

# 2018 D.C. Point-in-Time Count



Save the Date: January 24, 2018; 8 pm - 2 am

## ABOUT

On January 24, 2018, hundreds of trained volunteers and experienced outreach professionals will come together to conduct a single-night count and survey of people experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count creates a "snapshot" of the scope and scale of homelessness in our city that provides policy makers and funders with critical information on the number and demographic characteristics of the families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The District of Columbia is one of hundreds of communities across the country that conduct a PIT Count on one night during the last ten days in January to secure federal homeless assistance funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

By collecting this crucial information we can better target resources and be more efficient toward our goal of ending homelessness in our community.

## FAQs

### What will I be doing as a volunteer?

Volunteers will be assigned to a neighborhood-based team headed up by a Team Lead who is an experienced homeless outreach professional and will serve as the point person for all volunteers during the night of the PIT Count. On the night of the Count, volunteers will be grouped up and given coverage maps that they will be responsible for canvassing. Over 3 to 5 hours volunteer groups will thoroughly cover their areas and survey individuals who are sleeping outside. At the end of the night volunteers meet back up with their neighborhood Team Lead to drop off supplies.

### I've never done this before, how will I know what to do?

That's okay! All volunteers will be required to attend one volunteer training in the week prior to the Point-in-Time Count. The volunteer training will fully prepare you to engage with people who are experiencing homelessness and administer the survey. Additionally, on the night of the Count, your neighborhood's Team Lead will be available to assist you.

### Can I choose which neighborhood I want to volunteer in?

Yes! During the sign-up you will be asked to select your neighborhood preference. We encourage volunteers to sign up for neighborhoods that they are familiar with. Though we make every effort to assign volunteers to their area of preference, we ask them to be willing to survey in any neighborhood in the District as they might be assigned to a different area, depending on each area's volunteer needs.

### Volunteer Training Dates

1/16/18, 6 pm to 7:30 pm

1/17/18, 6 pm to 7:30 pm

1/18/18, 11 am to 12:30 pm

1/18/18, 6 pm to 7:30pm

## GET INVOLVED

### Become a Volunteer Surveyor:

Volunteers are required to attend one training in advance of the date and will commit to volunteering for up to five hours on the PIT Count night. Sign up to volunteer and choose your neighborhood team at: [www.DCPIT.org](http://www.DCPIT.org).

### Tell Your Friends:

Help us spread the word about this important event and encourage friends and family to sign up and volunteer with you! For more information, visit: [www.DCPIT.org](http://www.DCPIT.org) or email: [PIT@community-partnership.org](mailto:PIT@community-partnership.org).



The D.C. PIT Count is conducted by the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness (TCP). TCP is an independent, non-profit corporation that coordinates federal homeless assistance funding for the District of Columbia Continuum of Care. Visit: [www.community-partnership.org](http://www.community-partnership.org) for more information.