



CCEH COVID-19 Response Newsletter

A Letter From CCEH CEO Richard Cho



Dear Friends,

As we remain on the edge of our seats waiting for the results of the most important election of our lifetimes, I want to thank all of you who worked tirelessly to get out the vote, and in particular to all of the frontline workers who helped make sure clients were able to exercise their right to vote. You are what democracy looks like.

Eventually, all votes will be counted and the results will be in and the 2020 election will finally be behind us. But our work to help people experiencing homelessness and the people who serve them participate in our democracy is only just beginning. CCEH is gearing up for the upcoming legislative session more emboldened than ever. We need to let our elected leaders understand that there is no public health so long as homelessness exists, there is no recovery from COVID-19 so long as people continue to remain and fall into homelessness, and there is no justice in Connecticut so long as Black, indigenous, and other people of color continue to experience disparities in housing, health care access, and their outcomes. If you would like to directly participate in our advocacy work ahead, please reach out to Sarah Fox at sfox@cceh.org.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is just around the corner and in the coming weeks, please look out for ways that you can engage in the public education and advocacy that is needed in your towns, your regions, the state, and at the national level. Remember that by voting, we have hired people to serve us, the People, in government. The next step is to tell them--loudly and repeatedly--how they can best serve us.

Thank you for all you do and for joining with us to let our leaders know that homelessness is unacceptable and that Housing Equals Justice!

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Cho". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard Cho

Important Information for Shelter Providers: Point-in-Time Count 2021 Update

We are moving full-steam ahead in preparation for a sheltered count for the annual night of Point-in-Time (PIT) Count on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**, but have not received official HUD guidance on how (or even whether) to conduct an unsheltered count given the COVID-19 pandemic. We will share information as soon as we receive that guidance from HUD. In the meantime, we are asking any providers who missed the training on how to enter bed counts into the PIT database to review the [webinar](#) and [slides](#) and complete data entry on bed counts by **November 18th**.

HMIS Update

211 and Coordinated Access Network (CAN) roles have been updated to support a new Eviction Prevention program, including scheduling of appointments, services, and custom assessment questions. For more detail, see the Release Notes [here](#).

Digest Library

You can now revisit all the information from our previous Weekly Digests. Please click [here](#) to access the full library.

Mattresses Available for Clients Moving into Apartments



Everyone deserves to sleep on a nice cozy bed. We still have mattresses available for your clients! CT REALTORS Foundation has generously donated 100 twin mattresses for clients moving out of the shelter system into permanent housing. Please click [here](#) to submit your requests. Mattresses will be available on a first come, first served basis. Mattresses can be shipped directly to your client's new home. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity.

[PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)

2020 Annual Training Institute:

Presentation Slides

We have created a page with the presentation slides from the ATI. This will allow you to extract information from some of the webinars. Please visit the page by click [here](#).

We Are Hiring! Join Our Team

CCEH is hiring! Please spread the word about the following openings:

Capacity Building & Equity Coordinator/Program Manager

The Capacity Building & Equity Program Manager, in partnership with CCEH staff, manages and implements the agency's training and technical assistance program as well as CCEH's strategies to end racial inequity in the homeless service system. Learn more [here](#).

Get Your Housing Equals Justice Merch!

Yes the ATI is over but our work continues. You can still be a part of our movement by visiting the [online store](#)! All proceeds will go towards making homelessness, rare, brief, and non-recurring in Connecticut. Place your order right away!



Wear it proud! Available in many styles including t-shirts, hoodies, and baseball tees.



Warm up your body and soul! Start each day right drinking from a mug that says it all.



What better way to send a message than wearing a Housing Equals Justice mask!

Resources for Providers

[Remote Supervision Tips for Homeless System Providers \(HUD\)](#)

[Rapid Rehousing Ramp up \(HUD\)](#)

[Guide to Using the IRS Non-Filers Tool to Get an Economic Impact Payment \(IRS\)](#)

[Governor Lamont Extends Eviction Moratorium To End of 2020](#)

How You Can Help

Our providers need your help! This [site](#) includes ways you can join Connecticut's homeless response.

Webinars & Additional Guidance

With information about COVID rapidly evolving, keeping up-to-date is more important than ever. Stay up-to-date by visiting CCEH's COVID Guidance Page, located at cceh.org/covid19

Upcoming Webinars

[Rights of and Resources for the Most Vulnerable Populations](#)

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020

12 P.M. - 1 P.M.

Previously Recorded Webinars

- [Housing Stability for People and their Pets](#)
- [APR Bootcamp](#)
- [Components of an Effective Outreach System](#)
- [How Vulnerable is the Homeless Population to COVID-19? Results from a National Study](#)
- [Addressing Racialized Trauma and Actively Engaging in Anti-Racism](#)
- [Having a Harm Reduction Approach During a Pandemic \(Session 2\)](#)
- [Having a Harm Reduction Approach During a Pandemic \(Session 1\)](#)
- [Update on the Status of Evictions in CT During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

Please [click here](#) to access our entire webinar catalog.

CCEH in the News

[Advocates brace for increase in homelessness, and that includes veterans](#)

The Day | October 2020

[The added challenges that come with being a homeless voter](#)

The Daily Campus | October 2020

[Connecticut's housing crisis requires more than an emergency response](#)

CT Mirror | October 2020

[COVID presents fresh challenges for prisoners re-entering society, but also new opportunities](#)

CT Mirror | October 2020

[Advocates, State Find Housing for 1,099 People](#)

NBC Connecticut | October 2020

[Connecticut's Hidden Homeless: Motel-dwellers aren't considered 'homeless enough' to warrant state help](#)

CT Mirror | October 2020

