

A letter from Lisa Tepper Bates

Hello friends,

Connecticut's 2018 budget is finished, and the resources for our homeless response system held largely steady, the Department of Housing intact. In these challenging times, we could not hope for a better outcome. *Your great work to move the needle on ending homelessness is a critical reason legislators from both parties joined Governor Malloy in preserving these investments!*



Please see more details about the budget, and our request for your help in contacting elected leaders to thank them, in the action alert from PSC and CCEH [here](#).

Meantime, Connecticut partners are doing exciting work to develop a framework for "Dynamic Prioritization" to more effectively use our available resources -- and move more people, more quickly, from homeless to housed. Iain DeJong of OrgCode visited in October and helped us think through the possibilities- if you missed him, please see his training slides, below.

Sincerely,



Lisa Tepper Bates
Executive Director

Iain De Jong: Maximizing Resources by Optimizing Your Housing Placement Process



Last month, Iain De Jong did a three day blitz of trainings across Connecticut focused on maximizing resources, building a housing focused shelter system, and ramping up progressive engagement. Iain also did a deep dive into how to set system-wide priorities to best ensure that our

homeless response system is nimble, targeted, and able to quickly return individuals to housing solutions. See his slides [here](#).

Iain was also gracious enough to provide us with a link to resources and steps that he helped prepare for the Region of Waterloo called the Renter's [Toolkit](#).

Click here for more information on [OrgCode](#) and their awesome work to end homelessness.

be homeful for the holidays 2017 launches!

CCEH is pleased to announce this year's be homeful for the holidays promotion! Sign up to hold a "bear-raiser" drive. For every \$25 your team raises, we will give an adorable Paddington™ plush bear or book to a child in shelter, and put \$25 in a fund accessible to our frontline providers for emergency costs that can help families facing homelessness to stay housed!

You can order your FREE bear-raiser kit by contacting AnnaDea Diotalevi at adiotalevi@cceh.org or (860) 721-7876 x107. Be one of the first 100 people to start your drive and receive your very own Paddington plush in your bear-raiser kit.

Our special thanks to AVANGRID, [CT REALTORS® Association](#), [Katie from Arbonne](#), [Yale School of Management](#), [St. Mary's of Coventry](#), [Mansfield Club Scouts](#) and [The Access Community Action Agency](#), who have already started their drives.

Please spread the word to local businesses as well -- this is a great way to engage companies in your community in supporting our shared efforts. Visit www.behomeful.org/give to learn more or start your [online drive here](#).

This promotion is made possible through the generous support of [CT REALTORS® Foundation](#), [Citizens Bank](#), and the [United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut](#).

CCEH & DMHAS Team Up to Provide Information for Homeless Providers

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services are pleased to present a six-webinar series tailored to the learning needs of homeless services providers -- "Meeting the Needs of Your Clients: Building Competencies in Mental Health and Addiction Services."

For a complete list of all six webinars and their registration links visit: <http://cceh.org/6964-2/>.

Windham No Freeze Wins Liberty Grant

The Windham No Freeze Shelter is excited to announce that they have won a \$20,000 grant from the Liberty Bank Foundation Grant competition. They want to thank everyone who voted for them and helped them to this victory! The money will be used to launch a new youth initiative in the Northeast part of Connecticut.



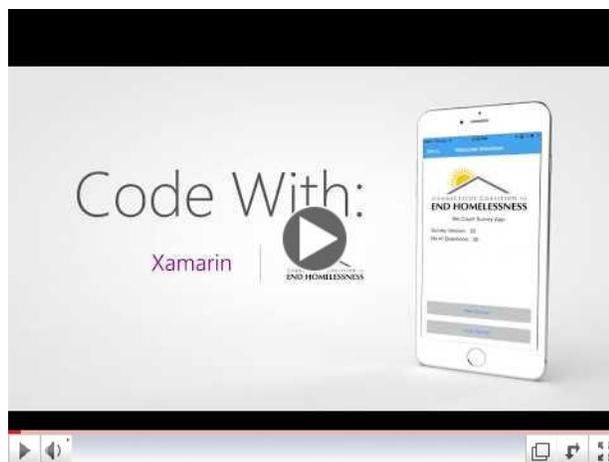
Check out the video they submitted to the grant competition!

Congratulations, Windham No Freeze!

2018 CT Youth Count! January 24-30

The Youth Count! is a volunteer-based, week-long, event focused on developing the data to create an accurate estimate of the number of homeless and unstably housed youth in Connecticut. The 2017 Youth Count! estimated 4,396 homeless or unstably housed youth across our state. Accurate estimates are critical to securing the resources and building the systems we need to help these vulnerable young people.

The 2018 Youth Count! will take place from January 24 to 30. CCEH is working with the local Youth Engagement Team Initiative (YETI) groups statewide to organize and train for this volunteer led event.



The success of the count depends on the collaboration of organizations, communities, and partners - including **Microsoft**, our partner who built a counting app at no charge to CCEH last year, and which we will use again this year. The app made it easy for volunteers to be part of the effort. View the video above.

If you would like to be involved, or to learn more check out the [2018 Youth](#)

Engage Your Local School for National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week

National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness week is November 11- November 18 - and it is a great opportunity to get schools involved in the effort to educate communities about the rights of homeless youth and the resources to help them. You can get all the information [here](#). If your school wants to get involved please fill out this [google form](#).

Please use [this link](#) to access materials created with the Meriden School District to begin this important discussion with local schools. For more information about school engagement contact casikainen@cceh.org.

Upcoming Trainings

Have you seen the updated CCEH [events calendar](#). Check it out today and make sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming November and December events.

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