

Point-in-Time Count and the Role of School District Homeless Liaisons

The goal of Point-in-Time Count (PITC) is to provide a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in January. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a biennial count, however the state of Missouri has elected to conduct a yearly PITC to track and monitor homelessness specific to our state.

The 2019 count will capture sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families the night of January 30, 2019 in all areas of Missouri.

Collaborating with local school district homeless liaisons for the annual Missouri Point-in-Time Count is an important partnership to capture crucial insights for homeless youth and children. Please be aware we aren't asking for specific identifiers of children and youth such as, full names, addresses or contact information. Our goal is to capture data that demonstrates the prevalence of homelessness in youth and children.

Please contact your local Continuum of Care lead for more information on the local Point-in-Time Count.

How You Can Help

- **Know the definition of unsheltered homelessness according to HUD guidance:**

HUD (24 CFR 578.3) "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 campground."

- **Know the definition of children and youth according to HUD guidance:**

HUD Notice CPD-16-060 "Unaccompanied youth are persons under age 25 who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian and are not a parent presenting with or sleeping in the same place as his/her child(ren). Unaccompanied youth are single youth, youth couples, and groups of youth presenting together as a household. " Parenting youth data will also be collected.

- **Find out what Continuum of Care your school district is located and coordinate with the local PITC efforts.**

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