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Department of Housing Services

WHAT IS THE POINT-IN-TIME COUNT?

• The point-in-time count is meant to serve as a snapshot of homelessness in a community and to provide a sense of the overall scope of homelessness in America.



- Every other year, communities that receive federal funding for homelessness are required to conduct an annual count of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a single night.
- The point-in-time count is the only mandated count of all people experiencing homelessness that happens annually across the country.



This year's PIT Count: Important Details

When:

 Count Date is scheduled for January 22nd – our coordinated count will happen the following day, Thursday, January 23rd

Where:

- All of Washington County. Teams will be both site-based and conducting traditional outreach throughout the county.
 - 5 regions throughout the county with teams geographically assigned
 - 1 hub location per region throughout the county to store supplies and deploy staff



This year's PIT Count: Important Details

Who (is conducting the survey):

 Contracted Street Outreach providers & staff volunteers from SHS provider organizations – coordinated with DHS staff, cities and Portland State University

What (is the survey):

 A 30-ish question optional survey designed to capture the context surrounding a person's unsheltered homelessness



- Spread the word!
 - Alert staff and folks you are working with about PIT Count Date
 - Encourage folks you work with who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness to complete a survey either at a drop-in center or with outreach workers they may encounter.

- Volunteer *
 - While we are not actively seeking volunteers, if you operate a site that regularly has
 face-to-face contact with folks who are unsheltered, and you would like to conduct
 surveys, please contact me by the end of the week.

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