

## **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 bi-annual count, however the state of Missouri has elected to conduct a yearly PITC to track and monitor homelessness specific to our state.

The 2016 count will capture sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families the night of January 27, 2016.

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-15-010 "Youth- Persons under 25, including children under age 18 and young adults ages 18-24."

- Know how children or youth should be counted for the 2015 count according to HUD guidance:

HUD Notice CPD-15-010 "CoCs will be required to report the total number of youth households (persons under age 25), including the race, ethnicity, and gender data for parenting youth and unaccompanied youth counted. Parenting youth are youth who identify as the parent or legal guardian of one or more children who are present with or sleeping in the same place as that youth parent, where there is no person over age 24 in the household. Unaccompanied youth are persons, under age 25 who are not presenting or sleeping in the same place as their parent or legal guardian.

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

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