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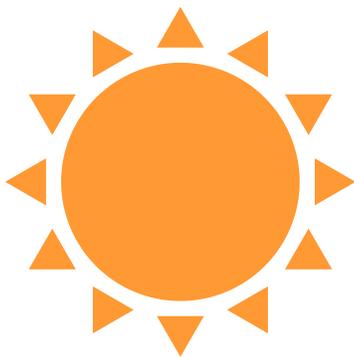


ADAMS COUNTY
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For homeless services, housing providers, and interested residents in Adams County

3,500+

people experiencing homelessness



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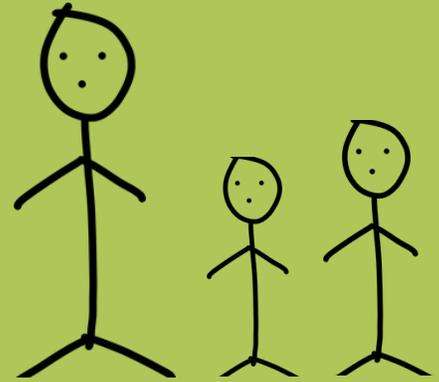
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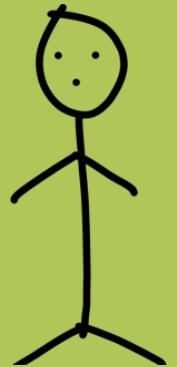
PRELIMINARY HOMELESSNESS DATA RELEASED



McKinney-Vento Data is homelessness associated with the K-12 school system. In the most simplistic sense, this data does a better job than other national data sets of measuring family homelessness and doubled-up situations.



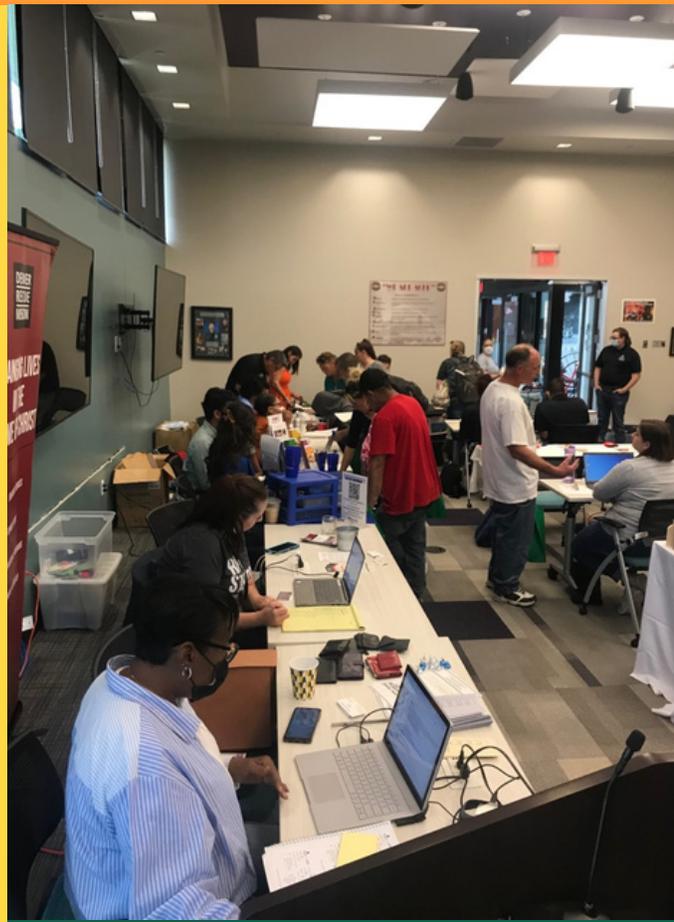
The **Point-in-Time (PIT) Count** is a snapshot of homelessness on a single night in the winter. In the most simplistic sense, this data does a better job than other national data sets of measuring single adults experiencing homelessness and unsheltered situations.



ADAMS COUNTY HOUSING INSECURITY RESOURCE FAIR

Thursday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
The MAC Recreation Center
3295 W. 72nd Ave., Westminster

Invite residents to the fair for shelter intakes, employment opportunities, identification acquisition, public benefits enrollment, food, no-cost haircuts, and more! Email RMarkley@adcogov.org for more information or sign up with the QR code above.



UPDATED ONEHOME PRIORITIZATION

The Metro Denver Homeless Initiative has changed their OneHome Vulnerability Index (VI-SPDAT) prioritization. Now, households that are not seeking VA housing assistance will have a greater chance of being selected if they are fleeing domestic violence, involved in the justice system, or have multiple disabilities. For more information, scan the QR code.



Adams County (AdCo) has re-opened its Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program for those who have suffered a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. All sections of the application and attachments must be completed by the tenant or their case manager. There is little funding left, so encourage eligible applicants to apply as soon as possible.

ADCO'S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PORTAL REOPENS



TENANT-LANDLORD MEDIATION CAN HELP!

Brother's Redevelopment can help tenants and landlords reach agreements outside the court system. They have many openings for mediation. Scan the QR code for more information.



SEEKING YOUTH AGES 12-25 FOR LIVED EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

Adams County's first lived experience committee meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for young people who have experienced homelessness to participate in the conversation. All Lived Experience Advisors will be given a \$30 gift card of their choice and dinner for attending. Email Jamie Sherwood if you know a youth that is interested:

JSherwoodeadcogov.org.



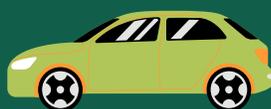
Welcome Rhiannon Smith, Adams County's newest Community Justice Navigator (street outreach worker). Rhiannon was born in Houston, Texas, and grew up mainly in Hawaii. She moved to the great state of Colorado in 1995 and has been here since. She is the mother of four children, ages 22, 20, 18, and 17. She comes to us with almost 13 years of experience in Community Corrections, so she knows what it takes to work with a vulnerable and complex population. Rhiannon enjoys going to wrestling tournaments with her two youngest kids and relaxing at home drawing or sewing. You can reach Rhiannon at RSmitheadcogov.org.



CO-RESPONSE IN UNINCORPORATED ADAMS

Did you know the Adams County Sheriff's Office (SO) launched a co-responder program this summer? The SO now has two mental health professionals contracted through WellPower (formerly Mental Health Center of Denver) to support deputies during mental health and well-being related calls.

SAFE PARKING IN COMMERCE CITY



The **Colorado Safe Parking Initiative** will be launching two safe parking sites in Commerce City for residents living in their vehicles. Previously, the closest safe parking lots for Adams County residents were on the Arapahoe County side of Aurora, Golden, and Broomfield.

Safe parking is a national movement to create safe, regulated, and hygienic spaces for people living in their vehicles. Safe parking has been shown to stabilize households and decrease crime in its respective neighborhood.

Households can apply for safe parking at the website linked to the QR code to the left.

NACO FOOD & HYGIENE KITS

Thank you to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Next Generation, Binti, Capital Group, and Nationwide for sponsoring 1,000 food and hygiene kits for people experiencing homelessness!



COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PLATFORM



Adams County, among other organizations, is supporting the launch of a referral platform through findhelp.org. Once launched, this site will be a valuable resource for anyone looking for resources and services.

HOUSING NAVIGATION CENTER IN HUMAN SERVICES

Almost Home, Inc. has expanded their housing navigation services to the Human Services Center. Almost Home offers on-site case management, referrals, VI-SPDAT assessments, computer access, printing, and housing and employment application reviews.



Tuesdays and Fridays
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Community Partners
Space
11860 Pecos St.
Westminster

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released a special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that includes \$365 million in grant funds and housing vouchers to enhance our communities' capacity to address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, health care, and supportive services. This will fund up to \$13 million in new projects that address unsheltered homelessness across Metro Denver.

Letters of Intent are due Friday, Aug. 12, 2022

APPLY FOR THE UNSHELTERED NOFO



STOUT STREET FOUNDATION

The Stout Street Foundation's recovery community provides an extremely structured, evidence-based residential setting for adults to overcome their addiction(s). They have open beds.

- The residential program is 2-3 years, from intake to graduation.
- Open to adults 18 and older committed to their recovery.
- No out-of-pocket financial commitment. All treatment fees, room, and board are included.
- In addition to treatment, residents work in our workforce development program at least 40 hours each week.



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