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and

Youth!

➤ Baseline Year

- In the federal strategic plan to end homelessness, Opening Doors, the federal government set a goal of ending youth homelessness by 2020. The 2017 will be the baseline year that will track success.


➤ Get the Full Picture

- Youth are generally undercounted and under represented in PIT counts; the under representation could be a contributing factor to the lack of resources available.

➤ Money

- The data collected can be used on the application to receive funding from HUD by your CoC, more money may be allocated to youth programs if the count demonstrates need.
- The statewide collaboration and data gathered from the count will help non-profits to apply for grants.

➤ Get Connected to Youth

- Talking to youth and finding out about their living situation and what resources they would utilize will help build relationships and improve your community.
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Administration Process



Interview Dos

▶ Dos:

- ▶ Approach and survey people in a respectful manner
- ▶ Give people a blank survey to follow along with you
- ▶ Remember this is an interview-style survey on housing
- ▶ Participation is voluntary
- ▶ Any survey question can be refused
- ▶ Services will not be refused if not participating
- ▶ **Check for data quality** (i.e. survey is filled out properly and completely)



Interview Don'ts

- ▶ Don'ts:
 - ▶ Hand out a stack of surveys and pens and then collect them
 - ▶ Don't push to survey someone who does not want to talk (observation or refusal can be done at that point)
 - ▶ Don't push to get answers if someone wants to skip a question
 - ▶ Point out people or draw unnecessary attention to them



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Survey Questions

- ▶ Please take out the survey tools and look them over for 5 minutes



What Questions Do You Have?

★ Agency: _____ Program: _____ Street Address: _____ County: _____ Date Completed (MM/DD/YY): _____

★ = IMPORTANT QUESTION! IF REFUSAL OR OBSERVATION FILL OUT TABLE ON BACK PAGE!!! →

1. Did you already complete this survey this week? No Yes IF YES, WHEN: _____ WHERE: _____
- ★ 2. Where did you/will you spend Monday night, January 30th? (Check only ONE response) *If none selected, do not complete the rest of the form*
 - Emergency shelter or Cold Weather Shelter (Name of shelter: _____)
 - Domestic violence shelter
 - Youth shelter (Name of shelter: _____)
 - Transitional housing (time-limited)
 - On the street, under a bridge, in a car, or any other place not meant for human habitation
 - Safe Haven (Denver Program Only)
 - Hotel/motel paid for by a voucher or non profit (If paid by self, do not complete this form)
3. What city & county did you/will you spend Monday night, January 30th?
City: _____ County: Adams Arapahoe Boulder Denver Douglas Jefferson Other: (please specify) _____
4. Where was the last room, apartment or house that you lived in for 90 days or more? City: _____ County: _____ State: _____
4a. How long have you lived in Colorado? Less than 1 month 1 month to less than 1 year 1 to 3 years More than 3 years Don't know Don't live in CO
- ★ 5. How long have you been homeless this time? (Check only ONE response)
 Less than 1 month 1 month to less than 1 year 1 to 3 years More than 3 years Don't know I am not currently homeless
- ★ 6. INCLUDING THIS TIME, how many times have you been homeless in the last three years? (Check only ONE response)
 One Two Three Four Five or more I have not been homeless at any time in the last three years
- ★ 7. Did any family members stay in the same place with you on Monday night, Jan 30th? (Check ALL that apply)
 Just me Partner/spouse Children under age 18 Biological parents/siblings Service/companion animal

★ 8. Please fill in the following information for yourself as well as any family members staying in the same place with you, on Monday night, January 30th:

ADD ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED FOR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS!

Relationship to you (spouse or partner, child, parent, sibling, other)	First 3 letters First Name	First 3 letters Last Name	Date of Birth			Last 4 digits SSN	Gender: Male (M) Female (F) Transgender (TG) Don't identify* (DI)	Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino (H) Non Hispanic/Latino (N)	Race: American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN); Asian (A); Black (B); White (W); Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPPI); Multi-Racial (M)	ONLY COMPLETE FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 18 AND OVER										
			MM	DD	YYYY					FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL, CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY										
★ Head of household (Yourself)																				

*Don't identify as male, female, or transgender (DI)

Supplemental Youth Survey

- ▶ Only do the Youth Supplemental Survey after the HUD PIT Count survey.
- ▶ Created by the Office of Homeless Youth Services with input from the Advisory Council for Homeless Youth
- ▶ Created by looking at past year's supplemental survey, Voices of Youth Count Survey, PIT Youth Addendum, and feedback from group



- Every unaccompanied youth under 25 should complete the HUD PIT and Youth Supplemental questions if they are housing insecure.

Question	Yes	No	Refused
Unique identifier (from PIT Count, if not provided, first three letters of first name, first three letters of last name, DOB (MMDDYYYY), and last four of SS#) _____			
What county would you say you live in? _____			
Where did you sleep last night? _____			
Have you ever been in foster care or in out of home placement?			
Have you ever experienced homelessness while with parents or other guardians?			
Have you ever been in juvenile detention, prison, or jail?			
Are you currently responsible for any children under the age of 18?			
Are you currently enrolled in school?			
What is your highest level of school completion (9 th , 10 th , graduation, GED) _____			
Are you currently earning money?			
What are some ways you have earned money in the past year (can be legal or illegal means) _____			
At what age did you first experience homelessness? _____			
Is your current lack of housing due to a family conflict due to your gender identity or sexual orientation?			
What services are lacking in your community for housing? _____ _____			
If you had a serious problem, do you know a trusted adult you could go to for help?			

Why we ask identifying questions

- ▶ For de-duplication of the dataset (letters of name/SSN/DOB)
- ▶ To look at movement across cities and counties (questions 3 and 4)
- ▶ To collect demographic information on subpopulations per HUD requirements



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HUD Definitions

- ▶ Please see handouts for definition of disability, serious mental illness & substance abuse.
- ▶ Any Questions?



Tips for Observations / Refusals

- ▶ **An interview is always preferable, so complete only if an interview is not possible**
- ▶ If someone is under the age of 24 & refuses to answer the survey it's okay to ask them to answer the Youth specific questions
- ▶ Be quiet if filling out an observation
- ▶ Thank the person for participating for as long as they did
- ▶ Don't take it personally if someone refuses you
 - ▶ If a refusal. fill in the reason why.
 - ▶ If an observation, fill in reason why and the location.
 - ▶ Fill in the rest of the information to the best of your ability.



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Security Protocol

- ▶ No individual data is used, data is aggregated.
- ▶ Potentially identifying information is used for de-duplication only, not for identification.
- ▶ Volunteers must sign confidentiality agreements.
- ▶ Completed surveys are kept in a secure, locked location.
- ▶ Surveys are destroyed after being entered into the dataset.



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Practice with a Partner



Please find someone you DON'T know and practice giving and taking the survey

We will reconvene and share our experience



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ An email from MDHI with location information
 - ▶ **Remember to dress for the weather!!!**
 - ▶ If you need to sign-up or placement details see facilitator immediately following today's training
- ▶ Please feel free to invite any of your friends to join in our effort!
 - ▶ Sign-up link is at www.mdhi.org

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All questions, concerns and suggestions are welcome!



We appreciate your participation in the
2017 Point-in-Time Count!

We could not do this without you!



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