

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER



OHS Remains Committed to Data-Driven Solutions and Unsheltered Strategy



The Metropolitan Office of Homeless Services (OHS) is dedicated to implementing effective and efficient strategies to address homelessness in our community. As we approach the hot summer months, we are reminded of the critical importance of our unsheltered strategy. In the past two weeks alone, OHS and our community partners have provided cooling relief support to unsheltered individuals on nine occasions. This year's approach allows us to reach and engage with a larger number of people compared to operating a centralized shelter, which historically sees low utilization during warm months. These efforts are truly lifesaving, but we remain steadfast in our push for housing-focused outreach initiatives.

In light of the recent Supreme Court ruling in the City of Grants Pass vs. Johnson case, OHS will further align our efforts with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' 19 Strategies for Communities to Effectively Address Encampments. Our proactive community strategy prioritizes the needs of individuals, enabling us to be responsive rather than simply reactionary. This approach, in line with national best practices, has proven successful in providing temporary or permanent housing and shelter options as we transition the identified encampment community.

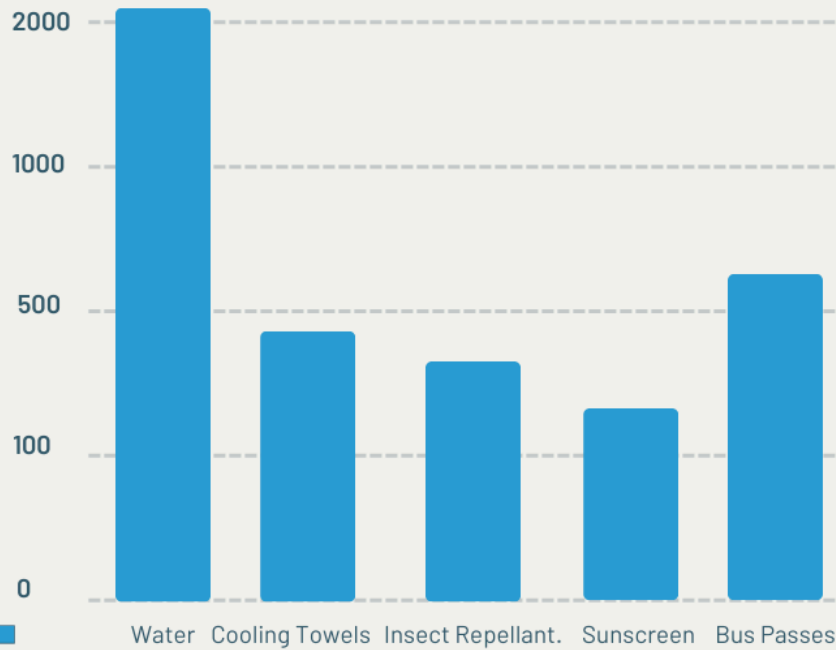
To address the Supreme Court's ruling, OHS will adopt a solutions-based approach. This includes hosting monthly open house/roundtable discussions, continuing to operate in a trauma-informed and compassionate manner, seeking ways to reduce harm in collaboration with community leaders, advocating for increased dedicated funding, and identifying housing solutions.

Housing, along with supportive services, is not just a solution but a necessity in ending unsheltered chronic homelessness. OHS has actively engaged with landlords, resulting in an expanded number of available housing options for unhoused individuals, surpassing our available rental subsidies. Additionally, we are excited to announce the Grand Opening Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Strobel House, Metro's first permanent supportive housing. This state-of-the-art, five-story, 90-unit riverfront studio apartment complex will provide much-needed housing for those experiencing homelessness.

While our data shows that we are performing better than the national average in many areas, we acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. Lives depend on our continued efforts, and we value the involvement of our community in our mission. There are numerous ways to get involved, from volunteering to actively participating in our continuum's committees, providing peer support, and dedicating housing units to our Landlord Engagement Team. **-April Calvin, Director**

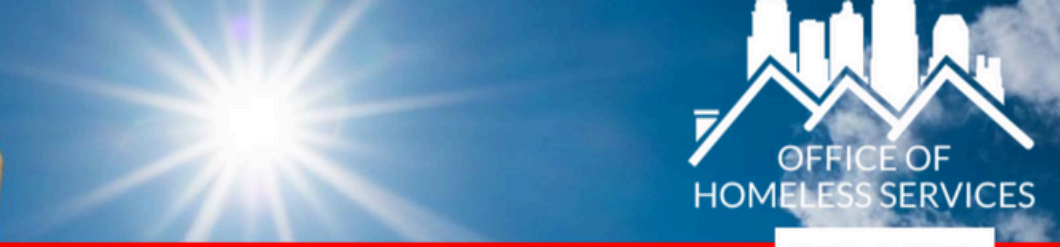
EXTREME HEAT RELIEF EFFORTS

OHS SUMMER HEAT RESPONSE JUNE 2024



- Water **2064**
- Cooling Towels **468**
- Insect Repellant **411**
- Sunscreen **247**
- Bus Passes **572**





Office Of Homeless Services

Extreme Heat Response & Patrol



CCF RESOURCE HUB

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9AM – 3PM | Sunday 10AM – 1PM
Services: Day Shelter **Getting there:** 511 S. 8th St.

CITY CHAPEL ROAD

Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 7AM – 12PM
Services: Showers, laundry, bus passes, food bags
day shelter, Coordinated Entry (9 a.m. to noon).
Getting there: #56 Bus 701 Gallatin Pike S.

NASHVILLE RESCUE MISSION

Hours: Daily, 24/7
Services: Food, case management, beds, clothing, showers
Getting there: #52B bus, 616 7th Ave

People Loving Nashville

Hours: Monday Meals 5pm-7pm (Gay Street)

ROOM IN THE INN

Hours: Monday – Friday, 6AM – 2PM
Showers 6AM -11AM | Arrive by 6AM to ve a spot
Services: Lunch, snow cones, freezer pops
Getting there: #8 bus

SHOWER THE PEOPLE

Tues 4:30pm-6pm,
Trinity Community Commons (204 E Trinity Ln)
Thurs 9-1pm Belmont Church
Fri 6-8pm City Road Chapel
Saturday 9:30am-12pm Mt. Ararat Church

FOOD
SERVICES
BY TSA
← →
OLD TENT CITY
(ANTHES DRIVE)
MON & THUR:
12:30PM

Office of
Homeless Services

← →
Deploys Community Outreach
Heat Patrol to provide:

- Water Distribution
- “Cool Ride” bus passes
- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Scheduled encampment support
- Service Coordination

For all extreme weather updates including heat, text the word “Nashvillewinter” to 84483

For additional Heat Relief resources scan the QR-code



Community Engagement Efforts

RESOURCE FAIRS

The OHS Outreach Team hosts monthly resources fairs to connect partners and service providers with our unhoused neighbors. From connecting them to housing opportunities, emergency support services, food assistance and more, this work would not be possible without our dedicated partners and community providers showing up to make the connection.



CAMP CLEAN-UPS



As we continue to collaborate with local agencies, government and landlords to increase housing options for the unhoused, we are always grateful for local volunteers who show up each month to support camp clean-ups. Providing a sense of dignity and support to our unhoused neighbors in the interim is an ongoing initiative that brings a smile to their faces and hope that they are not forgotten.

OHS OPEN HOUSE

OHS hosted its first Open House last month with the target audience being media. An overview of the progress of OHS, new initiatives and future goals were among the topics discussed.

Helping our community understand how the Office of Homeless Services works not only builds trust but also fosters collaboration. The goal is to host Open Houses on a regular basis for stakeholders, interest groups and others interested in learning more about the office.



Community Partner Highlights



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION.



Oasis Center's Prevention Program offers support to youth and young adults ages 21 and under (and their families) to prevent them from entering the homelessness system. We work to address the many factors that may contribute to a housing crisis quickly to help those at-risk feel more confident moving forward.



ELIGIBILITY:

- Young adults ages 18 to 24 at risk of losing housing
- Families and households in housing crisis with school-aged dependents

QUESTIONS/REFERRALS:
24/7 OASIS CRISIS LINE
(615) 327-4455

Community Partner Spotlight

Wallace Studio Apartment Homes

Studio, 1 Bath - \$1404 - 275 Sq Ft

Housing Choice Voucher
Accepted

97 Wallace Rd Nashville TN
37211



Low Barrier Housing Collective Incentives !!



Sign-On Bonuses

New Landlord members may receive the following sign-on bonus amounts...

Shared Living: \$1000	2 Bedroom: \$3000
Studio: \$1500	3 Bedroom: \$3500
1 Bedroom: \$2500	4 Bedroom: \$4000

New Member Sign-On Bonus amounts are limited to the first 5 units leased-up to a tenant exiting homelessness.

Existing Landlord members receive an ongoing \$1000 sign-on bonus per lease up.

Minor Repairs

Landlords may receive up to \$2500 per unit for minor repairs to make a unit move-in ready (maximum of 5 units).

Application fees & Security Deposits

Landlords may receive up to \$500 per household to cover application fees and security deposits.

Furniture Allowance

Clients may be eligible to receive a one-time furniture allowance of up to \$1500 via our local furniture vendor partnership.

www.lowbarrierhousingcollective.org

(615) 800-0195

OHSlandlordsupport@nashville.gov





Presents

Strobel House



Metro Nashville's first Permanent Supportive
Housing Development

Grand Opening

Thursday, July 18, 2024

11:30AM-12:00PM Ceremony

12:00-3:30PM Tours

110 Jo Johnston Ave.

Click [here](#) to join the live stream.

Click [here](#) to view the agenda.

Broadcast Media Highlights

To view coverage, click the media icons.

Strobel House Grand Opening



Extreme Heat Response



Where is the \$50 million?



“Everybody’s Problem”



To schedule an interview, scan or click the QR-code.



Continuum of Care

The mission of the Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care is to create a collaborative, inclusive, community-based process and approach to planning and managing effective homeless assistance resources and programs to end homelessness in our community.

July General Membership Meeting

The Continuum of Care General Membership will meet on June 20th from 10:30am - 11:30am at the Nashville Rescue Mission (639 Lafayette St).

The General Membership Meeting is a regular convening of individuals and organizations who are members of the Continuum of Care. All Continuum of Care meetings are open to the public and we encourage community members interested in ending homelessness in Nashville to join us.

Continuum of Care Committee Restructuring

The Continuum of Care Governance Charter was approved at the June General Membership meeting. The updated charter featured the following changes:

- **Merger of the Nominating & Membership Committee**
- **Merger of the Data & HMIS Oversight Committee**
- **Established a Coordinated Entry Oversight Committee**
- **Established a Housing Opportunities Committee**
- **Moved to Re-Establish the Standards of Care Committee**
- **Added Weather, Outreach, and Prevention to Shelter Committee Scope**

To learn more about standing Continuum of Care committees email raquel.delahuerta@nashville.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

July 17th	Consumer Advisory Board
July 17th	Performance Evaluation Committee
July 18th	General Membership Meeting
July 19th	Executive Committee
July 22nd	Data & HMIS Oversight Committee
Aug 5th	Equity & Diversity Committee
Aug 13th	Veterans Workgroup
Aug 14th	Homelessness Planning Council
Aug 15th	Shelter and Outreach Committee

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FOR MORE
MEETING
INFORMATION

Funding Opportunities

Continuum of Care Program Funding Competition

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program is a HUD funding opportunity for Continuum of Care to develop and execute a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Nashville was awarded a YHDP grant in 2017, currently implemented by the Oasis Center. This year, HUD has identified Nashville as one of nine communities eligible to reapply for YHDP. **[Click here to review the NOFO.](#)**

Emergency Overflow Shelter

Metropolitan Government and the Office of Homeless Services have issued a Request for Quotations (RFQ) to procure an Emergency Overflow Shelter provider to serve a capacity of 300 shelter beds for single individuals and couples experiencing homelessness during times of extreme weather conditions in the Nashville area. **The deadline to submit responses to this RFQ is July 23rd at 2pm CST. [Click here to review the RFQ.](#)**



We are stronger together.

July Volunteer Opportunities



July 25, 2024

12pm-2pm

For more information, contact
Tytiauna.Ruffiin@nashville.gov

Register Here



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Wednesday, July 31, 2024
10am-12pm

**South Nashville
Area**

Location: TBD

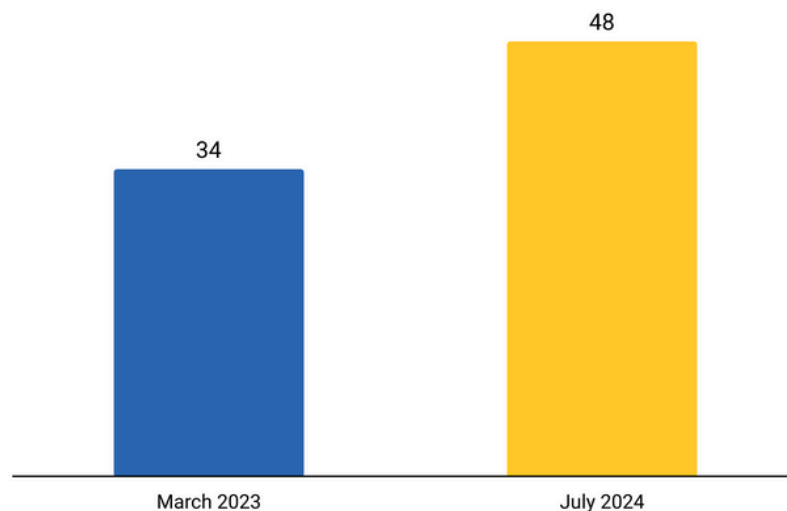
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joseph.parker@nashville.gov



Welcome New Partnering Agencies

As the data managers of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), increasing our data collection is part of our strategic plan to improve overall systems performance measures and efficiency in service delivery. Thank you to all our partners who have joined our efforts to help achieve that goal.

The number of agencies participating in HMIS has increased by 14 agencies since March 2023, an increase of 41%.



Welcome to Wellpoint, We Are Building Lives Foundation, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Meharry Medical College, Mending Hearts, YaiPak, Martha O'Bryan Center, 510 Foundation, Community Homes 33, Dismas House, Empower Tennessee, The Family Center, You Matter Counseling, and DePaul USA!

For more information scan the QR-code or [click here.](#)

