

CCEH Summary

From the 2018 NAEH Capitol Hill Day



Capitol Hill Day – Advocating to End Homelessness

A summary of the NAEH Capitol Hill Day by CCEH’s Sarah Fox and Carline Charmelus with the Partnership for Strong Communities.

On Wednesday, July 25th Connecticut providers held meetings with Connecticut’s Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill to highlight our statewide effort to end homelessness, share our client’s success stories, and advocate for federal homeless response resources. The delegation for the National Alliance on Ending Homelessness Capitol Hill Day included representatives from the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, The Partnership for Strong Communities, Columbus House, Journey Home, Salvation Army-Waterbury, and New Reach.



During conversations with housing legislative staffers in the offices of both Senators and all our Congressional representatives, Team CT emphasized the fact that our housing and homeless assistance programs are effective, efficient and pivotal for continuing the progress toward ending homelessness. This year, participants focused on key priorities such as funding for HUD’s McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Grants, rejecting any proposals that include work requirements, funding for rental assistance and affordable housing programs, and eliminating the sunset date for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

One of the key lessons from Capitol Hill Day was that our voices are needed more than ever, and it is imperative that we let Congress know how important federal funding is to ending homelessness. Please click [here](#) to reach out to Congress and let them know how federal funding is impacting the lives of the clients that you serve.

Check out these fact sheets and other resources from our legislative agenda:

- [Federal Policy Priorities to End Homelessness](#)
- [Federal Investments are Helping to End Homelessness in CT: Reaching Home 2018 Fact Sheet](#)
- [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants](#)
- [Work Requirements Don’t Work](#)
- [Authorizing USICH](#)
- [Affordable Housing: HUD’s Voucher and Public Housing Programs](#)
- [Capitol Hill Day 2018: Congressional Talking Points](#)

