

STABILIZE & STRENGTHEN THE MERIDEN, MIDDLESEX & WALLINGFORD COORDINATED ACCESS NETWORK



Stabilize and Strengthen the Homeless Response System

Connecticut must make an investment of \$20 million to strengthen and stabilize our Homeless Response System. **Our communities are still witnessing an unprecedented 14% rise in homelessness year over year¹**. Our homeless response system needs reliable, annual funding, without which our state will continue to see staggering numbers of people facing homelessness – and be unable to meet the rising need.

243 people in MMW CAN experienced homelessness over a two week period², including:

46
Family households with

38
Children

151
Individuals

53
Older Adults (55+)

28
Youth (18-24)

11
Veterans

4954

People experienced some form of homelessness statewide in a two week period²

940

People were unsheltered across Connecticut as of January 29th, 2024³

57%

increase in calls to 2-1-1 for housing and shelter needs from 2021-23⁴

82%

of front line staff do not earn enough to afford a a modest, one-bedroom rental⁵

CAN Data Sources:

1. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Connecticut, 2021-23
2. By Name List (BNL) Version 2, February 13 2024
3. Unsheltered Homelessness Numbers, CCEH, January 29 2024
4. Housing & Shelter Requests 2021-23 at <https://ct.211counts.org/>
5. NLIHC "Out of Reach" Connecticut Report, 2023 and CT Department of Housing Wage Data

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) developed the CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Agenda. Our Legislative Agenda reflects the input received from homeless response providers, front-line staff, agency partners, and people with lived experience of homelessness from across the state. Together, we envision a Connecticut where everyone, no matter their race, income, or background, can live in dignity and peace with a place to call their home.

