

# HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING NEWSLETTER

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

## 4,472+

people experiencing homelessness  
in Adams County

\*Curious why this number is higher than the last newsletter? We switched data sets to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).



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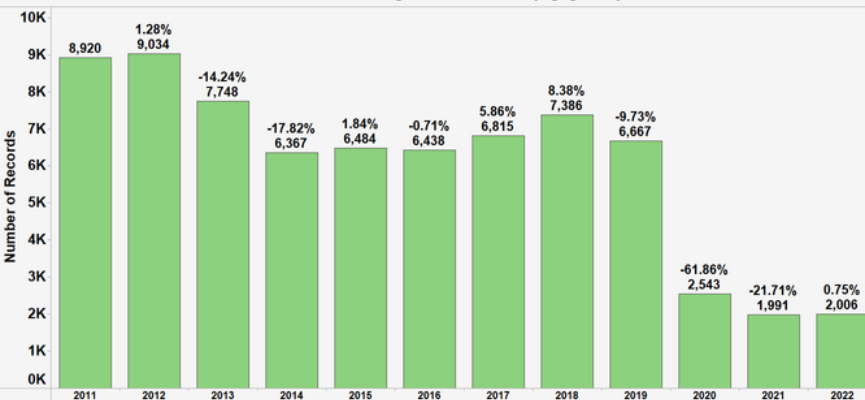
# HOMELESS PREVENTION

## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE SUNSETS

Emergency Rental Assistance has come to an end. This program helped over 36,000 households during the last two years of COVID-19. Communities will once again have to rely on municipal funds and individual donations to support renters. If you are interested in joining Adams County's Eviction Prevention Committee, email Lindsey Earl at [LEarl@adco.gov](mailto:LEarl@adco.gov).



Eviction Filings in  
Adams County 2011-2022 (by year)



## EVICTIION TRENDS

Despite predictions, evictions have been historically low during the pandemic. This is likely due to the eviction moratoriums and Emergency Rental Assistance funds. With these protections no longer in place, we anticipate an increase in evictions in the next quarter. Currently, the zip codes with the most evictions are 80229, 80260, 80221, and 80233.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

H.E.A.R.T. Counseling Center, LLC was founded by Brian Trujillo and Nicole Festa in October 2020. H.E.A.R.T. provides many areas of therapy and is focused on trauma and substance use. Extremely low-income residents are welcome to schedule an appointment since H.E.A.R.T. staff will help them apply for Medicaid. H.E.A.R.T. also has a nurse practitioner and support dog on staff. You can reach H.E.A.R.T. at [720.379.6995](tel:720.379.6995).

10327 Washington St., Thornton



# HOMELESS SERVICES

## DOCUMENTARY & DIALOGUE EVENT

Save the date! On January 12, 2023 5 - 8:30 p.m. at Parson's Theater, Adams County and the City of Northglenn are screening a documentary called "Us and Them" that chronicles the lives of four individuals struggling with homelessness. Afterward, there will be a panel discussion with nonprofit and business leaders. More details to come.



Hover your phone camera over the QR code to RSVP.



If your organization would like to sign up to be a resource fair vendor, hover your phone camera over the QR code to complete the sign-up form.

## NAVIGATE ADAMS RESOURCE FAIR

On December 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Adams County is hosting a holiday-themed resource fair for people experiencing housing insecurity at the Aurora Day Resource Center. Resources will include employment, identification assistance, food, LGBTQ+ services, and benefits enrollment.

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT

The PIT Count is an annual, unduplicated count of people experiencing literal homelessness on a single night. The PIT Count raises public awareness, promotes collaboration across the region, provides needed demographic and survey data, and helps us apply for increased housing funds. During the night of the count, trained volunteers and staff interview individuals, youth, and families experiencing homelessness using a standardized survey. The PIT count will be held January 30, 2023.



Hover your phone camera over the QR code to complete the volunteer sign-up form.





## DENVER BASIC INCOME PROJECT

The Denver Basic Income Project is working to create a basic income for people experiencing homelessness. Pilot studies have shown basic income is effective at transitioning people to housing. Currently, the application is only open to people with a strong connection to a Denver-based service provider. Would you like to see this program expand into Adams County? Email your thoughts to Lindsey Earl at [LEarl@adcogov.org](mailto:LEarl@adcogov.org).



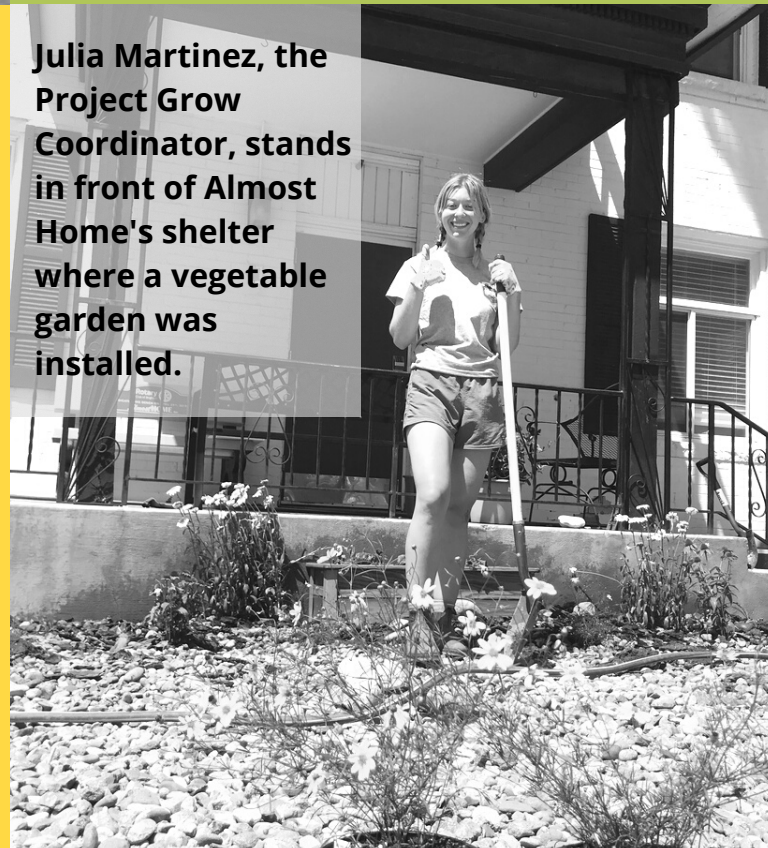
## PROJECT GROW

Adams County is teaming up with the University of Colorado at Denver's Engineering Capstone students to design and install vegetable gardens at emergency shelters to provide healthy food for guests. Is your agency interested in a vegetable garden? Email [JPMartinez@adcogov.org](mailto:JPMartinez@adcogov.org).

## RENEWAL VILLAGE

In September 2022, Adams County staff presented a potential opportunity to contribute a portion of the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the acquisition of the Clarion Inn by Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH). The acquisition would result in 215 units of transitional and permanent supportive housing. The Adams County Board of County Commissioners is in support of moving forward with evaluating the project, and in October CCH submitted an application requesting \$3.8M in Adams County ARPA funds.

Julia Martinez, the Project Grow Coordinator, stands in front of Almost Home's shelter where a vegetable garden was installed.



# STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

## HOUSING VOUCHER ADMINISTRATION TRAINING

HOUSING

Did you know you do not have to work for a public housing authority to distribute housing vouchers? Housing vouchers are one of the most effective ways to provide extremely low-income residents with scattered-site, dignified housing. Please view the solicitation on BidNet: Division of Housing (DOH) - Request for Qualifications. Applicants will need to register with Bidnet Direct and Colorado Vendor Self Service (VSS) before applying. DOH will be accepting applications through November 21, 2023. The application to become a voucher administrator is only open every five years.

## STATE TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANT FUNDS RELEASED

The State of Colorado has released several American Rescue Plan-funded grant applications for affordable housing, housing navigation, and homelessness response. This is an unprecedented opportunity to create affordable and supportive housing and increase services. Letters of Intent are due December and January 10 depending on the grant fund. If you plan to apply, email Lindsey Earl at [LEarl@adcogov.org](mailto:LEarl@adcogov.org).

Hover your phone camera over the QR code to see a the webpage where the state grants are posted.



## CLIENT HIGHLIGHT

In 2020, Heather McClure, a homelessness navigator at Adams County, met a resident experiencing homelessness. Aaron's camp burned down, and his vehicle was stolen. He felt broken. He eventually found temporary work at an apartment complex. He did so well that he was hired full-time and leased a discounted apartment. Now, Aaron is employed full time, sober, and has reconnected with his son for the first time in almost 20 years. Homelessness is not an overnight fix but with a little assistance, it can be overcome.