

Interagency Council on Homelessness
Emergency Response & Shelter Operations
Committee



28 May 2025

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Convention for Recording ICH Committee & Full Council Meetings:

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the Open Meeting Act requirements
- ❖ Available for anyone who requests a copy at ich.info@dc.gov.



Capturing Lived Experiences:

Understanding the impacts of Hostile Spaces on
D.C.'s Unhoused Population

Denison University

5/28/2025

Designed Out of the City: The Realities of Hostile Spaces



**DC homeless encampments
cleared out after Trump
threatens Bowser**

Designed Out of the City: **The Realities of Hostile Spaces**

Hostile Spaces: Spaces designed to deter behavior/individuals deemed 'unwanted', primarily targeting unhoused individuals



Without the ability to have consistent safe spaces, people experiencing homelessness endure:

- **Worsened Health**
- **Lost Autonomy**
- **Feelings of Exclusion**
- **Invisibility**

My study asks: **How does hostile architecture create conditions that render people who experience homelessness in D.C. invisible and prevent access to meaningful support?**

Ethnography: Centralizing Lived Experiences

Purpose:

- Center unhoused voices in the discussion
Convey their perspectives about navigating hostile spaces
Challenge dehumanizing narratives
- Develop experience-based policy



Goal:

To understand spatial barriers from the perspective of the unhoused

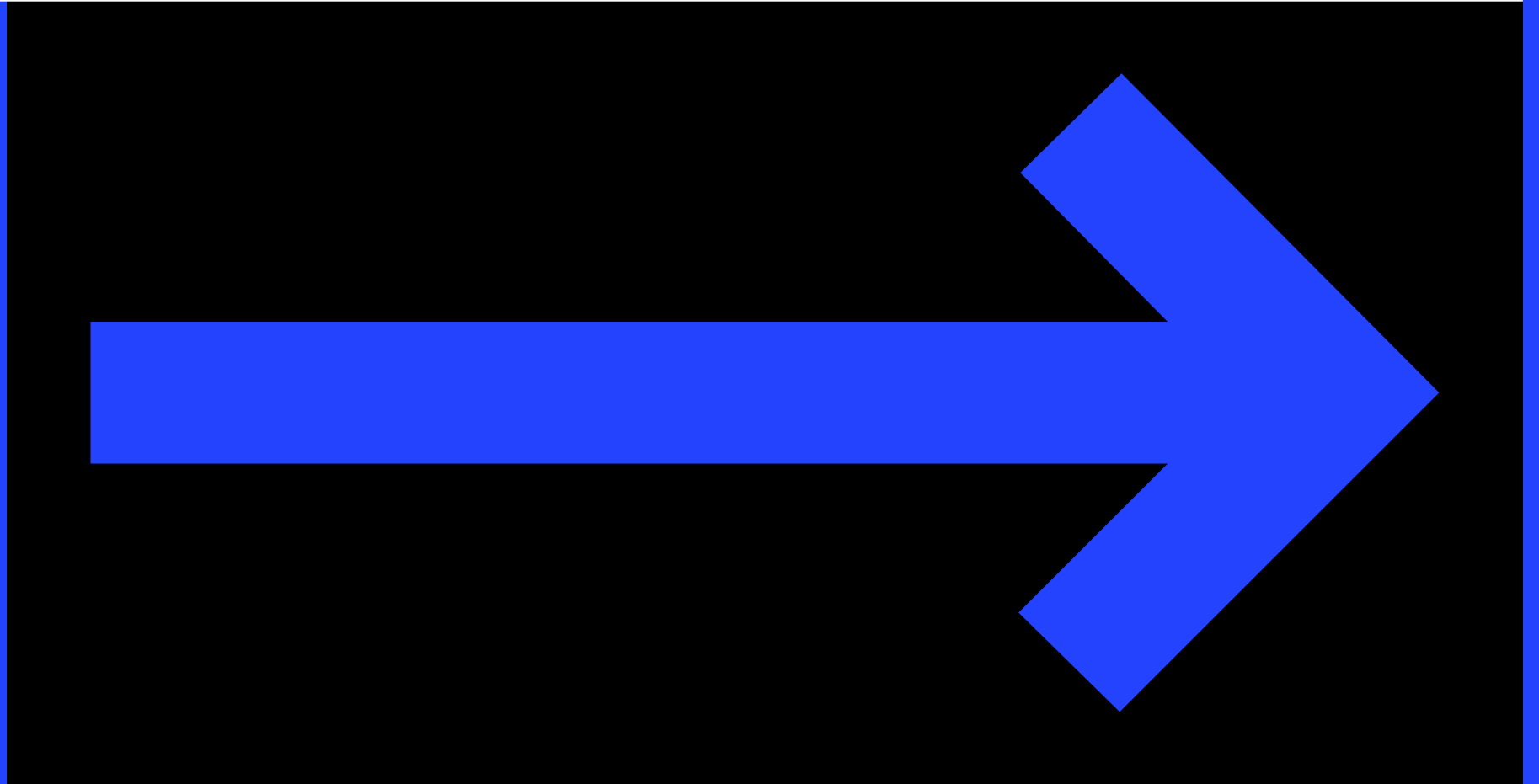
Ethnography: Centralizing Lived Experiences

Interview Structure:

- 30 minute interviews, with 15-20 participants
- **Contextual section:** Ask participants about their experiences in sheltered and unsheltered homelessness, where they go in the day / night
- **Experiential section:** Ask participants to recount times they felt welcome and unwelcome in public places
- **Hostile design section:** Show participants photos of various hostile spaces and asking if/how/where they encounter them

Q&A

Any questions? Thoughts?
I'd love to hear them!



ICH & ERSO Purpose



Strategic planning and governance board for the District's Continuum of Care for Homeless Services responsible for leadership in planning, policymaking, program development, provider monitoring, and budgeting (DC Code at [§ 4-752.01](#)).



Forum for seasonal planning & oversight of Front Door Services, Shelter Capacity, & Shelter Solutions Workgroups (WG).

ERSO Infrastructure



- Seasonal Planning, including the annual Winter Plan
- Performance Planning for relevant activities under HWDC2.0 Implementation and CoC Operations.
- Reviewing priorities and projects led by the associated workgroups.



- Improving service delivery at the Front Door (particularly outreach and day centers) for all populations
- Transforming the Front Door for Single and Young Adults
- Ending/preventing unsheltered homelessness, especially at encampments



- Improving service delivery and operations for all populations in temporary housing
- Transforming temporary housing (shelter, bridge, and transitional housing) for Single and Young Adults
- Ending/preventing sheltered homelessness, including housing-focused case management



- Supporting seasonal planning, including the Winter Plan
- Expanding shelter capacity at the front door for year-round access
- Performance planning, especially relative to improving utilization reports and reviews to support performance planning goals



ERSO Priorities & Projects

Priority	Projects
Seasonal Planning	<p>Including the legislated mandate to develop and adopt a Winter Plan by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing implementation of Seasonal Plans (Winter and Heat), to identify key areas of concerns flagged by constituents (memorialized by a Mid-Season FY24 Hypo Season Review and a final FY24 Hypo Season Review),• Working with implementing agencies to identify options for addressing the key concerns,• Supporting the development of the appropriate Seasonal Plan that integrates the most effective and efficient options for addressing key concerns, including drafting and adopting the Winter Plan.
Data Driven Budget & Performance Planning	<p>Supporting the development and implementation of data driven budget and performance management framework specific to front door services and temporary housing as well as by ICH ERSO CMTE/WGs by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing a proposed outline for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A formal ICH Performance Plan for the Continuum of Care starting FY25 and beyond and▪ Standard Workplans for advancing ICH priorities and projects, complete with deliverables, timelines and metrics, starting CY24 and beyond.• Updating the proposed/draft framework or idea by integrating the feedback and• Finalizing the proposed/draft framework for adoption
Reviewing WG priorities & projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Front Door Services,• Shelter Capacity, and• Shelter Solutions

Meeting Agenda



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- a) Icebreaker, Purpose & Agenda Review
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Intros, Announcements, & Concerns

- ❖ **Use “chat” for the following**
 - Introductions – your name, pronouns, org, title/role
 - Announcements/reminders – key changes/updates
 - Concerns – to confirm time needed for System Check-In & to support triage for immediate resolution, if appropriate

- ❖ **Callers:**
 - Use *3 to raise your hands so we can see you
 - Use *6 to unmute for intros, announcements, & concerns

Housekeeping

- ❖ **Immediate Follow-Up**
 - Timing: Within one business day of the meeting
 - Contents: PPT slides with live notes & Announcements/Reminders
- ❖ **Formal Meeting Notes:**
 - Generally, ICH team sends official meeting notes within a week
 - Automatically adopted unless issues flagged within a week of transmittal
- ❖ **Managing the Listserv:**
 - Meeting materials are only distributed to listserv members
 - To join the listserv, email ich.info@dc.gov
- ❖ **Feedback/Concerns/Questions:**
 - Reply all to listserv emails to include forum co-chairs for awareness as reps

Live Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review



Introductions:

❖ ICH Lead:

- Theresa Silla, Executive Director
- Jill Carmichael, Senior Project Manager

❖ Co-chairs:

- Anthony Newman, DHS
- Reginald Black, Serve Your City

❖ Presenters:

- Alec Coutroulis & Justin Brown, HSEMA
- Tyrell McQueen, TCP
- Ganesh Bhojwani, Denison University

❖ Callers: 2023****04: Allison McGill (Lazarus)

Feedback:

❖ FL (Org): ...



- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** Are you asking people with lived experience or people in the shelter? Who are you asking?
 - **GB (Denison):** Anyone with insight, anyone who has experienced this or has seen people experience the negative impact of hostile environments. Here is my contact info: Reach me: bhojwa_g1@denison.edu (202-815-8186)
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** I defiantly see what those impacts are and we as lived experience do have various insights into this issue

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Offline Concerns Consolidated from Month of March

- ❖ Accessibility of ID Vouchers
- ❖ Safety/security concerns at Downtown Day Service Center (DDSC)
 - Tension around mealtimes related to availability of food
 - Concentration of overdose (fatal and non-fatal)
- ❖ Shelter from inclement weather that is not severe
 - Example: 100% chance of rain all day today
 - Impact on clients using motorized wheelchairs

Tracking/Trends in Constituent Concerns



Offline Concerns about Shelter Conditions/Operations

- ❖ Ongoing Challenges/Concerns
 - Boilers (801 East)
 - Elevators outages/challenges (Aston, HT, & 801 East)
 - Fire Alarms (HT & 801 East)
 - Generator (801 East)
 - Plumbing (HT)
- ❖ Seasonal prep for summertime
 - Concern about HVAC outages (example Harriet Tubman)

Tracking Trends in Constituent Concerns



Uplifting the Most Pressing Concern Post Hypothermia Season

- ❖ Lack of year-round shelter for single and young adults
 - Associated concerns:
 - ✓ Heightened concerns for disabled and aging
 - ✓ Vulnerability to death on our streets and shelters
 - ✓ Vulnerability to violence
- ❖ Call for resource guide to temporary housing resource
 - For use by peer outreach and DCPL teams
 - PIT highlights need to include resources for
 - ✓ Domestic Violence
 - ✓ Aging
 - ✓ Returning Citizens



**DC Department of Human Services
Family Services Administration**

Transitional Temporary & Specialty Bed Programs

May 28, 2025

Transitional and Specialty Beds For Single Men

Site Name	Location	Total Beds	Population	Criteria	More Information
801 East Training / Educational & Work Bed	2700 MLK Ave. SE	96	Men over 18	Must be employed 20 Hours Per Week	Referral Form Tameika Chambers Tameika.Chambers@cc-dc.org
801 East Senior Bed	2700 MLK Ave. SE	48	Men over 65 or Medically Vulnerable	Must be a DC Resident over 65 and or medically vulnerable	Referral Form Tameika Chambers Tameika.Chambers@cc-dc.org

Transitional and Specialty Beds For Single Men

Site Name	Location	Total Beds	Population	Criteria	More Information
Park Road	1318 Park Rd. NW	12	Men over 18	Ability to obtain income (employment or disability benefits)	Theresa Abiodun tabiodun@dccfh.org Arnulfo Marquez amarquez@dccfh.org Earl Garner egarner@dccfh.org Jon Bolduc jbolduc@dccfh.org
Webster House	1436 14th St. NW	12	Men over 18	Ability to obtain income (employment or disability benefits)	Theresa Abiodun tabiodun@dccfh.org Arnulfo Marquez amarquez@dccfh.org Earl Garner egarner@dccfh.org Jon Bolduc jbolduc@dccfh.org

Transitional and Specialty Beds For Single Women

Site Name	Location	Total Beds	Population	Criteria	More Information
Calvary Women's Transitional	1217 Marion Barry Ave. SE	45	Women over 18	Must be clean and sober	housing@calvaryservices.org
House of Ruth-Madison Transitional	651 10th St. NE*	50	Women over 18	Must have a DC ID Card and be able to care for themselves	Chaunice Harkins Charkins@houseofruth.org 202-597-5847
N Street Village-Sharon's Place	1333 N St. NW	20	Women over 18	Must be employed	Sangita Josh sjoshi@nstreetvillage.org

Transitional and Specialty Beds For Single Women

Site Name	Location	Total Beds	Population	Criteria	More Information
New Beginning's New Transitions	611 N St. NW	24	Women over 18	Must have a government Issued ID & Birth Certificate	Sandra Eaddy sedaddy@nebw.org , 202.682.5825
NSV Pat Handy Work Bed	810 5th St. NW	16	Women over 18	Must be employed 20 Hours Per Week	Russell McDowell rmcdowell@nstreetvillage.org Nicole Hall nhall@nstreetvillage.org
NSV Pat Handy Senior Bed	810 5th St. NW	22	Women over 18	Must be chronically Homeless and willing to receive and participate in medical services	Russell McDowell rmcdowell@nstreetvillage.org Nicole Hall nhall@nstreetvillage.org

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **AW (MK):** is there an update about the accessibility of ID vouchers? It is a hardship for people to go to multiple places and have mail in multiple places.
 - **TN (DHS):** We are evaluating the process for making ID voucher applications easier for people to access. Under the current process they are available at the 3 DHS day centers. Downtown Day Center, Adams Pl, 801 East. At DDSC DMV has a day that they come onsite. We would like to provide more widely but currently for financial and process reasons this is what we have. We hope to make changes this summer.
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** we did get acknowledgment today from DGS that they are working on some of these. Hopefully by the end of the week will have some estimated times for when they will be addressed. The elevators cause a lot of issues in terms of access and if they go down we need to move people down from upper floors and possibly to other sites. This is a safety issue.
 - **JB (DCPL):** Elevators at DCPL can also be an issue. Repairs are slow. As is heating/cooling.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** I want to amplify what I am seeing and people that have to push wheelchairs with their hands and if they get turned down from multiple shelters it is really hard. Also telling people to go to 1313 but they are not accessible for people to get in showers. There needs to be better equipment. Also if they fall no one will know they fall. There needs to be more than a chair.
 - **TN (DHS):** As an option , 801 E Day Center has men's and women's accessible shower facilities.
- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** no im talking about for disable wheelchair ,i call and call and there are no beds. I am very familiar with House of Ruth. I am going to be a case manager. I am telling you some of the stuff you are telling me is not working. I call UPO for someone in a wheelchair and I can't find beds for them. People need to get out of their wheelchair to not get sores.
 - **TN (DHS):** there is an issue about accessibility and capacity. When those cross lines it makes it rough for everyone. Right now we are 99% capacity throughout LBS and most of these specialty beds are at near capacity. Providers are working to fill the beds. There is no downside to being passionate about advocating for services with providers and that is a separate issue we need to address.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **TB (GMC):** Do you have an idea of how many opening there are at each site?
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** These 801 Beds have additional, though still limited storage for these clients. There is also a common fridge and kitchenette for the 801 Work beds so folks can store and cook their meals if they miss dinner service timeframes
 - **TN (DHS):** there are differences in how these are configured. For example the 801 Work Beds are private spaces. While congregate each space has high walls around the bed and dresser. Which is different then at Emery for example. We have a lookbook available for these. There will be scheduled follow up with the specialty bed providers to see how we can make improvements and take into account the feedback here.
- ❖ **JB (DCPL):** These transitional programs are now available outside of the CAHP system? I know Calvary transitional went through the CAHP system.
 - **AC (Cath Char):** thats a great question Jean. Are these beds filled via a centralized method? or are providers and willing participants needing to apply individually

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** this is great that we are showing this but they have criteria and the client we might be engaging with might not fit the criteria. We are missing traditional low barrier beds that someone can access immediately. We don't want to lose the issue of capacity for LBS. Can we find if any of these places will flex criteria or can we find new LB sites. If there is no where for someone to go why ask someone in an encampment to move? I think we need to prioritize those that are being asked to move from public spaces. We need something now. We also don't have a unified way to document employment and why types of employment.
- ❖ **BJ (PFFC):** since we know there are a lot of homeless people in wheelchairs. Why can't we keep a couple beds open for people in wheelchairs, be held for a certain time.
 - **TN (DHS):** if I were to hold beds open for people with wheelchairs they would be full immediately. At this level of capacity holding beds doesn't really work.
 - **BJ (PFFC):** that is not fair. So an able bodied person gets one first.
 - **TS (ICH):** the HRSA doesn't let us hold beds at LBS.
 - **BJ (PFFC):** we need to work on something. We have to make room for everyone.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **TN (DHS):** for capacity the E St should be open later this summer and it will provide extra capacity and some will be dedicated to people unsheltered. Blair will be back in service soon and the Hertitage will replace NY Ave and will have capacity and configured in a way to serve a variety of people. We know this doesn't meet the needs and we are working to create flow which is why we want to promote the speciality because it can move people from LBS.
- ❖ **AW (MK):** How does the mayor's budget address this shortage of beds, both low barrier and specialty?
- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** i was told by Rachelle about a sober clinic, thats very useful

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **JB (DCPL):** The encampment clean-up is happening tomorrow on the public space surrounding MLK. Where should we be referring these individuals and the 30-40 people who are sleeping outside under the loggia overnight? Can we get some of these people into bridge housing?
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** we try to be very flexible on proof of employment so as not to build more barriers to entry for work beds at CC sites.
- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** and alot of the disabled in and outside the shelter need CNA, these are usefull jobs US THEM. first come first serve
- ❖ **LB (WLCH):** I'm sorry based on some of the conversations I had with community members in shelter beds are in fact held. Under what circumstances is this acceptable because it's definitely happening
 - **TN (DHS):** LaJuan, there may be beds in low barrier being held as "work" beds within the LBS system.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** how many beds will be at E street this summer?
 - **AW (MK):** @ Amanda -- 190
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** Will E St be low barrier? Following up on issue of medically vulnerable folks, we need low barrier shelter space that can accommodate medically vulnerable folks.
 - **TS (ICH):** My understanding is that beds are held for people who were there last night up until a certain time, to ensure a level of stability from night to night for people who return regularly.
 - **TN (DHS):** Theresa is right on the bed holds. Clients who utilized beds the night before will have access to beds on the subsequent evening.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** Just want to note that the timeline for e street is summer, summer starts in June but there are encampment closures scheduled as soon as tomorrow what will be done with those residents tomorrow with a 99 percent occupied system?
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** Making specialty beds contingent on being matched to a voucher does not allow for highly vulnerable medical folks who need a place to stay who have not been matched to a voucher does
 - **TN (DHS):** Dr. Crosland, while being matched and assigned is a requirement for the Girard St. and Valley Place Bridge sites, the speciality beds, as well as many of the Aston and future E. Street Bridge Housing facilities, do not require clients to be matched and assigned to a resource.

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **JB (DCPL):** Beginning later today, DCPL will be adhering to and enforcing the current DCPL bag policy: If you are speaking to homeless individuals please share this information; “...customers may bring up to two large bags (not to exceed 36” in any dimension) and two hand-held items such as a purse, briefcase, tote, or small backpack.”
 - **RB (SYC):** that is disturbing Jean how will your unhoused customers utilize the library to apply for jobs etc. the bag rule for the most part seems targeted at unhoused residents
 - **EJ (PFFC):** I agree with you Reggie. about the library
 - **JB (DCPL):** @Reggie, people will have to find safe storage locations for their items. I am wondering if the DDSC is considering establishing daytime storage for people?
 - **BJ (PFFC):** Ms Jean how are they going to find safe storage space? These are unhoused people no money and etc
 - **RB (SYC):** @Jean that question about storage has been asked for the system overall but we haven't got a good response to it and I'm not sure what the next step should be all of these things have a cost and I'm sure everybody's pockets are tight

Live Notes on System Check-In



- ❖ **JB (DCPL):** Are there beds available at the Aston for non-matched individuals right now?
- ❖ **TN (DHS):** E. Street will not be a low barrier, but a Bridge site.
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** One thing I see a lot is people won't go to ER even for an emergency because they don't want to lose their beds. I know it's an impossible situation but maybe speaks to the need for more medical respite beds.
 - **TN (DHS):** Dr. Crosland.....agreed.....
- ❖ **BJ (PFFC):** so I'm assuming no cooling busses this year

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2025 Heat Season: ERSO Overview

May 2025

Legacy ‘Heat Emergency Plan’

In past years, ICH, DHS, and HSEMS jointly coordinated the District’s Heat Emergency Plan. Despite strong collaboration, this legacy plan relied on 24-hour operational support from DHS and lacked operational specificity. It also blended public communications with internal response notifications, which could cause confusion.

New Approach to Heat Planning

To address these issues, HSEMA has implemented a new planning approach that includes:

1. An updated legacy (public) Heat Emergency Plan, now titled the **‘District Heat Plan’**
2. A new **‘District Heat Playbook’** designed to improve both public alerting and interagency coordination.



- **Separation of Alert Functions:** Distinct protocols now exist for public alerts (public health and safety focus) versus interagency notifications (service coordination focus).
- **Enhanced Alert Content:** Public alerts now follow updated templates that improve clarity and consistency, aligning with best practices. New templates include the expected duration of the heat (multi-day alert), overnight temperatures, basic health protective actions, and a link to more resources.
- **Reduced Alert Fatigue:** Fewer alerts will be issued, limiting unnecessary notifications and supporting HSEMA's Fusion Center objectives. Alerts will be reduced by sending one alert per heat incident and by limiting internal government alerts to incidents that may result in service changes.
- **NWS HeatRisk Tool Integration:** HSEMA has begun internal testing of the NWS HeatRisk tool to potentially replace the traditional Heat Index as a forecast trigger, aligning with DC Health preferences.
- **New Heat Playbook:** Provides District agencies a heat-specific concept of operations (CONOPS) with defined roles, thresholds, and response triggers.

- **Policies:** Activation Thresholds, Enhanced Resources and Support, Use of Fire Hydrants
- **Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:** Outreach Services, Transportation Services
- **Communications:** Alert and Notification, Public Messaging
- **Cooling Centers:** Description and Listing of All Cooling Centers
- **Aquatic Facilities:** Description and Listing of All Aquatic Facilities
- **Roles and Responsibilities:** Responsibilities/activities of relevant District agencies during heat incidents

The Heat Plan is publicly available on heat.dc.gov.



Public alerting terminology *AND* thresholds have been updated for 2025

Legacy Alert Terminology and Thresholds	Updated Alert Terminology and Thresholds	NWS Alerts
Heat Emergency <i>Public Alert (AlertDC) and Government Alert (Everbridge)</i>	Heat Alert <i>Public Alert Only (AlertDC)</i>	Heat Advisory
Heat index ≥ 95°F at any time	Heat index ≥ 95°F and sustained ≥ 3 hours	Heat index > 105°F
Extended Heat Emergency <i>Public Alert (Alert DC) and Government Alert (Everbridge)</i>	Extreme Heat Alert <i>Public Alert (AlertDC) and Government Alert (MS Teams)</i>	Heat Watch/Warning
Overnight ≥ 80°F -OR- ≥ 95°F for 4+ days -OR- NWS Excessive Heat Warning	Heat index ≥ 105°F and sustained ≥ 3 hours	Heat index > 110°F

OLD

This is an important message from the District of Columbia AlertDC system.

Due to the forecast of extreme heat, Mayor Muriel Bowser will activate the District’s Heat Emergency Plan at 10 AM for Thursday, July 4th through Friday, July 5th. When the forecast of the temperature or heat index in the District is 95 degrees or higher, District Government implements the Heat Emergency Plan and activates cooling centers for residents to seek relief from the heat. A list of District cooling center locations is available at heat.dc.gov.

Extreme heat is dangerous and can cause illnesses and death. As temperatures rise, you are encouraged to take an active role in your safety and take action to stay cool.

Stay indoors: Find places in the shade or with air conditioning to seek relief from the heat.

Check on your neighbors: Young children, the elderly, and those with disabilities or other access and functional needs are the most vulnerable in our community. If you or someone you know needs free, accessible transportation to a cooling center, please call the shelter hotline at 202-399-7093 or dial 311.

Drink plenty of water and wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing. Do not leave children, pets or service animals in vehicles as they can reach dangerous temperatures within 10 minutes.

For all animal emergencies, including animals left outside in extreme temperatures or in vehicles, call the Humane Rescue Alliance at 202-723-5730. Pet and service animal owners should keep animals indoors, walk them early in the morning, and give them plenty of water.

For additional tips on extreme heat, visit ready.dc.gov/extremeheat

NEW

Mayor Bowser has activated a **Heat Alert** for the District of Columbia:

- **WHAT:** Daytime temperatures will feel like 95 degrees Fahrenheit or hotter and cooling centers have been activated.
- **WHEN:** {Time}
- **IMPACTS:** Hot temperatures and humidity will increase the possibility of heat-related illnesses, especially for those working or participating in outdoor activities.

Keep Yourself Safe:

- Stay in cool places, like air-conditioned or shaded areas.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated and avoid heat-related illnesses.
- Find a cooling center near you at heat.dc.gov.
- Call the shelter hotline at 202-399-7093 or dial 311 for free, accessible transportation to a cooling center.

Help Others Stay Safe:

- Check on your neighbors, especially seniors, children, and those with disabilities or other access and functional needs.
- Don't leave children, pets, or service animals in hot vehicles.
- Call the Brandywine Valley SPCA at 202-888-7387 for all animal emergencies, including animals left outside in extreme temperatures.

Additional Information:

- Visit www.weather.gov/lwx for weather updates.
- Visit ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/HeatRisk/ for more information on the District's heat risk.
- Visit ready.dc.gov/pages/hazard-heat-during for more safety tips.

Message Sent: {Today's Date} at {Current Time} EST.

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Jun 11, 2024 16:01:31 EDT	Heat Emergency Activation: June 14, 2024	Due to the forecast of extreme heat, Mayor Bowser will activate the District’s Heat Emergency Plan at 1:00 PM on June 14, 2024. When the forecast of the temperature or heat index in the District is 95 degrees or higher, District Government implements the Heat Emergency Plan and activates cooling centers for community members to seek relief from the heat. A list of District cooling center locations is available at heat.dc.gov . For additional tips on extreme heat, visit ready.dc.gov/extremeheat .
Jun 14, 2024 10:43:10 EDT	Heat Emergency Activation: June 14, 2024	Due to the forecast of extreme heat, Mayor Bowser will activate the District’s Heat Emergency Plan at 12:00PM on Friday, June 14. When the forecast of the temperature or heat index in the District is 95 degrees or higher, District Government implements the Heat Emergency Plan and activates cooling centers for community members to seek relief from the heat. A list of District cooling center locations is available at heat.dc.gov . For additional tips on extreme heat, visit ready.dc.gov/extremeheat .

NEW

One alert issued by 8AM day-of

[AlertDC] Heat Alert for DC: {Simplified Time}. Will feel like 95F or hotter. Drink water. Stay cool. <https://evb.gg?n#12345678901>



DC Fusion Center

When heat index trigger is met, HSEMA issues a heat emergency alert through AlertDC to all registered users.



United Planning Org.

Alert messaging to shelters for heat emergency and coordination to public notification on specific cooling center operations.



HopeOneSource

Application that allows District agencies to send text messages to registered users regarding weather conditions, shelter availability, and other services.



Media Platforms

EOM Communications, HSEMA, and other District agencies communicate information via open-source media and social media platforms.

The **Heat Playbook** defines a tiered response system, shifting the responsibility for operational escalation from DHS (which began last year) to HSEMA and enhancing interagency preparedness and coordination.

Key Updates:

- HSEMA leads forecast monitoring and interagency coordination.
- New MS Teams Heat Coordination Channel created to facilitate interagency coordination.
- Heat Index of 100°F or HeatRisk “Red” or “Magenta” levels trigger a Heat Coordination Call.
- AlertDC continues to serve as a public alerting tool for 95 ° F and 105 ° F Heat Index (Heat Alert/Extreme Heat Alert).
- Major heat waves (such as heat more than 110 ° F) can trigger an EOC escalation, if needed.
- The HSEMA Communications Team will attend all Heat Coordination Calls and will use the interagency “IMCC Chat” to coordinate heat communications.
- Integration of **Air Quality** guidance into Playbook and Heat Coordination Call agenda.

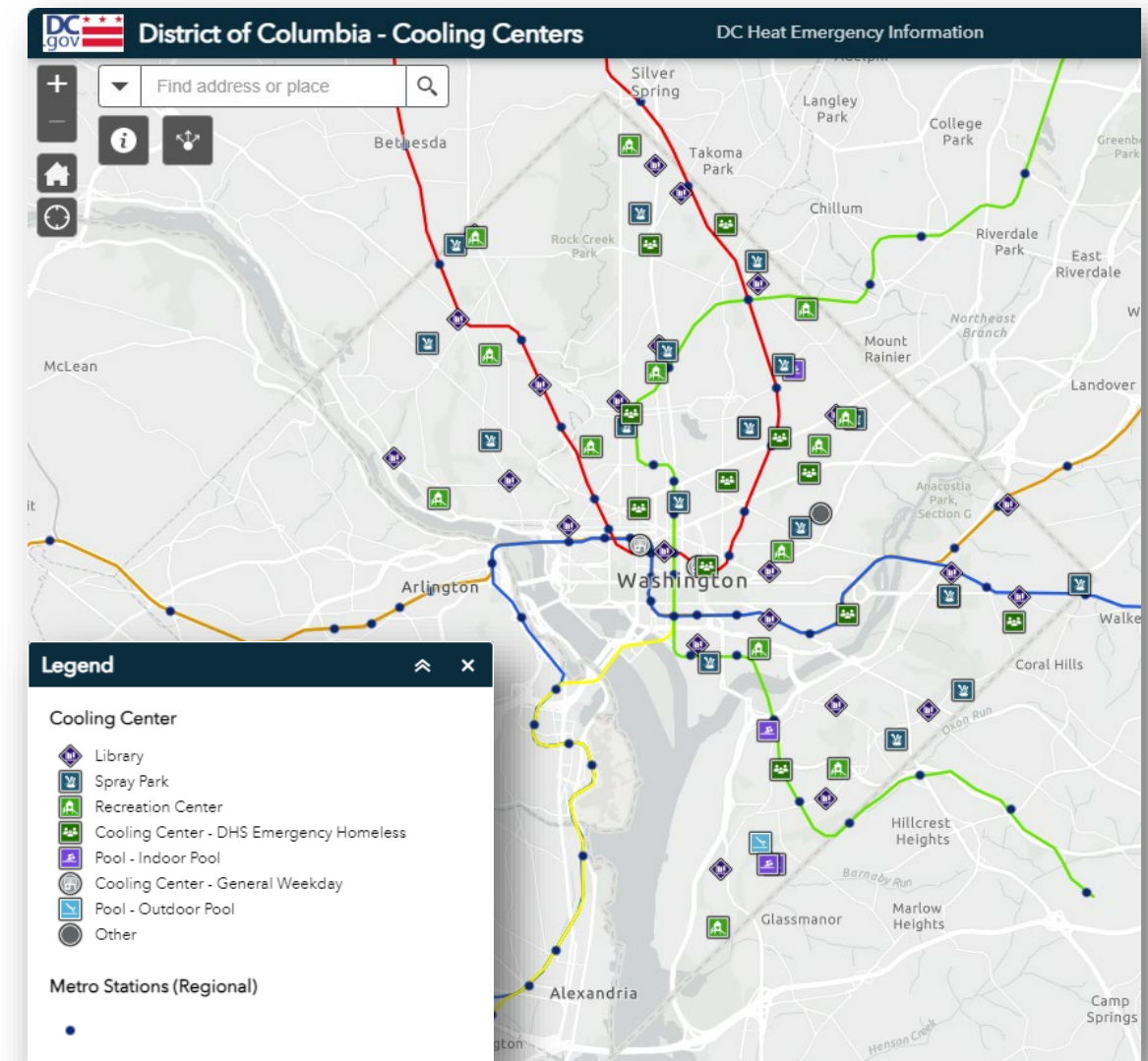
Cooling Centers and Aquatic Facilities

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Designated Cooling Locations Include:

- Low-Barrier Shelters
- Day Centers
- Youth and Young Adult Providers
- Public Libraries
- Recreation and Community Centers
- Senior Wellness Centers
- Indoor, Outdoor, and Walk-to-Learn Swimming Pools
- Splash and Spray Parks

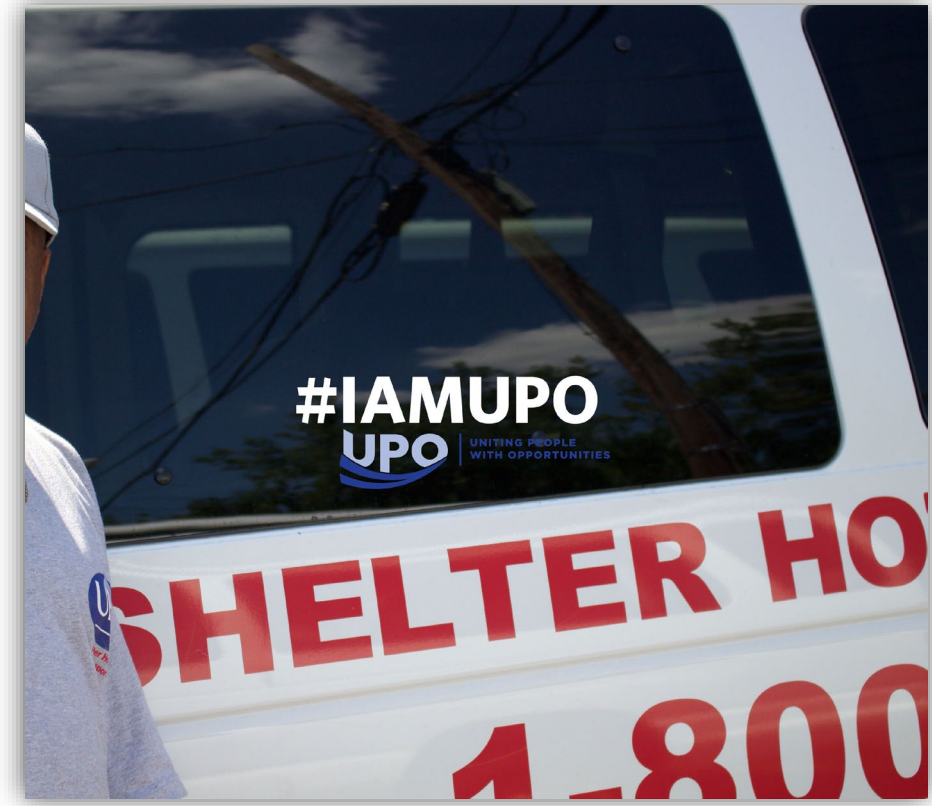
A cooling center map is available at heat.dc.gov.



Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

- The Shelter Hotline can be called for on-demand transportation to shelters.
- The Hotline can be reached daily from 8am-12am at (202) 399-7093. After hours, call 311.
- Accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities, access, or functional needs is provided upon request.

Visit the [UPO website](#) for more information on the Shelter Hotline and Transportation.

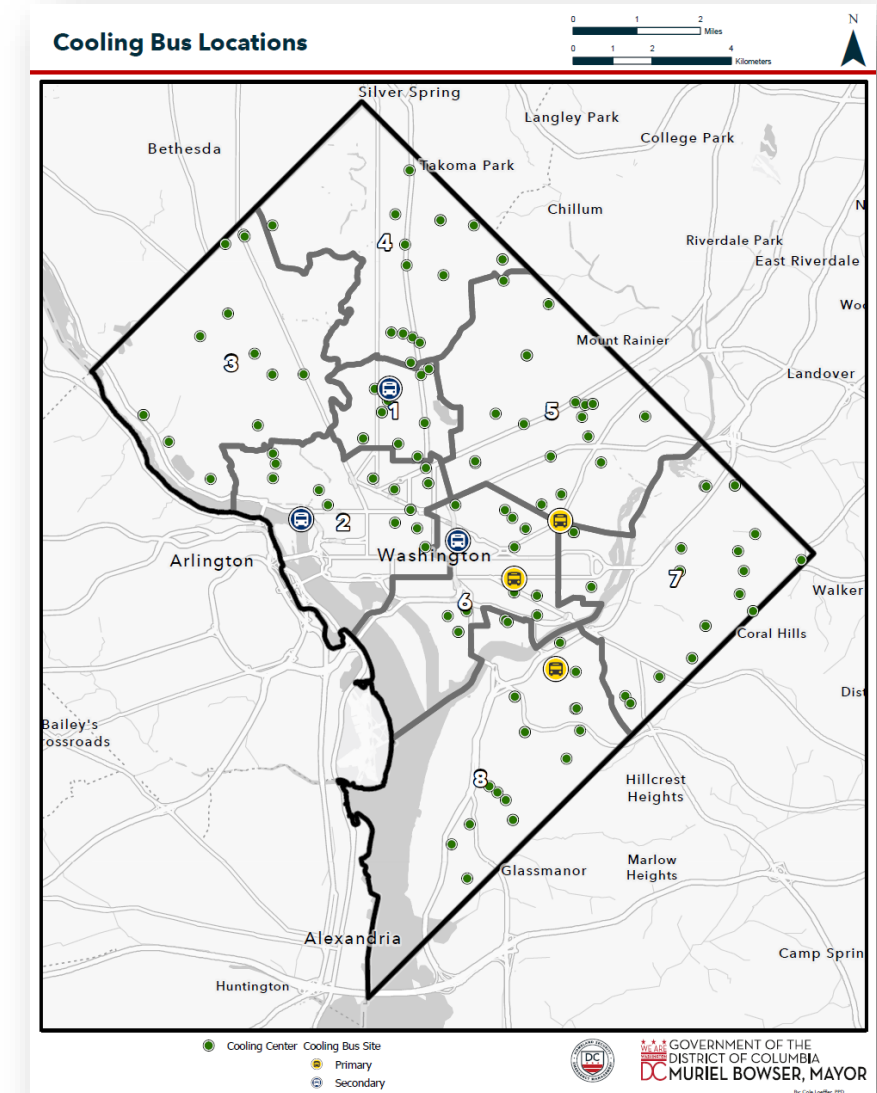


Standard Cooling Bus Locations:

1. **Starburst Plaza**, located at the intersection of Bladensburg Road NE and Benning Road NE (Ward 5)
2. **Eastern Market**, around Pennsylvania Avenue SE and 7th Street SE (Ward 6)
3. Intersection of **Minnesota Avenue SE and T Street SE** (Ward 8)

Supplemental Cooling Bus Locations (*previously used*):

1. Columbia Heights Civic Plaza at 1400 Park Road NW (Ward 1)
2. Community for Creative Nonviolence at 425 Mitch Snyder Place NW (Ward 6)
3. Thompsons Boathouse (Georgetown Waterfront) at 2900 Virginia Avenue NW (Ward 2)
4. Intersection of E Street NW and 21st Street NW (Ward 2)



Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** @alec how will unhoused clients learn about the status of different facilities most do not have access to the internet in some of these emergencies ? i.e they cannot access a library because of luggage the person doesn't have a phone or and smart tech, will there be information that outreach can quickly access to push out in an alert day or night
 - **JB (HSEMA):** Reginald: Good question. We will hold a press event and we will use social media with our partners like DC Health. I think this slide might answer your question as well.
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** Re splash parks, will there be more splash pads placed around the city? Currently these are mostly oriented towards kids and playgrounds which wouldn't be welcoming of our clients.
 - **JB (HSEMA):** Great question, doctor! We have no role in the splash parks but I will relay this to DPR and see if I can get a response for you.
 - **UE (Advocate):** @Justin. We have asked for splash cites, access to swim for years. from DPR. No response. except go be homeless elsewhere. Their stance is come in, scan in --meaning we must have a membership--, come in with no bags, clean, shower and then you may use the DPR cite.

Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** @Alec does hsema have a publication campaign for the heat plan what are some of the publication components other than texts and emails
- ❖ **BJ (PFFC):** so since the library's are putting a limit on bags being brought into the facilities how is that going to help the unhoused in the summer months
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** what additional transportation services exist other than upo within the heat plan?
- ❖ **JB (HSEMA):** Online Resources: heat.dc.gov, ready.dc.gov, doee.dc.gov/keepcool

Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **SS (DT BID):** At this time DDSC does not have the room for Daytime storage.
 - **UE (Advocate):** DDSC is a mess. They do not even have enough food for everyone, they will not have storage.
 - **SS (DT BID):** @Umi we serve everyone who comes to the center for service.
 - **UE (Advocate):** @Samala you shout at people who do not speak English instead of using the language line. You run out of lunch.
 - **SS (DT BID):** @Umi if you would like to further discuss at a later time you can reach me at Samala@downtowndc.org I am looking for partnerships to assist with making sure we get our unhoused population taken care of.

Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **RB (SYC):** a location that many people now frequent is Murrow park located at the intersections of 19th and 18th Street along h street NW across from the World Bank. Due to people waiting for the food truck from Martha's Table
- ❖ **BJ (PFFC):** new jersey and I st nw
- ❖ **AW (MK):** 21st and E is no longer a populated area.
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** One of things I was thinking about is alternative splash pads throughout the city. All of the places where people who are unsheltered might tend to congregate during the day. The splash feature on K St in Georgetown, it is not a playground and everyone walks through it. If we make those more accessible where clients already exist. Giving someone 2 -3 bottles of water is not going to cut it.

Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **UE (Advocate):** the only time DPR ever accommodated the homeless is during COVID. We have been waiting for splash parks for a long time. You have to be a member or have money, you have to shower, you have to have a bathing suit.
 - **TS (ICH):** we want to help facilitate the call to action what can we do to work within constraints.
 - **UE (Advocate):** then you have people who still complain about they have too much stuff, they smell, and so on. They say evil things.
 - **TS (ICH):** <https://myportablesplashpad.com/>
- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** the splash park sounds so good. Why can't we come up with a way for people to get a shower or a bed. There are only a couple of showers available. There are showers at DPR that should be accessible. It is too limited and people want to take showers.

Live Notes on Heat Plan



- ❖ **UE (Advocate):** SHOWER BUS. SHOWER BUS. SHOWER BUS. Bowser killed the circulator. Transfer one to DHS, covert it to a shower bus and deply around the city.
- ❖ **UE (Advocate):** last week the circulator was defunded. There are shower buses and we have a whole fleet of circulators just sitting there. We have all these universities. Why can't we have people convert them and donate to them. If other cities can do it why can't we.
 - **TS (ICH):** I am prioritizing TH beds over showers just so I am clear with what I am doing. I know we need both but beds is where I am spending my time right now.
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** Its a great idea Ms. Umi, very creative use of resources and ingenuity! I hope we can get someone in the community to pick up this Shower bus idea, we need their help
- ❖ **JB (HSEMA):** Thank you for having me on the call and for listening to our presentation. I will see you on the next call!



- ❖ **BJ (PFFC): THE UNHOUSED ARE NOT ALLOWED IN FRANKLIN PARK. NOT ALLOWED TO LOITERING**

Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome, Agenda Review, & Housekeeping (5 mins)**
 - a) Purpose & Agenda Review
 - b) Introductions & Housekeeping
- II. **System Check-In (25 mins)**
 - a) Focus on shelter for Single and Young Adults
 - b) Especially access to Temporary Housing Resources
- III. **Discussion (50 mins)**
 - a) Heat Plan Prep (25 mins)
 - b) **Winter Plan Debrief (25 mins)**
- IV. **Announcements & Reminders (3 mins)**
- V. **Summary & Adjournment (7 mins)**
 - a) June focus: Comments on Proposed Budget & DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings
 - b) Feedback on Hosting/Scheduling a June Full Council Meeting

FY25 Singles and Families Hypo Debrief

High-Level Overview

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONTINUUM OF CARE

Overview of Hypothermia FY25

- Total of **6,267 single adults** accessed Low Barrier/Severe Weather shelters
- **1,330 unique families** sought services at Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC)
- Shelter operations spanned from **November 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025**

Singles- Gender Breakdown & Shelter Use

- **74%** were men, **24%** women, **<1%** transgender/different identity
- **58%** of men and **51%** of women stayed fewer than 8 nights
- **11%** of men and **16%** of women stayed the entire season

<i>Nights in Low Barrier/Severe Weather Shelter, Hypothermia FY 25 by Gender</i>				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Other Gender Identity/Expression
	n=4,697	n=1,475	n=17	n=78
1 to 7 nights	58%	51%	41%	10%
8 to 30 nights	12%	15%	12%	4%
31 to 60 nights	9%	9%	12%	4%
61 to 90 nights	9%	6%	6%	0%
91 to 120 nights	1%	3%	5%	0%
121 to 151 nights	11%	16%	24%	82%

Singles- Age Breakdown

- **Median age:** 44 for men, 46 for women
- **Largest group:** Ages 31–40 (Men: 26%, Women: 23%)

Age Distribution for Persons Served in (Low Barrier/Severe Weather) Emergency Shelter, Hypothermia FY 25				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Other Gender Identity/Expression
	n=4,697	n=1,475	n=17	N=78
Age 18 – 24	5%	5%	12%	4%
Age 25 – 30	12%	10%	24%	13%
Age 31 – 40	26%	23%	18%	26%
Age 41 – 50	19%	22%	24%	19%
Age 51 – 60	20%	21%	12%	18%
Age 61 – 70	15%	15%	10%	8%
Age 71 & over	3%	4%	0%	4%

Singles- Site Type Usage

- **Men:** 59% used only year-round sites
- **Women:** Evenly split between severe weather and year-round sites
- **Transgender:** 75% used only severe weather sites

		Distribution of Use of Shelter Site Type, Hypothermia FY 25		
	Men	Women	Transgender	Other Gender Identity/Expression
	n=4,697	n=1,475	n=17	n=78
Used only Severe Weather Sites	15%	40%	75%	60%
Used only Year- Round Sites	59%	40%	25%	25%
Combination of all Sites	26%	20%	0%	15%

Shelter Utilization Summary

- **High utilization:** 801 East (100%), Emery (99%), Salvation Army (78%)
- **Low utilization:** Federal City 1-North (4%), Pat Handy (3%), CCNV Men (6%)

Shelter Capacity Utilization Summary			
	# Of Days Open During Hypo Season	# Of Days at Full Capacity	% Of Days at Full Capacity
<i>Men</i>			
801 East	151	151	100%
801 East Day Center	139	99	71%
Adams Place	151	57	38%
CCNV Men	88	5	6%
Church of Epiphany	107	54	50%
Emery	150	148	99%
Emery-Hypo-Overflow	147	16	11%
Federal City 1-North	140	6	4%
New York Avenue	151	89	59%
Salvation Army	131	102	78%
<i>Women</i>			
CCNV-2 South	126	91	72%
Eve's Place	151	85	56%
Harriet Tubman	151	87	58%
Madison Swing Space	138	36	26%
KBEC- FLC	93	8	9%
Pat Handy	146	5	3%
St. Josephine	151	15	10%
KBEC	151	95	63%

<i>Occupancy of Shelters Serving Men on Alert Nights, November 2024 – March 2025</i>					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
801 East	191	190	190	191	190
801 East Day Center	40	5	38	40	38
Adams Place	150	132	146	150	146
CCNV Men	76	1	35	35	35
Church of Epiphany	35	29	34	34	34
Emery	130	130	130	130	130
Emery-Hypo-Overflow	60	0	45	60	45
Federal City 1-North	164	8	119	119	119
New York Avenue	225	218	224	224	224
Salvation Army	40	22	39	40	39
All Men's Shelters Combined	1098	774	999	1024	988

Occupancy of Shelters Serving Men on Non-alert Nights, November 2024 – March 2025					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
801 East	191	190	190	191	190
801 East Day Center	40	10	36	40	36
Adams Place	150	121	146	150	146
CCNV Men	72	0	41	41	41
Church of Epiphany	35	25	32	32	32
Emery	130	0	127	130	127
Emery-Hypo-Overflow	55	23	42	55	42
Federal City 1-North	164	19	100	100	100
New York Avenue	225	214	223	223	223
Salvation Army	40	0	34	40	34
All Men's Shelters Combined	1090	695	909	935	909

<i>Occupancy of Women's Shelters on Alert Nights, November 2024 – March 2025</i>					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
CCNV-2 South	48	0	45	42	45
Eve's Place	40	0	37	37	37
Harriet Tubman	175	168	174	174	174
Madison Swing Space	75	0	64	70	64
KBEC- FLC	37	0	25	34	25
Pat Handy	134	67	114	115	114
St. Josephine	24	10	20	20	20
All Women's Shelters Combined	507	374	478	463	471

<i>Occupancy of LGBTQ+ Shelters on Alert Nights, November 2024 – April 2025</i>					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
KBEC	37	26	33	33	33

<i>Occupancy of Women's Shelters on Non-alert Nights, November 2024 – March 2025</i>					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
CCNV-2 South	48	0	42	42	42
Eve's Place	40	0	37	37	37
Harriet Tubman	175	82	173	175	173
Madison Swing Space	75	0	57	57	57
KBEC- FLC	40	3	30	38	30
Pat Handy	137	0	113	135	113
St. Josephine	23	2	19	20	19
All Women's Shelters Combined	502	324	443	370	432

<i>Occupancy of LGBTQ+ Shelters on Non-alert Nights, November 2024 – April 2027</i>					
Shelter Site	Maximum	Minimum	Median	Mode	Average
KBEC	37	25	33	33	33

Families Accessing VWFRC

- 8% increase from FY24 in households served
- Most (63%) lived with family/friends; 4% unsheltered
- 392 placed into ES, 461 exited, 310 in shelter on March 31

<i>Emergency Shelter Exits and Entries During Hypothermia FY25</i>	
Families in ES on November 1, 2024	289
Family Placements in ES During Hypothermia FY25	392
Family Exits from ES During Hypothermia FY25	461
Families Remaining in ES on March 31, 2025	220

Family Exits & Destinations

- **Average stay:** 90 days in Emergency Shelter
- **Exit destinations:**
 - 64% to Rapid Rehousing
 - 11% to family/friends
 - 13% other or not reported

<i>Destinations of Families Exiting Emergency Shelter, HypothermiaFY25 (n=461)</i>		
	#	%
Transitional Housing	4	1
Rapid Rehousing	296	64
PSH & Other Permanent Housing w/ Subsidy	43	9
Unsubsidized, rented or owned	9	2
With Family or Friends	50	11
Other	59	13

Return to CoC After Previous Episode

- 155 of 392 families had prior CoC involvement
- Most common prior programs: ES (46%), RRH (45%)
- 37 families returned after more than 5 years

<i>Most Recent CoC Program Type of Those Returning (n=155)</i>		
	#	%
Emergency Shelter	71	46
Transitional Housing	11	6
Rapid Rehousing	69	45
Permanent Supportive Housing	4	3

FY25 Families and Singles Hypo Debrief

Questions?

Live Notes on Hypo Debrief



- ❖ **TS (ICH):** it is helpful to see the days at capacity and not surprised to see 801 at the top of that list.
- ❖ **RB (SYC):** I am surprised at the high utilization of 801 E due to the location and CCNV Mens being so low. Back to looking at that map and different sites.
 - **TM (TCP):** I think it is important to look at location for sites and specifically in downtown.
- ❖ **UE (Advocate):** It was sooooo cold this winter with 2 snowstorms . People dealt with the bad conditions of ccnv 2 and distance of 801.
- ❖ **CC (Unity):** I'm surprised at women's shelter Pat Handy being so low.
 - **TM (TCP):** I think the movement between Pat Handy and Swing Space contributed to the low numbers because of all the movement.
 - **UE (Advocate):** @Dr Crosland Pat Handy staff is a great deterrent. Ladies were choosing every place
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** It might also be helpful to look at the UPO route map as compared to this utilization. This may speak to community access
 - **TN (DHS):** Amanda....good point re: UPO
- ❖ **AW (MK):** 801 East and Emery are the two most recently renovated shelters

Live Notes on Hypo Debrief



- ❖ **NS (SS Vendor):** I am not hearing good things about the mens shelter. There is a lot of mental health and people talking to themselves. This is why people stay outside. It feels like prison. I have been hearing a lot of issues from 801 and CCNV.
- ❖ **AC (Cath Char):** for utilization how many are 24/7 vs just overnight and if that affected utilization rates. Just thinking about our own sites. Trying to see why people aren't staying and if we should or should not increase beds in a location.
 - **TM (TCP):** I don't have the here and can do a revised version to include that.

Live Notes on Hypo Debrief



- ❖ **LB (WLCH):** it is 1030 families that have accessed services at VWFRC?
 - **TS (ICH):** that is during the 6mths of hypothermia season
 - **TM (TCP):** from Nov 1 to March 31
 - **LB (WLCH):** What happens with the families denied or turned away? What is happening to those families.
 - **TM (TCP):** I don't have that breakdown right now. I can look into that.
 - **TS (ICH):** we need to follow up with Kia Williams to get the report they share with DC Council.
- ❖ **UE (Advocate):** Were the 35% families who returned those who returned from family/friends ?
- ❖ **ST (DMHHS):** It would be helpful for VWFRC to also report # served with prevention resources

Meeting Agenda



- I. **Welcome, Agenda Review, & Housekeeping (5 mins)**
- II. **System Check-In (25 mins)**
- III. **Discussion (50 mins)**

IV. **Announcements & Reminders (3 mins)**

- a) Age Friendly DC: June Task Force Meeting ***NEW***
- b) COG: 2025 PIT Report ***NEW***
- c) DHS: Funding Opportunity – DV Preventions, Housing, & Supportive Services ***NEW***
- d) ERC: Guide to Payment Standards & Rent Reasonableness ***NEW***
- e) Mayor Bowser: Celebrates World Pride 2025 ***NEW***
- f) OSSE: 2024 Annual Report ***NEW***
- g) Urban Institute: Upward Mobility Dashboard ***NEW***


NOTE:


- Announcements are not vetted.
- If you or your organization have an announcement that you would like us to share during ICH forums, please email information, ideally a slide with the relevant details to:

ICH.INFO@DC.GOV

v. **Summary & Adjournment (7 mins)**

Age Friendly DC: June Task Force Meeting ***NEW***

- ❖ The next Age-Friendly DC Taskforce meeting will be **Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.**
- ❖ **Please RSVP for the June 11 meeting by registering at the link below:**
- ❖  [RSVP / Register for June 11 Meeting](#)



AGE-FRIENDLY DC
Taskforce Meeting

HOST BY GWU CENTER FOR AGING:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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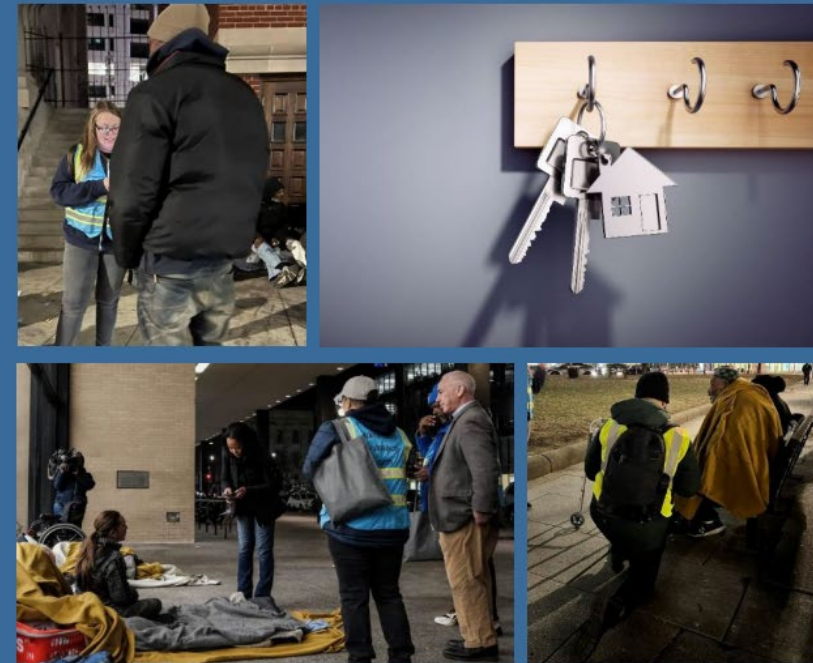


- ❖ *Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness Report has been published. You can access the report here; [HERE](#).*

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May 2025



DC Council: Budget Oversight Hearings ***NEW***

Please find the schedule of all (*)Agency Partners and relevant hearings to the work of the ICH. For locations, online viewing, and to sign up to testify go to dccouncil.gov

DC Council Committee on	Agency	Date	Time
Committee of the Whole	Mayor Transmits the FY26 Proposed Budget	Tuesday, May 27 th	
Human Services	*Dept of Human Services (Public Witnesses)	Thursday, May 29 th	9 AM – 5:30 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	Office of Chief Medical Examiner	Thursday, May 29 th	9 AM – 5 PM
Youth Affairs	*Child and Family Services Agency	Thursday, May 29 th	10:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Housing	*DC Housing Authority	Friday, May 30 th	9 AM – 5:30 PM
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Public Witnesses)	Friday, May 30 th	9 AM – 2 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	*Dept of Corrections (Public Witnesses)	Monday, June 2 nd	9:30 AM – 5 PM
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Gov Witnesses)	Monday, June 2 nd	10 AM – 2:30 PM
Housing	Office of Returning Citizens Affairs	Wednesday, June 4 th	12 PM – 6 PM
Committee of the Whole	*Office of the State Superintendent of Education	Wednesday, June 4 th	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	*Dept of Employment Services (Public Witnesses)	Wednesday, June 4 th	12 PM – 5:30 PM

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Human Services	*Dept of Human Services (Gov Witnesses)	Thursday, June 5 th	10 AM – 5:30 PM
Health	*DMHHS & Dept of Health Care Finance (Public Witnesses)	Thursday, June 5 th	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	DC Public Schools (Public Witnesses)	Friday, June 6 th	9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Health	*Dept of Health (Public Witnesses)	Friday, June 6 th	9 AM – 12:30 PM
Health	*DMHHS & Dept of Health Care Finance (Gov Witnesses)	Monday, June 9 th	10 AM – 5:30 PM
Housing	*Dept of Housing and Community Development	Monday, June 9 th	9 AM – 5:30 PM
Public Works & Operations	*Office of LGBTQ Affairs, Office of Veteran Affairs, & Office of Human Rights	Tuesday, June 10th	12 PM – 5:30 PM
Human Services	*DC Public Library	Tuesday, June 10th	11 AM – 5:30 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	*Metropolitan Police Dept	Tuesday, June 10th	11 AM – 5:30 PM
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Youth Affairs	Dept of Youth Rehabilitation Services	Wednesday, June 11 th	12 PM – 5:30 PM
Facilities	*Dept of General Services	Thursday, June 12 th	10 AM – 5:30 PM
Health	*Dept of Health (Gov Witnesses)	Monday, June 16 th	9 AM – 2 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	Dept of Aging and Community Living (Gov Witnesses)	Monday, June 16 th	2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole	FY26 Budget, FY26 Federal Portion, FY25 Revised Local Budget	Wednesday, June 18 th	10:30 AM – 3 PM
Committee Mark Ups	Mark ups and Reporting on Agency Budgets for FY25	Monday June 23 rd – Wednesday June 25 th	
DC Council	Consideration of the FY26 Local Budget Act of 2025 and FY26 Budget Support Act of 2025	Monday July 14 th	
DC Council	Consideration of the FY26 Local Budget, FY26 Federal Portion, FY25 Revised Local Budget	Monday, July 28 th	

Link to schedule posted online: <https://dccouncil.gov/2024-2025-performance-oversight-fy-2026-budget-schedules/>

DHS Funding Opportunity for DV Prevention, Housing, & Supportive Services ***NEW***



FY26 RFA for the Local Domestic Violence Prevention, Housing, Shelter and Non-Shelter Supportive Services Grants

- ❖ **Announcement Date:** May 23, 2025 | **RFA Release Date:** May 23, 2025 | **Pre-application Conference Date:** May 30, 2025
- ❖ **Application Submission Deadline:** June 20, 2025, 5:00PM
- ❖ **Total Estimated Number of Awards:** up to 12 | **Total Estimated Program Award Funding:** Up to \$3,250,865.00
- ❖ **Performance Period:** October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 (plus 4 option years)
- ❖ **Purpose of Grant:** DHS administers locally funded Domestic Violence (DV) grants to support the maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects that 1) prevent incidents of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence; 2) provide immediate shelter, supportive services, and access to community-based programs for survivors of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, and their dependents; and 3) to provide specialized services for children exposed to family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence, underserved populations, and victims who are members of racial and ethnic minority populations.

More information is viewable here: https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program_or
<https://dhs.dc.gov/page/family-services-administration-grant-opportunities>



The Equal Rights Center on DCHA's Rent Reasonableness Process

- ❖ [Blog](#) illuminating how DCHA's process restricts housing choice for voucher holders and thwarts the voucher program's promise.
- ❖ [Guide](#) to help DC voucher holders understand payment standards and navigate the rent reasonableness process.

Mayor Bowser: Celebrates World Pride 2025 ***NEW***

Events



LGBTQIA+ Flag Raising Ceremony

Join Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to raise the LGBTQIA+ flag at the John A. Wilson Building.

- When: Thursday, May 29 at 3:30 p.m.
- Where: John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
- Register here: www.tinyurl.com/DCFlagRaising2025

District of Pride Showcase

Enjoy local LGBTQIA+ talent through iconic drag, music, dance, poetry, and comedy performances.

- When: Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Where: Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U Street NW
- Register here: www.bit.ly/DOP2025

Capital Cup

Experience an LGBTQIA+ sports tournament featuring athletes from across the globe competing in 19 different sports.

- When: Friday, May 30 through Wednesday, June 4
- Where: Multiple venues
- Register here: <https://worldpridedc.org/events/capital-cup-sports-festival/>

Capital Pride Honors

Celebrate 50 years of annual Pride celebrations in DC, honoring legends in the local LGBTQIA+ community who paved the way for others.

- When: Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Where: National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW
- Register here: <https://worldpridedc.org/events/capital-pride-honors/>

WorldPride Parade

Walk with Mayor Bowser and the LGBTQIA+ community in the WorldPride Parade, celebrating 50 years of Pride in DC.

- When: Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. (Meet-up at 12:00 p.m.)
- Where: Franklin D. Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street NW
- Register here: www.tinyurl.com/WorldPrideParade2025

OSSE: 2024 Annual Report *NEW*



OSSE's 2024 Annual Report: From Recovery to Renewal: Accelerating Progress Together.

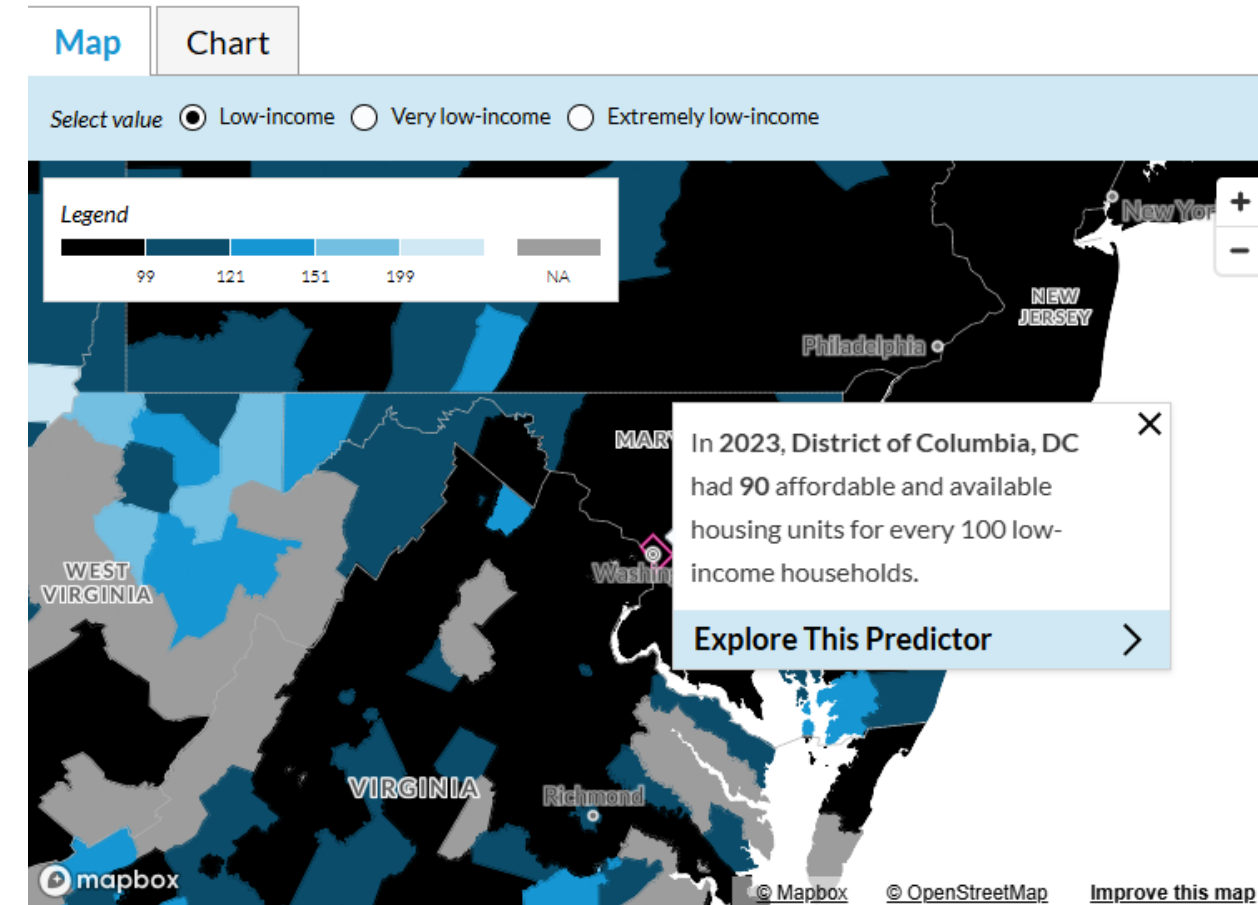
- ❖ This report highlights a pivotal shift from urgent pandemic recovery to a renewed, equity-driven commitment to accelerating student success.
- ❖ [Click here to read the annual report.](#)

Thanks to the dedication of educators, school leaders, families, and partners, we've made meaningful progress across our strategic priorities:

- **Start Early:** Invested \$67.3 million in 365 child development facilities to boost compensation for 3,600+ early educators.
- **Advance Excellence:** Funded high impact tutoring in 101 schools and 10 community sites, reaching 7,681 students.
- **Achieve Equitable Outcomes:** Directed 97% of nearly \$1 billion in federal stimulus to the communities hit hardest by the pandemic.
- **Build Futures:** At the Advanced Technical Center, 277 students earned 2,316 college credits – saving families \$1.6 million.
- **Foster Well-Being:** Expanded access to school meals, mental health services, and distributed \$73.5 million in charter teacher compensation.
- **Cultivate Team:** Strengthened internal culture to better support our mission and the communities we serve.
- **Reimagine Systems:** Modernized operations to build a more responsive, data-informed education system.

Urban Institute: Upward Mobility Dashboard *NEW*

- ❖ The Urban Institute is excited to share that the Upward Mobility Data Dashboard has been updated with new data for 2023.
- ❖ The dashboard—which provides metrics related to 24 evidence-based predictors of upward mobility, such as employment opportunities, housing affordability, and access to health services—can help you compare your city or county to similar places and track progress over time.
- ❖ If you have any questions you can reach us at upwardmobility@urban.org.



Live Notes on Announcements & Reminders



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Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome, Agenda Review, & Housekeeping (5 mins)**
 - a) Purpose & Agenda Review
 - b) Introductions & Housekeeping
- II. **System Check-In (25 mins)**
 - a) Focus on shelter for Single and Young Adults
 - b) Especially access to Temporary Housing Resources
- III. **Discussion (50 mins)**
 - a) Heat Plan Prep (25 mins)
 - b) Winter Plan Debrief (25 mins)
- IV. **Announcements & Reminders (3 mins)**
- V. **Summary & Adjournment (7 mins)**
 - a) June focus: Comments on Proposed Budget & DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings
 - b) Feedback on Hosting/Scheduling a June Full Council Meeting

Focus During June

Deliverable	Comments on the Mayor's Proposed Budget
Mandate	<p>§ 4–752.02(c) The Mayor shall, upon release of the proposed annual budget each year, make available to all Interagency Council members the District’s proposed budget breakdown of each agency’s appropriations for services within the Continuum of Care. The Interagency Council shall give comments to the Mayor regarding the proposed budget.</p>
Approach	<p>Asks to DC Council & Agency Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings for proposed breakdown of appropriations for CoC services. • Include standard questions for all Member Agencies and Committee Voting Slate Members (DYRS, DHCF, and DCPS). • Standard questions recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for services dedicated to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness? • Funding for services critical to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness? • Reliance on Federal Funds and impact of potential cuts in FY25 and FY26 funding? <p>Asks to Community Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings • Testify at DC Council Budget Oversight Hearings or Submit comments to ICH Team via ICH.Info@dc.gov.

FY26 Budget Timeline

- ❖ 05/27 Transmittal to Council
- ❖ 05/29 – 06/18 DC Council Budget Oversight Hearing
 - Example: DHS hearing scheduled for 05/29
- ❖ 06/23 – 06/25 Committee Mark Ups & Reporting on Agency Budgets
 - Goals for ICH Comments on the Mayor's Proposed Budget
 - ✓ Live notes and key takeaways within 24 hours of an Oversight Hearing for a Relevant Member Agency
 - ✓ Draft of compiled Comments on the Mayor's Proposed Budget by Friday, 06/20
- ❖ 07/14 & 07/28 Consideration of Local Budget Act and Budget Support Act

Defining A Sustainable Schedule

Focusing our open and participatory meetings to match our staffing constraints:

- ❖ 4 – 5 open and participatory ICH Committee or Workgroup meetings
- ❖ Consolidating topics/meetings by leveraging Townhalls

	Month 1 (May)	Month 2 (June)	Month 3 (July)	Month 4 (Aug)	Month 5 (September)	Month 6 (October)
Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Emergency Response & Shelter Operations (ERSO) Strategic Housing Solutions CEWG (recommend moving to June) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICH Full Council (ideally canceling or moving to July) Budget Oversight Hearings 	Seasonal Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front Door Services Shelter Capacity & Solutions CAHP Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Adults Youth 	Seasonal Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Response & Shelter Operations (ERSO) CAHP Decision-Making <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single Adult System Youth System 	Seasonal Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICH Full Council Strategic Planning & Subpopulation, especially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family System Veterans System 	Cross Cutting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEWG REI WG
Piloted or Proposed			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortality Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expediting Lease Up 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Behavioral Health Expanding Opportunities Supporting Justice

Scheduling June Full Council Mtg

- ❖ Concern –
 - likely not appropriate to schedule an ICH Full Council Meeting during or immediate after Budget Oversight Season.
- ❖ Conflicts –
 - During June:
 - ✓ Current date conflicts with Budget Oversight Hearings for DCPL, MPD and MOLGBTQA.
 - ✓ Can move back a week to avoid Budget Oversight Hearings for Member Agencies
 - During July:
 - ✓ Feedback that this is most intense advocacy period for community partners;
 - ✓ also requires support to answer follow up questions from DC Gov agencies

Options



- ❖ If meeting, focus on
 - Governance
 - ✓ Seating new/returning members and
 - ✓ Mobilizing the leadership slate for ICH forums

- ❖ If meeting, In-Person versus Online
 - June online ~~or in-person~~
 - July online ~~or in-person~~
 - ~~August~~ ... is too close to September

- ❖ Option or Format for pre-meeting, if Full Council is online?

June ICH Meetings & Budget Oversight

ICH Team is hosting the following in June:

- ❖ 1 Workgroup – 06/27 CEWG

The ICH proposes to focus all work for June on Budget Oversight and comments to the Mayor’s Proposed FY26 Budget.

For more information on the schedule of Budget Oversight Hearings and how to testify - [2024-2025 Performance Oversight & FY 2026 Budget Schedules • Council of the District of Columbia](#)

The ICH encourages everyone to have their voices heard. If you are testifying, please send us a copy of your testimony and let us know which hearing(s).

June 2025 – Budget Oversight Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 DOC (Public) DBH (Gov)	3	4 MORC OSSE DOES	5 DMHHS (Public) DHS (Gov)	6 DCPS (Public) Dept of Health (Public)
9 Dept of Housing and Community Development DMHHS (Gov) & DHCF (Gov)	10 MOLGBTQA, MOVA, MOHR DCPL MPD	11 DOC (Gov) DCPS (Gov) DYRS OCA & DOES (Gov)	12 DGS	13
16 Dept of Health (Gov) DACL (Gov)	17	18 Committee of the Whole	19 Juneteeth	20
23 Committee Mark-Up & Reporting on Agency Budgets for FY26	24 Committee Mark-Up & Reporting on Agency Budgets for FY26	25 Committee Mark-Up & Reporting on Agency Budgets for FY26	26	27 CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT WORKGROUP

Live Notes on Scheduling June ICH Full Council



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