



Together We Can End Homelessness

## Open Call for NoCO CoC Board Member Applications

Each year, the NoCO CoC holds board member elections for open seats on the Governing Board. The Governing Board is responsible for oversight of the strategy and compliance and functioning of the NoCO CoC. This year, we have three (3) open seats and are highly interested in increasing diversity on the board, in both personal and professional background.

Specifically, we are seeking individuals who are interested in Board Members that identify with any of the following:

- Lived experience of homelessness or housing instability
- Identify as part of a minoritized community, *or*
- Fill gaps in representation in the following sectors:
  - Housing Authority/Landlord/Developer
  - Healthcare (Mental/Bx/Physical)
  - Education/Youth
  - Fundraising/Finance

### [Board Member Application](#)

[2024 Continuing Board Slate](#) (with representation markers)

If you are interested in applying to the CoC Governing Board, please submit a [Board Member Application](#) to Kelli Pryor, CoC Director, at [kpryor@nocococ.org](mailto:kpryor@nocococ.org) by October 27th.

# The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Homelessness

 <p>The two most pressing concerns for survivors of abuse are the need for safe housing and the need for economic resources to maintain safety.<sup>1</sup></p>	 <p><b>80%</b> Experienced DV</p> <p>A study of homeless women with children found that 80% had previously experienced domestic violence.<sup>2</sup></p>	 <p><b>57%</b> Homelessness was caused by DV</p> <p>Studies show that as many as 57% of all homeless women report domestic violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness.<sup>3</sup></p>
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## Barriers to Safety: Understanding the Intersection

As a direct result of the power and control dynamics related to their abuse, survivors often face unique barriers to accessing shelter and affordable housing.

<h3>Poor Credit &amp; Ruined Rental Histories</h3>  <p>Often caused by abusers running up credit card bills or lying about paying rent, utilities, childcare and other bills. This affects a survivors' ability to pass a landlord background check.</p>	<h3>Lack of Steady Employment</h3>  <p>Caused when victims are forced to miss work as a result of violence, or are fired as a result of stalking and harassment that occurs at the workplace.</p>
<h3>Housing Discrimination</h3>  <p>The most common cases of this occur when landlords evict victims from housing due to repeated calls to the police or property damage caused by the abuser.</p>	<h3>Loss of Subsidized or Other Affordable Housing</h3>  <p>Caused by lease or voucher policy violations committed by the abuser.</p>

This is particularly true for survivors most marginalized in our society and with the least access to resources, including many survivors of color, Native Americans, immigrants, those living in poverty and who are geographically isolated, those with disabilities, and others.

<p>In just <b>1 Day</b> In 2016<sup>4</sup></p>	<p><b>OVER 41,000</b></p> <p>adults and children fled domestic violence and found refuge in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program.</p>	<p><b>7,914</b></p> <p>requests by domestic violence survivors for housing were unmet due to a lack of funding, staffing, or other resources. Emergency shelter and transitional housing were the most urgent unmet need for survivors.</p>
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For more information, visit [www.safehousingpartnerships.org](http://www.safehousingpartnerships.org)

<sup>1</sup> Clough, A., Draughon, J. E., Njile-Carr, V., Rollins, C., & Glass, N. [2014]. "Having housing made everything else possible": Affordable, safe and stable housing for women survivors of violence. *Qualitative Social Work*, 13(5), 671-688.  
<sup>2</sup> Aratani, Y. [2009]. *Homeless Children and Youth, Causes and Consequences*. New York, NY: National Center for Children in Poverty.  
<sup>3</sup> Women and Children in Chicago Shelters, 3; Nat'l Center for Homelessness & Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network [2003]. *Social Supports for Homeless Mothers*, 14, 26; Inst. for Children & Poverty [2004]. *The Hidden Migration: Why New York City Shelters are Overflowing with Families; Homes for the Homeless and Inst. for Children & Poverty [1998]. Ten Cities 1997-1998: A Snapshot of Family Homelessness Across America*, 3.  
<sup>4</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence [2017]. *11th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: 24-Hour Census of Domestic Violence Shelters and Services*. Washington, DC.



## Domestic Violence Services in Northern Colorado

Earlier this year, the NoCO CoC sponsored a training on issues related to domestic violence. Learn about the basics of domestic violence, the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness, how to best support people experiencing domestic violence, how to connect them to services, and considerations for victims of domestic violence accessing housing resources and services through CAHPS. [Click Here](#) for a copy of the Slides from the presentation.

**A Woman's Place** (Greeley) - 970-356-4226  
**Alternatives to Violence** (Loveland) - 970-669-5150

**Crossroads Safehouse** (Fort Collins) - 970-482-3502

**Crisis Advocates** (Estes Park) - 970-577-9781

**Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Center** (Larimer/Weld) - 970-472-4200

[View the Training](#)

# Save the Date: General Membership Meeting 11/16/23

**Please join us for our bi-monthly CoC Membership Meeting!**

**Presentations:**

- Northern Colorado Youth Shelter Project
  - The Matthews House and partners
- NoCO CoC Prospective Board Member Presentations
- 2024 Member Contribution Suggestions

**Date:** Thursday, November 16

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Where:** Virtual, Link TBD

Need a calendar invite? Email [kpryor@nocococ.org](mailto:kpryor@nocococ.org)

## Missed our last meeting?

In September, the General Membership learned about major legislative updates to Colorado housing policy that will affect many people facing homelessness and housing instability, as well as information on the Stone Soup Collective, an initiative to bolster services for incarcerated people racing re-entry.

[View Meeting Recording](#)

[2023 Housing Policy Legislative Fact Sheet](#)



## NoCO CoC Responded to 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Program NOFO

On July 5, 2023, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officially posted the **Notice of Funding**

**Opportunity (NOFO)** for FY2023 Continuum of Care Competition on **Grants.gov**. The NoCO CoC submitted our Consolidation Application detailing the comprehensive work on addressing homelessness in northern Colorado as well as the projects considered for funding on September 27th, 2023.

## [Final 2023 Consolidated Application](#) [2023 Priority Listing](#)



### **Coordinated Assessment Housing Placement System (CAHPS)**

CAHPS is the community-driven process to identify, assess, refer, and house all people experiencing homelessness in Weld and Larimer Counties.

**Since 2016, the CAHPS process has helped house 1,726 households.**

Through CAHPS, the NoCO CoC is participating in the [Community Solutions Built for Zero Initiative](#) to reach Functional Zero to end Veteran and Chronic homelessness.

[See More CAHPS Data](#)



## **Make an Impact**

Ending homelessness takes the whole community. Donating to the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care supports the system level coordination of services and resources, regional quality data, and strategic alignment across the northern Colorado region.

And your gift helps make it possible.

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## **Sponsor Partners**

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Bohemian Foundation | El Pomar Foundation | Community Solutions**

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City of Loveland | United Way of Larimer County  
Crossroads Safehouse | Neighbor to Neighbor | Family Housing Network | The Matthews House  
First Bank | Greeley Family House | Jobs of Hope | High Plains Housing Development | Crossroads Ministry  
A Woman's Place | Alternatives to Violence | Disabled Resource Services | Volunteers of America

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