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CONTINUUM OF CARE HUD COMPETITION UPDATE

NOFO CURRENTLY VACATED

The CoC NOFO and its August 26, 2026, application deadline are no longer in effect. HUD is currently unable to accept applications under this funding opportunity.

This follows an August 7, 2026, ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, which determined that the 2026 CoC NOFO violated the Administrative Procedure Act and vacated the funding opportunity. HUD will provide additional guidance and updates through the SNAPS Competition Listserv and HUD.gov as they become available.

Our CoC's Response

The court determination closely coincided with our local applicant ranking deadline, so our CoC Ranking Committee proceeded according to the established local timeline and determined preliminary rankings for our local applications. This allows our CoC to remain prepared should subsequent court proceedings reinstate the original NOFO or application deadlines.

In the meantime, Our CoC will continue gathering application documents and other anticipated materials to ensure we are well positioned to compete for future federal funding opportunities.

Up-to-date information is also available on our CoC Competition Page.



DETAILED UPDATE AVAILABLE

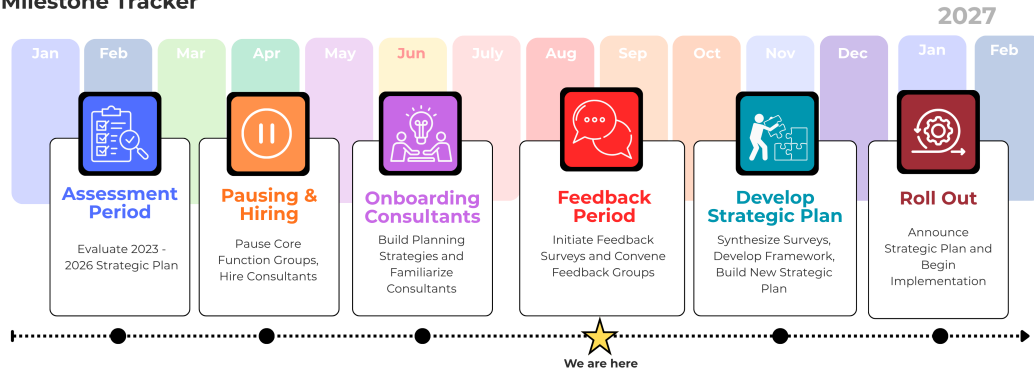
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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Pathways Group is our Strategic Plan Consultants. They are currently organizing feedback groups and surveys to help us complete the Strategic Plan Update.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**STRATEGIC PLAN TIMELINE 2026****Milestone Tracker**

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness Strategic Planning Survey

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness ("SLVCEH," "the Coalition" or "the CoC") is approaching the end of its current strategic plan and is developing the next one to guide the coalition over the next three years.

Your feedback is a critical part of that work! This survey is designed to help us understand how you engage with SLVCEH, how you see the coalition today, and how it may strengthen its support of the homeless service system.

This survey is 16 questions and should take 5-10 minutes. The survey is open through Wednesday, September 2. Your responses are completely anonymous and will be used only to inform the strategic plan.

We'll share high-level findings during a portion of our SLVCEH General Membership meeting in October. Thank you for taking the time!

[Complete Our Survey](#)

HELP SHAPE OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

PIT PRESS RELEASE

In Partnership:

Balance of State CoC

Mountainlands CoC

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness CoC

Utah Office of Homeless Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2026 Statewide Point-in-Time Count Findings

August 3, 2026

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Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

The 2026 findings indicate reductions in statewide unsheltered and chronic homelessness for the first time in years while maintaining strong, consistent utilization across housing resources. While progress is clear, state officials are sharpening their focus on targeted solutions for high-need populations, expanding dedicated housing resources for both seniors and young adults.

Tyler Clancy, State Homeless Coordinator:

"Homelessness is not a one-size-fits-all problem, and our response can't be either. An effective, accountable system meets people where they are and gives them the individualized support they need to exit homelessness and build lasting stability,"

Full Press Release

Community Ribbon Cuttings

Volunteers of America: Creekside Stabilization Center



On August 18, 2026 Volunteers of America (VoA), Utah proudly opened a new, 19-bed short term residential mental health program. in Murray. VoA President and CEO Kathy Bray welcomed Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson, Miami-Dade community leader and county consultant Judge Leifman, and VoA Boardmember Jaime Klemz in opening the program designed to support adults experiencing significant emotional or psychiatric challenges.

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and nursing coverage; medication management and crisis stabilization; daily therapeutic groups, trauma-informed care, and discharge planning for continuity of care.

Full details can be found at voaut.org.

Odyssey House: Stonebridge Women's Center



In the truest sense of a community effort, the Odyssey House held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 23, 2026, for a 29-bed facility for women recovering from serious mental illness.

This initiative was a collaboration of funding efforts between the Utah Office of Homeless Services, Salt Lake County, and the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation.

The project not only helps move Salt Lake County towards its goal of 300 deeply affordable units for the county's most vulnerable population, but also adds critical support for women at risk or experiencing homelessness. Every resident is referred through an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team, arrives already stabilized on medication, and receives 24/7 supervision and wraparound services. This level of sustained support is intended to help people stay stable and out of the cycle of crisis.

According to philanthropist Gail Miller, the creation of this group home was intended to bring "safety, dignity, and hope, and empower them to live better lives. People do better when they have a place to live and people to support them."

This project took the Odyssey House just four months to complete from purchase to the restoration of the building, which was formerly an international hostel. For added charm and a sense of home, some of the art for the dorm-style facility was kept, particularly the doors, which are painted references to countries across the globe. This group home is the first of three in Salt Lake County due open in 2026. Combined, the three group homes will provide an additional 90 beds overall.

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Milestone Youth Transitional Housing



This transitional housing opportunity for youth aging out of the fostercare program was made possible through a partnership between HomeAid Utah, the Milestone Transitional Living Program, the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Salt Lake County Youth Service.

This house is owned by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and master-leased to Salt Lake County Youth Services. This house has been serving youth exiting foster care for some time, but recently received a much-needed remodel. The project has been featured in Salt Lake County's parade of homes, which ended August 15th, where it will open up as a transitional living space for homeless youth exiting the fostercare program. The program has served more than 350 young adults, with 97% successfully transitioning to stable housing while remaining employed and/or enrolled in school. Efforts from Youth Services director Mina Koplin, and the Youth Action Board, including President Cameron Thompson, Vice President Natalie Clark were instrumental in the completion of this project.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

At our General Membership Meeting on August 12, 2026 we had Steering Committee Member Tyler Riedesel share his Lived Expert Health Survey report. Below are some of the noteworthy portions.

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Health perspectives from people experiencing homelessness 2025

This report summarizes findings from surveys given to 40 people experiencing homelessness (PEH) in Salt Lake County, Utah, during the summer of 2025 at the Fourth Street Clinic. We didn't just look at data; we listened to people. **The goal is simple: use their real-world experiences to inform policy and save lives.** The quotes seen throughout the document are from people experiencing homelessness and were recorded during the survey administration.

"These are real lives out there and I'm looked at as less than a human being. I'm looked at as lazy, a bum and that is not true. I've worked my whole life."

Key findings:

- **Overall health decreased** after entering into homelessness.
- **The biggest challenge to managing health was maintaining a healthy diet.**
- **Stable housing** would improve health.
- **Dental care and eye care/eyeglasses** are common unmet medical needs.

Background and demographics

Homelessness in Utah is an important public health issue, with 4,584 people experiencing homelessness in 2025 according to the annual Point-In-Time count. A 2024 Utah homeless mortality report found that PEH in Utah are dying at a higher rate and at much younger ages than the general population and many of these deaths are preventable. Forty PEH participated in this health survey. These people were:

- **Age:** Participants' average age was **46 years**. The youngest age was 25. The oldest age was 69.
- **Sex:** **78%** of participants reported being male.
- **Race/ethnicity:** **64%** identified as White; other over-represented groups included Black/African American (**18%**), American Indian/Alaska Native (**7%**), and Hispanic/Latino/a (**7%**).
- **Homelessness history:** The average time spent experiencing homelessness was **9 years**.
- **Current living situation:** Most often, participants reported sleeping **outside not in a camp (53%)** and in **a shelter (50%)**.



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Health status and chronic conditions

Overall health was reported to decrease after entering into homelessness.

Decreased health: Respondents rated their average health *before* homelessness as "**Good**," but their *current* health as "**Fair**," indicating a decrease in overall health.

Physical health: **81%** of respondents reported having a chronic physical medical condition.

- **62%** of these conditions started *before* homelessness, and **77%** had gotten **worse** since experiencing homelessness.
- The most common conditions were categorized as **cardiovascular disease** (e.g., hypertension, heart attack) or a **musculoskeletal disorder** (e.g., arthritis, degenerative discs), each experienced by **50%** of respondents.

Mental health: **75%** of respondents reported having a mental health condition.

- **75%** of these conditions started *before* homelessness, but **67%** were reported to have gotten **worse** since experiencing homelessness.
- The most common conditions were **mood disorders** (e.g., depression, bipolar disorders) experienced by **60%** of respondents, followed by **anxiety or trauma-related conditions** (e.g., anxiety, PTSD) at **58%**.

"I never knew what cold was like . . . until I spent all night 24/7 out there in the cold."

"I'm old. I'm tired. I'm broken and . . . I deserve better because I'm a human being."

"I'm so overwhelmed with . . . being homeless . . . all my energy and strength just goes on pure survival. I mean I can't move forward in . . . anything else."



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Health challenges and improvements



- **Health improvement:** The most common thing that respondents said could improve their health was **having stable housing**.
- **Unmet medical needs:** When asked about needed but unavailable medical services or supplies, **dental care** was most often reported, followed by **eye care/eyeglasses**.
- **Biggest challenge to managing health:** **maintaining a healthy diet** was the most common challenge reported. This is partly due to the high expense of healthy foods and the low quality of meals often provided at shelters.

"It's kinda hard eating with . . . lack of teeth and all."

Healthcare system experience

Access and difficulties

- **Most common healthcare facility:** An overwhelming majority of respondents receive care at the **Fourth Street Clinic** (the location where the survey was administered).
- **Experience:** Most respondents (**63%**) reported an "**overall positive**" experience interacting with health providers. However, **27%** reported negative experiences, citing being turned away, being treated poorly, and lengthy wait times.
- **Common difficulties:** The most frequently reported difficulties with getting healthcare were **financial barriers, inattentive or rude staff, long wait times, and transportation issues**.



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Support the development of low barrier housing options for those experiencing homelessness.



Support low barrier primary healthcare service options for those experiencing homelessness.



Increase access to nutritional food options for those experiencing homelessness



Increase access to dental care and optometry service options for those experiencing homelessness.



Support and increase the training of patient-centered and trauma-informed care within medical institutions.

"I mean I can't move forward in anything else, other than just trying to stay alive and sleeping with one eye open and just trying to stay alive. And it just makes me want to just give up. And I kinda look forward to dying. In fact I do look forward to dying. But I don't want to die this way. I want to . . . be important to somebody."



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COORDINATED-ENTRY

HAST TRAINING

HOUSING ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

FROM 10AM - 1PM

WED., AUG. 19

WED., SEPT. 16

WED., OCT. 14

WED., NOV. 18

WED., DEC. 16



TRAINING LOCATION:

IN-PERSON ONLY

SALT LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

2001 S. STATE STREET S2-940

(SOUTH BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR,
ROOM 940)



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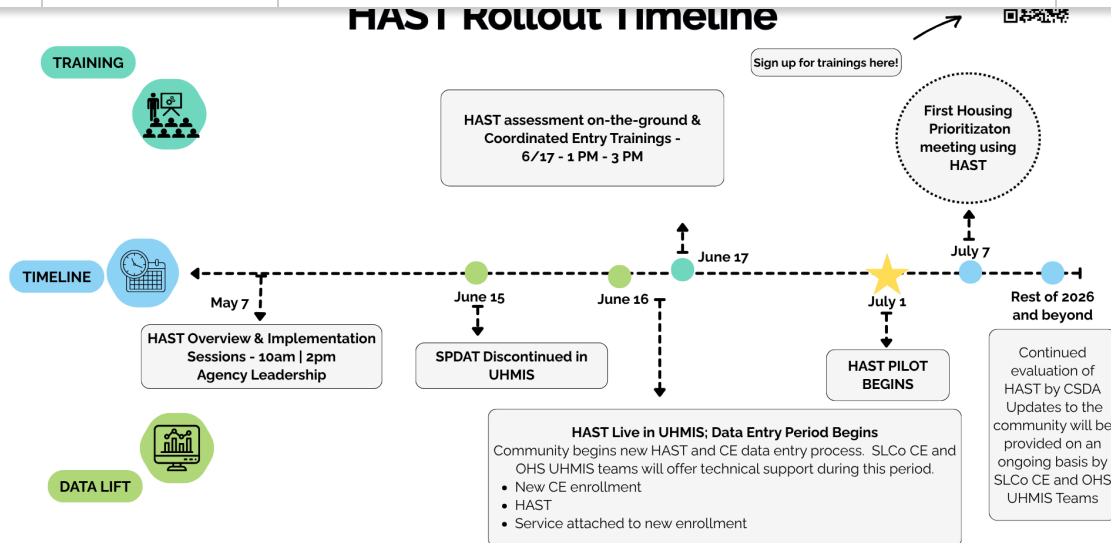
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HAST Rollout Timeline



Salt Lake County Coordinated Entry

Creates a single pathway that simplifies access to housing for people experiencing homelessness, supports community providers, and prioritizes the most vulnerable when resources are limited.

WHAT: A Coordinated Entry System (CES) creates one centralized process that connects people to appropriate housing programs

- CoC specific
- Easily accessed by individuals and families
- Well advertised
- Includes a standardized assessment tool

WHERE: HUD requires a CES. Our CoC uses a “no wrong door” approach for entry through any access point

- Case managers
- Street outreach teams
- Shelter intake staff
- Peer Support Specialists
- Housing Navigators
- CE Navigator
- 211

WHY: Homelessness systems are complex and difficult to navigate. CE helps ensure that access isn’t based on luck or visibility, but on a shared understanding of need. It creates a more equitable and transparent pathway for people to move from crisis to stability.

- Simplifies access for people experiencing homelessness
- Supports community providers
- Prioritizes based on need

HAST = HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCREENING TOOL

Full HAST / CE Information

For Questions, reach out to our Coordinated Entry Team

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COMMUNITY CORNER



Now open!

Timeframe: May 18, 2026 to November 17, 2026

Restrooms Handwashing station Water



WHEN

**Mondays and
Tuesdays**
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



WHERE

**702 West 200 South
Salt Lake City,
UT 84104**



WHAT

**Rotating service
providers offer help
with housing, care,
and basic needs.**

SERVICES AUGUST 10

Phones

**Utah Legal Services (free legal
help)**

CREJ (disability waivers, etc)

SERVICES AUGUST 11

Phones

**Valley Behavioral Health
(treatment, case management,
etc)**



Scan the QR Code to
learn more about our
service providers.

The Salt Lake City Heart Team runs a Community Corner event every Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

OPPORTUNITIES

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BECOME A HOST SITE FOR OUR 2027 PROGRAM YEAR!



SALT LAKE COUNTY MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Applications open September 1st - 30th, 2026

Salt Lake County's MVP AmeriCorps Program is a Capacity Building Grant with a focus on economic opportunity and health access.

Our members help bridge the gap and reduce barriers for a variety of vulnerable populations including but not limited to; youth, those who have fled or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, individuals and families at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, refugees, and those involved in the Criminal Justice System.

AmeriCorps Members are placed in host sites to serve individuals and families by assisting in activities such as housing, employment, system navigation, healthcare, volunteer recruitment, and more.



BENEFITS OF BEING A HOST SITE

- >>> **Increased Capacity:** AmeriCorps members bring additional hands-on support, allowing your organization to expand service.
- >>> **Support Network:** As a host site, you'll receive support from the Salt Lake County AmeriCorps manager.

AMERICORPS BENEFITS

- >>> **AmeriCorps members** that serve in your organization will receive a Bi-Weekly Stipend and Education Award.

HEAR FROM OUR HOST SITES AND MEMBERS

"It's so gratifying to get to know people in my community and truly get to see their lives improve from the services that I am able to help them with."

– Adam, AmeriCorps Member at Utah Health Policy Project

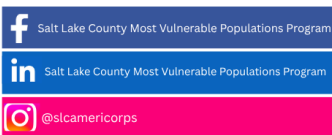
"Our AmeriCorps members are very valuable. They support existing departments, get training and experience, and some go on to become employed with our agency."

– Tammy, Supervisor at Housing Connect

GET TO KNOW SOME OF OUR HOST AGENCIES



LEARN MORE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Request for applications are open from September 1st - 30th

To apply or for additional information, please visit the Salt Lake County AmeriCorps website or scan the QR code.

<https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/ohcjr/ameri-corps/>



Program Overview Session (virtual): September 9th from 10-11 a.m.



Contact **Nicole Bernard**, Program Director, for additional questions, at NBernard@saltlakecounty.gov

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Grant Writing Training in Sandy, UT - September 24-25, 2026

Sandy City Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Sandy, UT, September 24-25, 2026. This training is for grant seekers from all disciplines. Attend this class to learn how to write winning government grant proposals and find the available grant funding.

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county, state agencies, K-12, colleges & universities and non profits are encouraged to attend.

Registration is \$525 and includes everything you need:

- Grant Writing USA Workbook
- Two days of expert instruction
- Lifetime access to our Alumni Resource Center

For event details visit: <https://grantstraining.com/ut0926>

Have a large group? No problem! Groups of 5 or more receive a \$50 discount per person. Discounts are also available for Grant Writing USA alumni and nonprofits. Please call us for details.

*Online registration is necessary. **City, county, state agencies have 30 days after the workshop to remit payment.***

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nikki@grantwritingusa.net

BL Smith-Training Coordinator Sandy City Police Department
POST Region III Training Coordinator
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More than 50,000 agencies across North America have turned to Grant Writing USA for grant writing and grant management training.

Sign-up & Details

Resource Fair

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Library Square
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111



To get involved, or to inquire about future partnership, email the H.E.A.R.T. Team.

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September 9, 2026, 6:00 PM
Christ United Methodist Church
 2375 East 3300 South
 Salt Lake City, Utah

You are invited to attend a candidate forum focusing on issues of hunger and housing instability featuring both candidates running to represent Utah's new Congressional District 1– Democrat Ben McAdams and Republican Riley Owen. The forum will be moderated by Ben Winslow of Fox 13. This candidate forum is nonpartisan and intended to provide both candidates an equal opportunity to fully share their positions on important issues. Any forum attendee who interrupts a candidate will be asked to leave.



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RESOURCES & TRAININGS

County Council Candidate Forum
 September 10, 2026, 6:30 PM
Hilltop United Methodist Church
 985 East 10600 South
 Sandy, Utah

You are invited to attend a candidate forum focusing on issues of hunger and housing instability featuring both candidates running for Salt Lake County Council At Large District A– Democrat Zach Robinson and Republican Kathleen Anderson. The forum will be moderated by the reporter Bridger Beal Cvetko of KSL. This Council District covers the entire county and so voters from every neighborhood in Salt Lake County will be represented by the winner of this election.

This candidate forum is nonpartisan and intended to provide both candidates an equal opportunity to fully share their positions on important issues. Any forum attendee who interrupts a candidate will be asked to leave.



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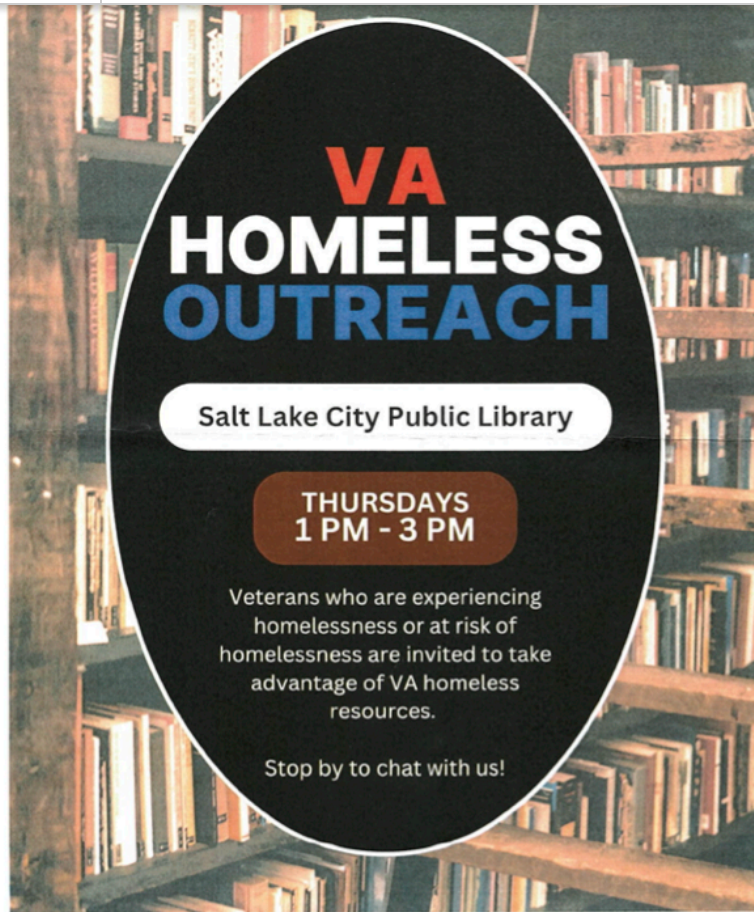


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- ✓ Connect individuals that are representing themselves to free or low-cost legal resources

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SNAP BENEFITS

Where to Find Immediate Food Assistance

Local food banks and pantries can help provide groceries and meals.

- **Call 211:** This is the fastest way to get help. You can speak with someone who will connect you to food pantries, meal sites and other services near you.
- **211Utah.org:** Find a food pantry near you.
- **uah.org:** Find emergency food resources near you.

For the fastest and most accurate updates, please visit jobs.utah.gov or check myCase (jobs.utah.gov/mycase). Our call center staff will only have the same information that is posted online. We will update the website immediately as new details become available.

Full letter from Department of Workforce Services

In the News

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Care (CoC) Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity ([NOFO](#)). The judge ruled that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) acted unlawfully when it included a \$1.3 billion set-aside for new Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, thus negating the entire NOFO. HUD has yet to release a new NOFO or announce next steps.

[\(Full Story\)](#).

Salt Lake Organization Provides Homeless Families with Support to Get Back on Feet • August 12, 2026 (*Kristen Kenney, KUTV*) For families experiencing homelessness, sometimes what's missing isn't the will to get back on their feet — it's the support to get there.

That's the idea behind Family Promise Salt Lake, where Executive Director Brian Diggs sees firsthand how much a community can change a family's path.

"We believe that families don't necessarily run out of money and become homeless. They run out of community," Diggs said.

[\(Full Story\)](#).

Once a hostel, a new mental health group home for women opens in Salt Lake City • July 23, 2026 • (*Katie McKellar, Utah News Dispatch*) — Salt Lake County and state leaders partner with Odyssey House to open Stonebridge. Two more homes are on track to open later this year, expected to total 90 beds.

Kelly Cockrell said when her son was killed in a car crash at the age of 24, "I just spiraled."

Cockrell, 49, said she started using drugs, lived on the streets of Salt Lake City for about five months, and attempted to take her own life before she was hospitalized. But she eventually got help from [Odyssey House](#), a nonprofit that provides services for substance use issues, mental health and medical care for people in need.

While in Odyssey House's program, Cockrell and her best friend, Kearra Clark, 38, have been living in a sober living and mental health transitional home in Sugar House. But this week, both Cockrell and Clark will be moving into a new home that will give them and 27 other women long-term housing stability and support as they continue to heal.

[\(Full Story\)](#).

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