



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & YOUTH SERVICES
Sussex County Administrative Center
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County of Sussex

Dear Community Partners,

NJ Counts 2024, New Jersey's annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of the Homeless, will be conducted statewide on January 24, 2024. This event provides a statewide snapshot of homeless households in our communities, where they find shelter, what their needs are, and what factors contribute to making them homeless. In Sussex County the count is planned, coordinated, and carried out locally. The information gathered enables our community partners to better allocate housing resources and services, maintain current funding allocations and apply for future funding allocations in order to prevent and end homelessness.

Volunteers will be outreaching all community partners, provider agencies and shelter locations in an attempt to raise awareness and participation in the event. In addition, volunteers will be seeking out homeless residents in known locations throughout the community in an attempt to document their specific needs.

NJ Counts 2024 will be organized by the Sussex County Human Services Advisory Council's Homeless Coordination Subcommittee in conjunction with Monarch Housing Associates.

If you or your organization is able to identify an individual or family that lacks a fixed, permanent night time residence on January 23, 2024, please contact the volunteer listed below with the individual or family present, so that a brief survey can be completed. Note that the volunteer will also conduct a brief conversation regarding available community resources for housing. If you are not able to contact the volunteer while the individual or family is present, please provide them with the volunteer's information listed below. In addition, we have attached our **"Quick Guides to Common Crises"** for your reference. You may also find a copy at the Sussex County webpage or via the link provided in this email.

Please feel free to contact us with any known location in your community where homeless individuals or families may be sleeping. On the day of the count, volunteers will be visiting these locations in an attempt to provide them with information that could possibly end their homeless situation.

Thank you for your assistance and participation in *NJ Counts 2024*

Sincerely,

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