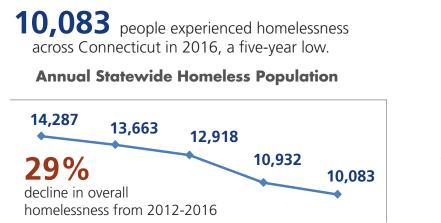


# **Opening Doors-CT**

# Federal Investments are Helping to End Homelessness in CT

Homelessness is an unacceptable and expensive problem, but one we can solve. Investments to coordinate homeless resources and support interventions that work (including, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, affordable housing) are paying off, with progress to end homelessness in Connecticut.



1,756

From January 2015 to July 2017, Connecticut providers housed **1,756** chronically homeless people, saving money and saving lives.

Source: Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) Annual Data

Source: CT HMIS By Name List

### **Housing Works**

Permanent Supportive Housing (housing+services) can cut system costs by **70%** 

92% of rapidly re-housed households do not return to shelter within 3 years

# **Federal Policy Priorities**

#### **☑** Invest in Solutions that End Homelessness

Provide \$2.6 billion for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program in FY 2018 to create substantial resources toward ending homelessness for youth, people with disabling conditions, and families and to house tens of thousands more homeless Americans.

#### ✓ Protect Medicaid funding which provides essential resources to communities addressing chronic homelessness

Medicaid funding has been a driving force for reducing chronic homelessness (long-term homelessness of those with severe disabilities). Medicaid keeps people healthy and in housing, while preventing future homelessness.

#### **Fund Rental Assistance and Affordable Housing programs**

Tenant-Based Rental assistance, Project-Based Rental Assistance and Public Housing enable Americans with the lowest incomes to afford safe and decent housing for themselves and their families.

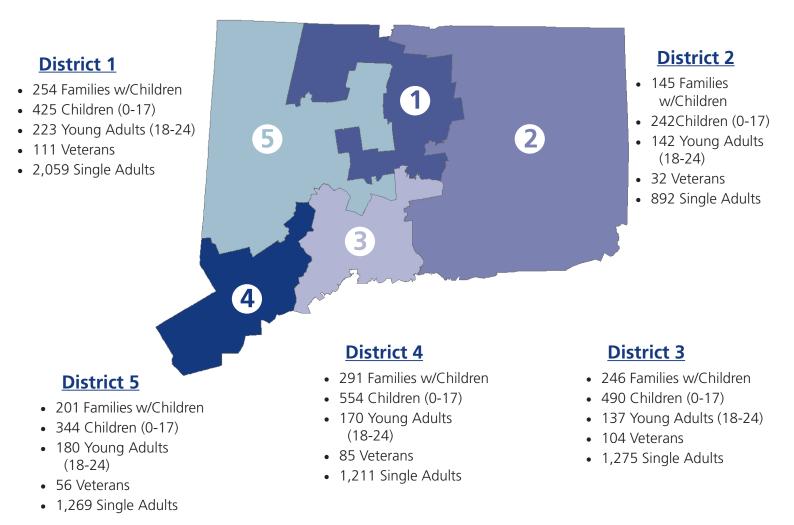
#### **Foster Collaboration by Supporting USICH**

Eliminate the sunset date of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) by supporting S.743, and maintain its current funding level of \$3.6 million, facilitating the strategic use of Congressional investments.

### Federal Resources Help Build a System to End Homelessness

- 2017 CT Point-in-Time (PIT) Count shows 3,387 total individuals counted a decrease of 24% from three years ago. The 2017 PIT now represents the lowest total ever in a statewide CT PIT count for individuals, families, veterans and chronically homeless since the first statewide count in 2007.
- **Connecticut maintains functional end of Veteran homelessness.** The 2017 PIT showed only 14 unsheltered veterans- a decrease of 67% from last year. CT was the first state to end chronic homelessness among veterans and second to end homelessness among all veterans. Our system identifies homeless veterans quickly and houses them in approximately 90 days.
- Connecticut makes significant strides toward ending chronic homelessness. Connecticut has housed 1,756 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness (long-term homelessness and living with a severe disability) since January 2015. The 2017 PIT showed that chronic homelessness has decreased by 60% since 2014.

### Homelessness in Connecticut's Congressional Districts during 2016



Source: Homeless Management Information System, FFY16 annual data

Updated July 2017