

# VERMONT COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **THE ANNUAL POINT-IN-TIME COUNT OF THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE STATE OF VERMONT**

- **Location: Throughout the State of Vermont**
- **Date: January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is an annual count of persons who are staying in shelters or places such as the streets, their cars, and places NOT meant for human habitation on a single night in January. Each count throughout the state is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally with the support of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness. Federal funding from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) towards homeless services is tied to the Point-in-Time count making it important for the state as a whole to get an accurate count of those who are experiencing homelessness.

It is important for the general public to be informed of this count to help those who are experiencing homelessness to know how to be counted. Although many people experiencing homelessness will be connected to homeless providers and services, some are not. Those who are not, it is important for community members who have a relationship with this person to help make the PIT count show a true story of homelessness in Vermont by informing them of the count and letting them know how to be counted on that night.

The best way for community members to have someone be counted during the PIT count on January 23-24, 2019 is to encourage them to call Vermont 211, a program of the United Ways of Vermont, and ask to be counted. (Simply dial 2-1-1) Vermont 211 can also help those experiencing homelessness to find out about resources in their area that they can utilize.

To find out more information about the PIT count or about Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness please visit [www.helpingtohousevt.org](http://www.helpingtohousevt.org) or **CALL 2-1-1**.

In addition to this press release is a flyer that can be posted widely.

**Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness thanks you for your help with sharing this information.**