



## Regional Homelessness Survey - Everyone Counts

Metro Denver, CO (January 28, 2019) – The Metro Denver region is preparing for the annual Point in Time survey of people experiencing homelessness. Starting sundown on January 28, 2019, and ending sundown January 29, 2019, hundreds of volunteers and agencies will mobilize across Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties over a 24-hour period to conduct a survey of homelessness.

The Point in Time survey occurs nationwide the last ten days in January, and is regionally referred to as Everyone Counts. The data is used to inform HUD and provide a snapshot of Metro Denver on a single night that helps communities understand trends and respond to the needs of people experiencing literal homelessness. In 2018, Metro Denver counted 5317 total people experiencing homelessness, with 1308 of those people counted staying outside in places like tents, vehicles, parks or underpasses.

For the upcoming 2019 count, comprehensive count methodology will support accurate data collection and coverage improvements. Expanded efforts include:

- Over a dozen Magnet events will be held for a 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year, these are tailored to encourage engagement with those living unsheltered in the region
- Connections for veterans identified during the count to VA staff and housing options
- Expanded use of mapping and mobile survey technology

"The Point in Time count helps us understand who is experiencing homelessness in metro Denver. It increases community collaboration, raises awareness, and provides much needed data to create effective programming and services, and pursue additional housing resources." - Rebecca Mayer, Interim Executive Director, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative.

Metro Denver Homeless Initiative is recruiting volunteers to work alongside service providers as well as soliciting financial or in-kind donations to support the event. Interested parties should visit the Point in Time website - <http://Everyonecounts.mdhi.org> or email [pit@mdhi.org](mailto:pit@mdhi.org) for more information. Volunteers can sign up directly here - <http://bit.ly/DenPointInTime>.

**About MDHI:** Metro Denver Homeless Initiative is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose mission is to lead and advance collaboration to end homelessness in our region. In 2018, MDHI, as the Continuum of Care, leveraged over \$25M in HUD-funded housing resources and supportive services for individuals, youth, families, and Veterans experiencing homelessness across Metro Denver.

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