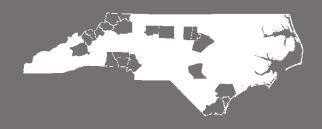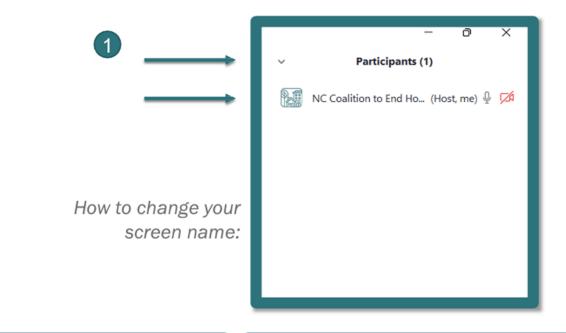Unsheltered PIT Planning & Resources

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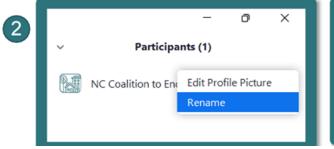
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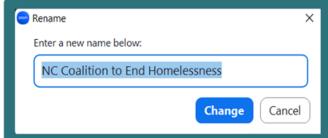
Roll Call

- We will conduct Roll Call for Regional UACs.

- All participants should enter their full names, so we can document their participation in the minutes.

How to change your screen name:

Agenda

- Unsheltered PIT
- Training and Planning
- Gift Cards & Resources
- Reminders & Next Steps

Unsheltered PIT Count

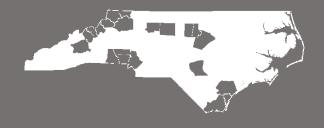## Unsheltered PIT Count: Households living in place not meant for habitation

- NC BoS CoC shifted away from a one-night unsheltered Point-In-Time Count (PIT) to a year-round effort of connecting households living unsheltered to the Coordinated Entry (CE) System.

- The unsheltered PIT Count is conducted through regional CE systems.

- Uses HMIS CE Project, HMIS Street Outreach Project, HMIS SSO Access Point Project, or the Unsheltered CE Form

Sheltered PIT Count: ES, TH, RRH, PSH Count

- Non-HMIS Participating Agencies: Counting Us App

- HMIS Participating Agencies: HMIS

Unsheltered PIT

Roles and responsibilities

Unsheltered Access Coordinators

- Regional point person for providers
- Coordinate with regional CE Lead
  - Regional plan to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the CE system and BNL
  - Evaluate monthly progress on connecting people living unsheltered to the BNL
- Ensure data collection happens on all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Engage all providers/organizations/stakeholders to understand the process
- Provide additional training to providers/organizations/stakeholders

Roles and responsibilities

CE Lead

- Partner with Unsheltered Access Coordinator to help support planning and action as needed
- Help with unsheltered count data entry as needed
- Help leverage relationships as needed

Community Partners/volunteers

- One agency/partner identified per county
- Provide information for planning
- Conduct surveys and collect data
- Enter data into HMIS or get to other party to enter data on their behalf

Unsheltered PIT Count

- Unsheltered PIT Count will look very similar to last year:

Project Entry **+** PIT night Living Situation **=** Unsheltered PIT Count

Unsheltered PIT Count

Households on Region By-Name List must have BOTH data elements to be counted for Unsheltered PIT

1. Current Living Situation date of PIT
2. Current Living Situation listed as Place not meant for habitation

Update Current Living Situation for clients on BNL

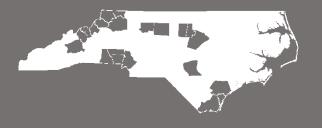- Contact clients on BNL with Current Living Situation listed as Place not meant for habitation
- Verify if household was unsheltered on night of PIT
- Update Current Living Situation in HMIS

Survey potentially Unsheltered Clients

- In-person or via phone
- Ask about the PIT night sleeping situation specifically
- Surveys are only valid if completed within 1 week after January 31
- Record in HMIS

Training and Planning for Unsheltered PIT

Unsheltered PIT Documents

[Unsheltered Coordinated Entry Access Form](#)

Unsheltered Coordinated Entry Access

Release of Information
☐ Client signed
☐ Client did NOT sign

1. **Identify yourself and explain the purpose of your questions.**

Hello, my name is _____, and I am helping connect persons experiencing homelessness to resources in the community. Would you like information on shelters in your area or how to get connected to a system in your area for permanent housing?
If the person does not give permission, thank them for their time and move on.

2. If the person gives permission, ask:
   A. Has anyone asked you questions about experiencing homelessness in the last three months? **If the person answers Yes, thank them for their time and move on.**
   B. Where are you sleeping tonight?

3. If the client is sleeping somewhere **unsheltered****, please complete the below contact information with the client (as much information as possible):

   ****Unsheltered means sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, which include:**
   Streets, parks, alleys, parking ramps, parts of the highway system, transportation depots and other parts of transportation systems (e.g., subway tunnels, railroad cars), all-night commercial establishments (e.g., movie theaters, laundromats, restaurants), abandoned buildings, building roofs or stairwells, chicken coops and other farm outbuildings, caves, campgrounds, vehicles, and other similar places.

Unsheltered PIT Documents

[Unsheltered Coordinated Entry Access Form](#)

Client Contact Information:

DATE OF DATA COLLECTION		
Month	Day	Year

HMIS CLIENT ID - For HMIS Users only

NAME - (First, Middle, Last, Suffix if not using HMIS ID)	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Last Name	
Suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, III)	

Client Contact Information

SAY: Recording multiple ways to contact you is important to ensure you receive services and resources as they become available.

Type	Details	Ok to receive texts?
Primary Phone Number		☐ Yes ☐ No
Secondary Phone Number		☐ Yes ☐ No
Email Address		
Social Media Handle or Website		
Other contact method (frequent location, intersection, friend or family member, worksite)		

4. Give the completed contact information to your Regional Unsheltered Access Coordinator and/or Coordinated Entry Lead.

Unsheltered PIT Documents

Privacy Sign

We collect personal information about people we serve in a computer database called the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The information we collect helps us run programs, improve services, and better understand your needs. Some of the information we collect may be required by organizations that fund the operation of this program. We only collect information that is needed or required.

Some of your information may be shared with other organizations to coordinate referrals, housing, or services. Those other organizations also have privacy policies to protect your personal information. You have the right to tell us we should not make your information that is entered into the database visible to other agencies in HMIS.

If you have any questions or would like to see our privacy notice, please ask one of our staff.

Data Collection & Data Entry

- Data collection for unsheltered households will occur between January 31, 2024 (night of PIT) through February 7, 2024.

- Data collected after February 7, 2024 will not be valid or entered into HMIS.

- Data entry for unsheltered household must be entered into HMIS by February 21, 2024 (make note of data standards)
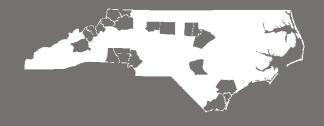
Next Steps

What should I do now/next?

- Partner and/or work on the relationship between UAC and CE leads
- Start thinking about the unsheltered count and identifying gaps and action steps
- Plan and facilitate Regional Unsheltered PIT training(s)
- Outreach known and identify new partners for unsheltered surveys
- Plan when and how unsheltered surveys will happen
- Plan when and how data will get into HMIS

Gift Cards

Gift Cards

Each UAC was mailed a $100 gift card. The gift cards are intended to connect with people living unsheltered directly or indirectly with the help of volunteers.

Items that might be purchased:
- Socks, gloves, warm clothing
- Hygiene kits
- Convenient food like granola bars
- Water bottles
- Printed materials about CE Access Points and seasonal shelter
- Weather-related supplies

Additional Resources

NC Medicaid

- Beginning on Dec. 1, 2023, NC Medicaid now covers people ages 19 through 64 years with higher incomes.
- Households may be able to get health care coverage through Medicaid even if they didn't qualify previously.
- Medicaid pays for doctor visits, yearly check-ups, emergency care, mental health and more – at little or no cost to the household.

https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/nc-medicaid-expansion-day-one-flyer/open

NC Medicaid covers most health services, including:

- **primary care** so you can go to a doctor for a check-up or when you are not feeling well

- **hospital services** when you need to stay overnight (inpatient) or when you can go home the same day (outpatient)

- **maternity and postpartum care** if you are pregnant and after giving birth

- **vision and hearing services**

- **prescription drug benefits** to pay for your medicines

- **behavioral health**

- **preventive and wellness services**

- **dental and oral health services**

- **medical-related devices and other therapies**

Most people will be able to get health care coverage through Medicaid if they meet the requirements below. If you were eligible before, you still are.

- **You live in North Carolina**

- **Age 19 through 64**

- **You are a citizen** (some non-U.S. citizens can also get health coverage through Medicaid)

- If **your household income** fits within the chart below:

Household Size	Annual Income
Single Adults	$20,120 or less
Family of 2	$27,214 or less
Family of 3	$34,307 or less
Family of 4	$41,400 or less
Family of 5	$48,493 or less
Family of 6	$55,586 or less

How to apply for Medicaid:

ePASS
epass.nc.gov

Paper application
medicaid.nc.gov/print-application

In person at your local DSS office
ncdhhs.gov/localDSS

Call DSS office
ncdhhs.gov/localDSS

Medicaid cubre la mayoría de los servicios de salud, incluyendo:

- **atención primaria** para que vayas al médico para un chequeo de rutina o cuando no te sientas bien
- **servicios hospitalarios** cuando necesitas pasar la noche en el hospital (paciente hospitalizado) o cuando puedes irte a casa el mismo día (paciente ambulatorio)
- **atención de maternidad y posparto** si estás embarazada y después de dar a luz
- **servicios de visión y audición**
- **beneficios para pagar tus medicamentos recetados**
- **salud del comportamiento**
- **servicios preventivos y de bienestar**
- **servicios de salud dental y bucal**
- **dispositivos médicos y otras terapias**

La mayoría de personas podrán obtener cobertura médica a través de Medicaid si cumplen con los criterios a continuación. Y si eras elegible antes, todavía lo eres.

- **Vivir en Carolina del Norte**
- **Tener entre 19 y 64 años**
- **Ser ciudadano** (algunas personas que no son ciudadanos estadounidenses también pueden obtener cobertura médica a través de Medicaid)
- Y si los **ingresos de tu hogar** están dentro del cuadro a continuación:

Tamaño del hogar	Ingreso anual
Adultos solteros	$20,120 o menos
Familia de 2 personas	$27,214 o menos
Familia de 3 personas	$34,307 o menos
Familia de 4 personas	$41,400 o menos
Familia de 5 personas	$48,493 o menos
Familia de 6 personas	$55,586 o menos

Cómo solicitar Medicaid:

ePASS
epass.nc.gov

Solicitud impresa (en papel)
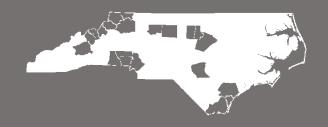medicaid.nc.gov/solicitud-para-imprimir

En persona, en tu oficina local del Departamento de Servicios Sociales (DSS)
ncdhhs.gov/localDSS

Llamando a tu oficina local del DSS
ncdhhs.gov/localDSS

Next meetings

Reminders

- January 31: PIT NIGHT!
- February 1: Next UAC planning & training webinar
- February 7: Last day for PIT data collection
- February 8: NCCEH will start running unsheltered PIT reports
- February 21: All data must be entered into HMIS
- Ongoing: NCCEH will continue to run unsheltered PIT reports until all Regions confirm their data

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