



The mission of the Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care is to foster collaborative efforts that enhance awareness and create solutions to prevent, reduce, and alleviate homelessness in our region.

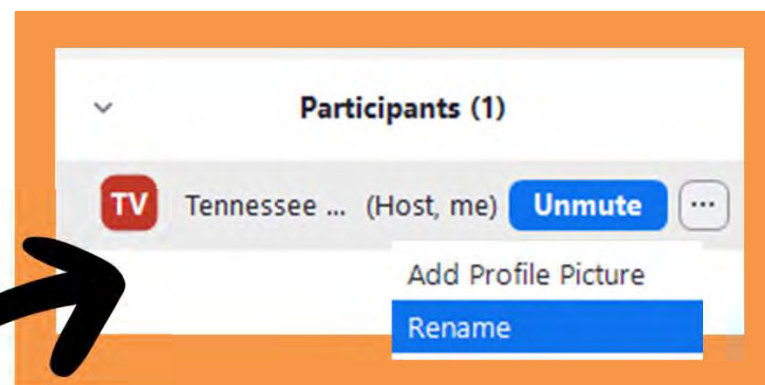
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September 2nd, 2025

House Keeping Notes:



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take attendance!



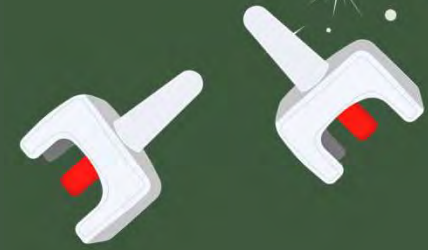
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**Allie Cohn, Overdose Prevention
Director
Mail-based Naloxone Program Manager**

Our Mission



Hellbender Harm Reduction improves wellbeing and builds solidarity in Tennessee by providing harm reduction supplies and advancing policies that support people who use drugs (PWUD).

Our Values

We value self-determination, mutuality, and liberation.

We respect bodily autonomy and genuinely meet people where they are at



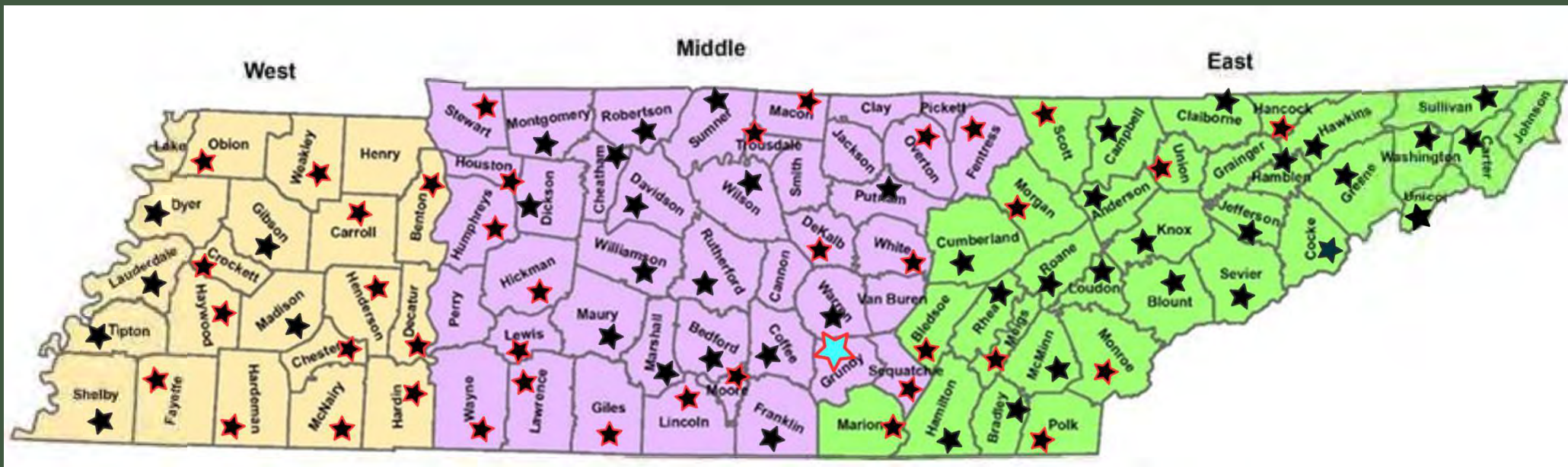
What does this look like in practice?

- Provide services to people in active use, without the expectation that they stop using drugs.
- Provide supplies and resources to PWUD, so that they can live as safely as possible.
- Prioritize non-judgemental, non-stigmatizing, strength-based and mutually respectful engagement with PWUD.
- Acknowledge the harms associated with drug use, while presenting accurate and complete information about ways to reduce these harms as much as possible.

Our Services

- **Drop-In Syringe Service Program (SSP)**
 - *Every Thursday 2:00-8:00PM*
 - **Statewide Naloxone Mail-Based Distribution**
 - **Statewide Wound Care Distribution**
 - **Syringe Pick-Up**
 - **Trainings**
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HHR has shipped orders to 88% of TN counties



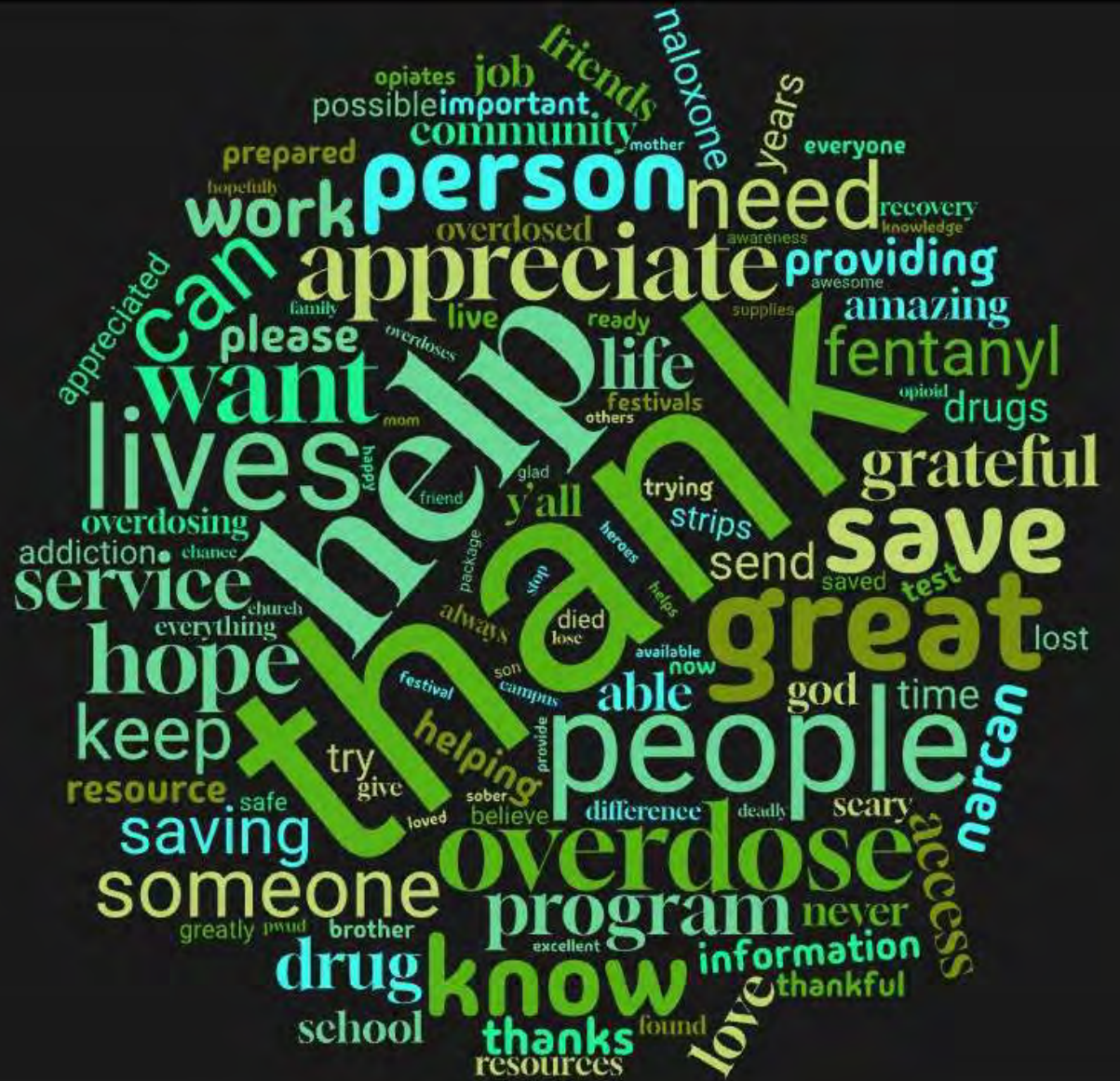
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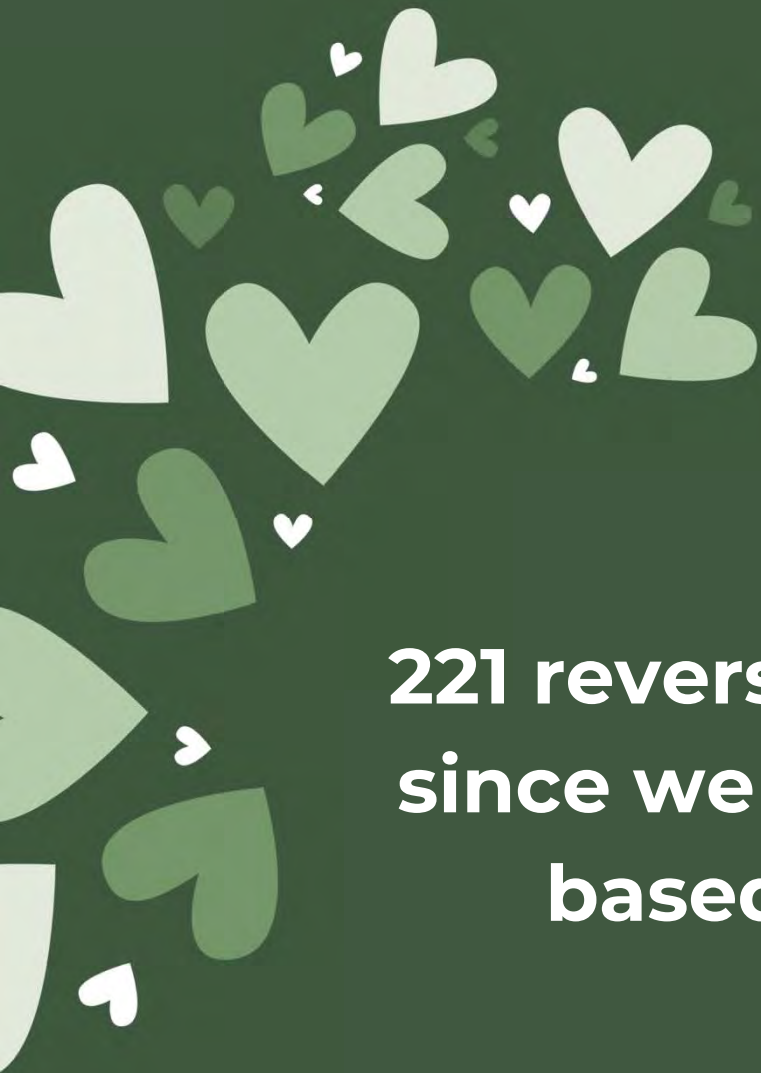
<https://stacker.com/stories/tennessee/most-rural-counties-tennessee>

November 2024 - August 2025



Is there
anything
else you
want us
to know?





**221 reversals have been reported
since we implemented the mail-
based naloxone program**

Contact us

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 [hellbenderharmreduction](https://www.instagram.com/hellbenderharmreduction)



New Business:



Individual Agency News/Updates/ Agency Successes!

HUD Translation Services



HUD's One Voice Initiative

In response to the Administration's March Executive Order that made English the official language of the United States, HUD has stated it will no longer provide translation services to those who receive its services outside of accommodations required under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Violence Against Women Act, which have nondiscrimination provisions that may apply to language in some situations. Outside of those potential exceptions, HUD will switch to English-only communication for its services. Under previous administrations, HUD sought to accommodate other languages to help those with Limited English Proficiency.

Governing Council Nominations

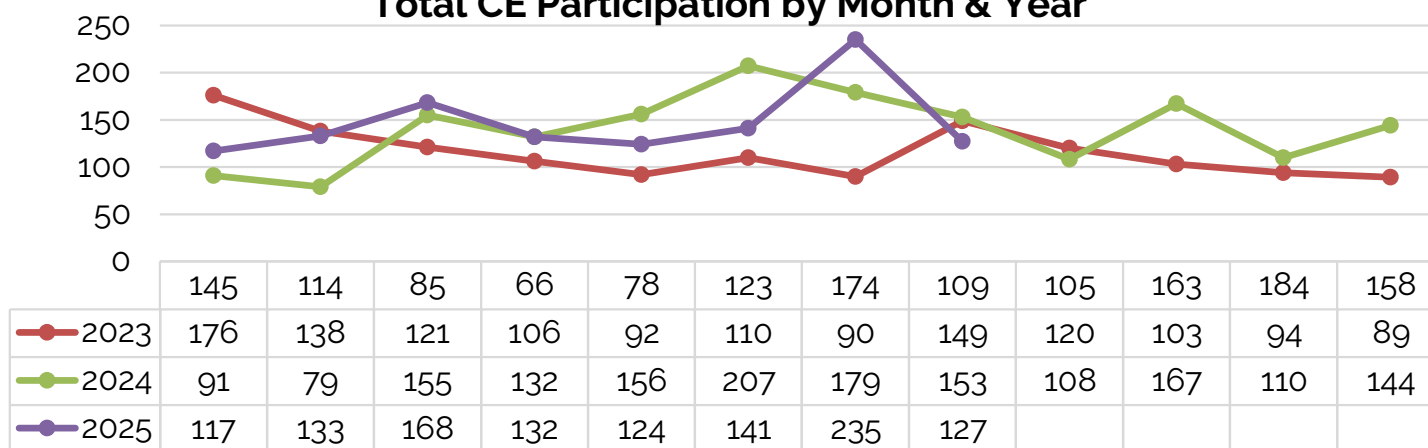


The Governing Council is the governing body of the Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care. It is responsible for oversight involving overall governance, review of policies and procedures, and ensuring the CoC is operating effectively and efficiently toward its locally and federally identified goals.

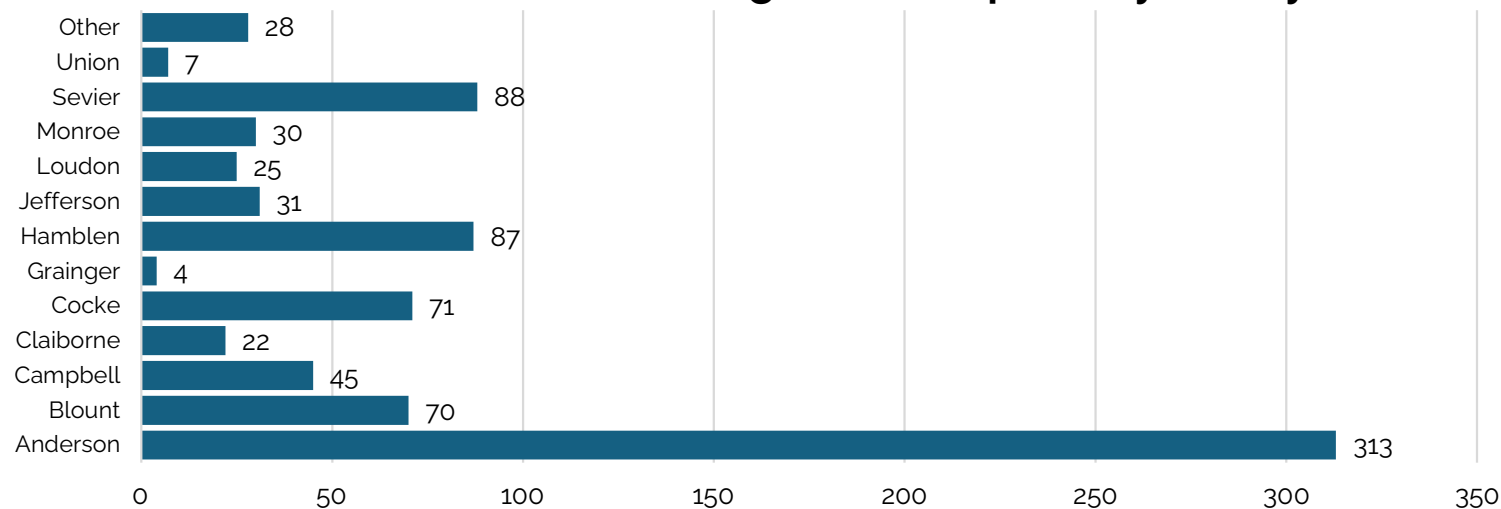
There are not currently any open seats on the Governing Council. If any seats become available, the application process will be open to CoC members in good standing (attendance at 70% of meetings and dues paid).

CoC Data Reports

Total CE Participation by Month & Year

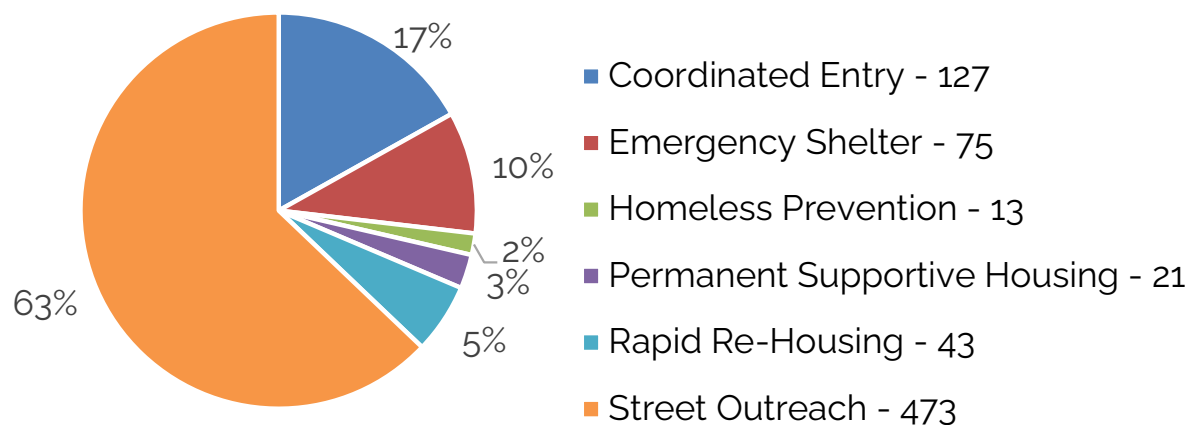


Number of Active Program Participants by County



CoC Data Reports

Percentage of Total Active Enrolments by Program Type



Total number of unduplicated individuals that are actively enrolled: 765

Unduplicated Number of Households: 606

Percentage of Veterans – 5.10%

Percentage of Domestic Violence Victims – 3.53%

Percentage of Disabled Individuals – 49.23%

Percentage of Chronically Homeless – 20.65%

CoC Data Report

GRADE BASED ON COUNT FOR EACH ELEMENT:	HUD UDE ONLY	Additional ONLY	HUD Verification ONLY	OVERALL
	A	A	A	A
	99.00%	96.57%	95.88%	97.80%

August 2025 Timeliness Calculation

<i>Timeliness Calculation</i>	# of Project Start Records	# of Project Exit Records
0 days	168	83
1 - 3 days	278	197
4 - 6 days	24	11
7 - 10 days	19	12
11+ days	158	96
Timeliness Percentage:	69.41%	

See the Report PDF in
the Chat for the full
data report.

HMIS Announcements

HMIS END-USER



OFFICE HOURS

Thursday
September 25, 2025
1 pm to 3 pm

Topic: HUD Data Updates

Office Hours are now required for HMIS End-Users

2025

Point-in-Time Count Results

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Zoom

Upcoming Training



TVCoC Stigma-First Person Language Training by MDC

September 23, 2025

12pm-1pm

Zoom

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82941801226?pwd=iX5xLZa0syYyBAr6J2W37b5AwjTdFn.1>

CoC Committee Updates



HMIS & Data Management

Chair: Andy O'Quinn | andy.oquinn@oakridgetorch.org

Coordinated Entry

Chair: Tiffany Higginbotham | tiffany.Higginbotham@va.gov

PIT/HIC Committee

Chair: Nikki Lynn | nlynn@tvceh.org

Written Standards

Chair: Tonya Polidoro | directorofmats@gmail.com

Rank & Review

Chair: Open Position | kmcguire@tvceh.org

BFZ Improvement Committee

Co-Chairs: Angela Stolpe | astolpe@unitedwayblount.org

Katelyn McGuire | kmcguire@tvceh.org

Discussion/Questions



The floor is open for other questions
or discussions.

Next Meeting



IN-PERSON Meeting-

October 7th @ 10 am

Link is provided via email before
the meeting

Listening Survey

Spread the word!

STATEWIDE LISTENING SURVEY ON HOMELESSNESS



HOUSING FOR ALL TN

Help inform our
statewide policy
agenda on
homelessness! Take
our survey at
bit.ly/H4ATNsurvey by
September 15th!



2025 CoC Meeting Dates



January 7—In person

February 4

March 4

April 1—In person

May 6

June 3

July 8—In person

August 5

September 2

October 7—In person

November 4

Thank you for attending!



Proud CoC Members

