



## CT CAN End Homelessness Digest

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### To our CCEH Partners,

The 2023 Legislative Session is underway, and early indications suggest that addressing the housing crisis and the rising number of homeless in our state will be front and center. This is our moment, and we are off to a strong start!

Over the past several weeks, Sarah Fox and I have been meeting with legislative leaders in both houses, and every legislator on both sides of the aisle now has our [CT CAN End Homelessness 2023 Legislative Agenda](#) in their hands.

Our Legislative Agenda for 2023 requests that the state budget annually include reliable and appropriate funding in four vital areas:

- to address chronic underfunding of providers and staff wages;
- to annualize funding for Coordinated Access Network (CAN) infrastructure;
- to annualize desperately needed cold weather funding;
- and to create a flexible funding pool to bridge the gaps in available services.

Looking ahead, we encourage our partners and community members to join us for the following important events in the upcoming weeks:

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### **Virtual Rally**

***Thursday, January 26th***

Zoom

*10-11 AM*

To bring our critical funding request to legislators and the Governor.

**Register Now!**

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### **CT CAN End Homelessness Virtual Kickoff**

***Tuesday, January 31st***

Zoom

*10-11 AM*

An open virtual meeting for all committee and subcommittee members.

[Register Now!](#)

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## Advocacy Training Days

Join us to receive advocacy training to maximize your efforts.  
*Please register for one training.*

**Friday, January 20th**

Zoom  
2-3 PM

**Monday, February 6th**

Zoom  
2-3 PM

[Register Today!](#)

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In December, our advocacy efforts got underway as providers brought attention to our sector's statewide cold weather funding deficits, with several successful events in New Haven ([New Haven Register, Independent](#)), Bridgeport ([CT Post](#)), New London, Willimantic ([The Chronicle](#)), Hartford ([The Courant](#)), and Middletown.

As always, we are grateful for the energy and passion that our partners consistently bring to our mission to end homelessness in Connecticut. We ask that you to stay in touch with us, and with one another as advance our legislative session. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sarah Fox at [sfox@cceh.org](mailto:sfox@cceh.org) with any questions, concerns, ideas, or updates – we are ready to help in any way we can.

All the best,



Evonne Klein  
CEO

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## Save the Date: The 20th Annual Training Institute

We are thrilled to announce our 20th Annual Training Institute will take place on **May 17th, 2023**. We will look back at 20 years of building the homeless response system and look ahead to what challenges might arise in the future and how we can meet them together.

We want to hear from you! Please [take this short two-question survey](#) about what topics you want to see at this year's ATI.

Keep a lookout for updates regarding workshop content, schedule, keynotes, and more.

We'll see you in May!

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## CT CAN End Homelessness In The News

### [CT housing legislation to get renewed focus in 2023 session](#)

CT Mirror | January 2023

*"Homeless service providers are asking for increased funding to address the need they've seen over the past few years: \$50 million in funding for the Homeless Response System..."*

*"There's no shortcut. ... When you're talking about housing being the No. 1 issue, you're also talking about homelessness being the No. 1 issue. You can't decouple that."*

[Click Here](#) to Read the Full Article.

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## Upcoming Committee Meetings

### Policy & Advocacy Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17**

1-2:30 PM

[Click Here to Join](#)

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