



Collaborative Housing Solutions Community Connect Events – 2024

What and When are Community Connect Event

- **Collaborative Housing Solutions of NW Montana** is the coalition of social services agencies that work to address housing insecurity and supportive issues around the **Continuum of Care** for the Flathead County community.
- The **National Point in Time Survey** for homelessness take place from **Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4pm** to **Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 4pm** and asks individuals “where did they sleep the night of January 25th” in addition to follow up questions
- These **Community Connect Events** will be 6 pop up style events scheduled during the Point in Time (PiT) count to help assist with this data collection and to increase opportunities to connect individuals and families in need with community services.
- **Collaborative Housing Solutions** is also organizing the survey to take place in shelters and with service providers in Kalispell.
- This work has happened annually and since 2011 the United Way Winter Warm Up. United Way of Northwest Montana has decided to change the Winter Warm Up event to a new event in early December. Change is okay.

2024 Community Connect Event Locations (TO BE FINALIZED) Between January 25, 2024 and February 1, 2024

- Canyon Dinner - Thursday (Coram)
- Bigfork Food Bank - TBD (Bigfork)
- Nurturing Center/Heart Locker - TBD (Kalispell)
- Feed the Flathead - Tuesday at Christ Episcopalian (Kalispell)
- Veterans Food Pantry or Elementary Clinic - TBD (Evergreen)
- Whitefish Food Bank - Wednesday (Whitefish)
- Columbia Falls Chamber - TBD (Columbia Falls)

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Planning Meetings

Wednesday, November 8 th	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)
Wednesday, November 22 nd	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)
Wednesday, December 6 th	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)
Wednesday, December 20 th	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)
Wednesday, January 3 rd	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)
Wednesday, January 10 th	at	3:30pm	(Nurturing Center)

PiT Training

Training Friday, January 19th (TIME BE CONFIRMED)

- Training for Point in Time survey training
- Health Department (South Campus Conference Room)
- Lunch Provided
- Trainees should bring their laptop or mobile device
- Zoom Training by the State is an alternate option for those not able to attend this training

Launch Event (all hands on deck)

Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00pm (Nurturing Center)

- Final Review of Plans and Logistics
- Volunteer Assignment Gap Fill
- Distribute Pop Up Supplies

Supplies

- Summary Service Guide
- Guides and Resource Table from Local Providers
- Gas Cards, Mylar Blankets, Hand Warmers, Granola Bars
- Mountain Climber Transit Vouchers
- Veterinarian Services for Dogs
- Haircuts
- Family Photos
- Narcan for each location – CONFIRMED from Health Dept