

We can't do this work alone. Join us to make sure Pinellas County is equitable for all, because opportunity starts with a home!

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

The Pinellas CoC is a diverse group of stakeholders with a shared community vision of making homelessness rare, brief, and a one-time experience. The Pinellas CoC's mission is to coordinate all community partners, systems, and resources available to prevent, divert, and end homelessness in Pinellas County.





Benefits of Membership

- Participation in membership events
- Updates, newsletters, and advocacy alerts
- Vote for CoC leadership
- Participate in critical workgroups
- Inclusion in the Homeless Resource Guidebooks
- Access Homeless Management Information System (additional fees are required)

- Assistance with grant applications
- Participate in CoC Committees and Councils
- Participate in Case Conferencing
- Educational opportunities and trainings
- Reduced/free registration fees for conferences
- Posting of relevant opportunities
- Networking

Types of Membership

- Non-Voting Concerned Citizens (\$0) Residents of Pinellas County who are applying to the CoC on behalf of themselves. This membership type cannot vote in CoC elections or serve on CoC Committees or Councils.
 - Homeless/Formerly Homeless (\$0) Any resident of Pinellas County with a lived homeless experience
- **Concerned Citizens (\$50)** Residents of Pinellas County who are applying to the CoC on behalf of themselves
 - Religious/Spiritual Partner (\$150) A religious or spiritual organization in Pinellas County
- Non-Profit/Government Partner (\$300) 501(c)(3) organizations or government entities servicing Pinellas
 - For-Profit Organizations (\$500) Pinellas County businesses based on revenue

Policies

- Membership runs January 1st December 31st. Applications and fees are due annually and are non-refundable.
- One membership = One vote. Each organization may assign one designee to vote and serve on committees in the primary member's absence. Organizations may have multiple non-voting members.
 - The CoC practices Housing First, the belief that everyone is housing ready without preconditions.

Join the Pinellas Continuum of Care today: <u>www.PinellasHomeless.org/pinellascoc</u>



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CoC Councils and Committees

- Board of Directors Elected and appointed leaders who make policy decisions on behalf of the CoC, including
 gathering and analyzing information in order to determine the local needs of people experiencing homelessness,
 implementing strategic responses, and measuring results.
- Funders' Council Makes recommendations to the CoC Board on funding of homeless and at-risk programs and services, coordinating local and community-wide planning for scarce funding resources.
 - Providers' Council Makes recommendations to the CoC Board on funding of homeless and at-risk services system issues, concerns and needed actions.
 - Advocacy Committee Advocates on behalf of the CoC, develops an annual HLA advocacy agenda to be approved by the Board, and addresses advocacy issues as they arise.
- **Point in Time Planning Committee** Responsible for the design of the Point in Time Count (PIT) surveys and process, volunteer coordination, data quality control, and program evaluation.
- Data and System Performance Committee Coordinates HMIS data collection, reviews system performance measures and important data, informs best practices, and recommends funding priorities.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Provides insight into and develops strategies for promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in the CoC.

To apply for a seat on a CoC Council or Committee, email Briana Lipski at BLipski@HLAPinellas.org . Applications close September 5th.

Who is the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas (HLA)?

- The lead agency in the CoC, in charge of goals, priorities, funding opportunities, methodologies, and standards
 - Monitors and evaluates program and system performance, assisting under-performing agencies as needed
 - Manages the Pinellas Homeless HMIS, PIT planning and reporting, the NOFO, and HUD reporting
 - Secures local, state, federal, and private funding on behalf of the CoC
 - Facilitates CoC Councils, Committees, and community outreach
 - HMIS and Data and Quality and System Improvement teams provide services to and oversight for the CoC
 - Direct service teams work with the community: Prevention and Diversion, Community Navigation, Housing Stabilization, Workforce Development, and Veteran Services

Debbie Johnson Memorial Award



In memory of Debbie Johnson, CoC Board Member and constant advocate for Pinellas County's residents without homes, the Debbie Johnson Memorial Award will be presented to an individual who made a meaningful impact on the homeless or housing unstable.

Nominees must have demonstrated an ability to inspire, advocate for decent and affordable housing, and lead services to house vulnerable citizens with compassion.

Nominations are open August 1st-31st at <u>www.bit.ly/DJMAward</u>. Nominees may be self-nominated.