



CT CAN End Homelessness Restructure – FAQs

1. What is CT CAN End Homelessness?
 - CT CAN End Homelessness is a transformative, statewide campaign grounded in a Collective Impact framework, focused on preventing and solving homelessness in Connecticut.
2. What is Collective Impact?
 - Collective impact is a collaborative approach to addressing complex social issues by aligning the efforts of multiple organizations and stakeholders toward a common goal. It involves bringing together different sectors (such as nonprofits, state agencies, government, and community groups) to work together, rather than acting independently. The tenets of collective impact are common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, backbone support, community engagement, and equity and inclusion.
3. How many committees and subcommittees does CT CAN End Homelessness have?
 - There are four committees and three subcommittees. The committees consist of:
 - i. The Steering Committee
 - ii. Statewide CAN Leadership
 - iii. Policy and Advocacy
 - iv. Funders Committee.
 - The subcommittees are:
 - i. Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness
 - ii. Coordinated Entry, Outreach and Engagement
 - iii. Exit Subcommittee

4. How many people should each CAN nominate for each committee (not including Steering Committee or Funders)?
 - Each Coordinated Access Network (CAN) should **identify three individuals** who would best represent their CAN on **each** committee:
 - i. One Program Level (*management level homeless service provider or Backbone/CAN Support professional*)
 - ii. One Emerging Leader (*front-line staff*)
 - iii. One individual focused on youth work
5. What if we don't have enough capacity to nominate 15 individuals for committees?
 - If your CAN does not have the capacity at the time to nominate 15 individuals for the committees, your seats will remain open until you are able to fill them. It is important for us to have equal representation statewide.
6. Do we need to nominate anyone for the Steering Committee or Funders Committee?
 - No, the Steering Committee will consist of Co-Chairs from each committee and subcommittee, representatives from Balance of State and Opening Doors Fairfield County, and diverse community partners focused on preventing and ending homelessness in CT, including state agency representation. The Funders Committee is for funders only.
7. What are Community Partner seats about?
 - To foster cross-sector collaboration and ensure diverse perspectives are included, each committee will have a **minimum of five Community Partner seats** for:
 - i. State and federal agencies
 - ii. State-level advocacy organizations
 - iii. Community organizations
 - iv. Individuals with lived experience of homelessness
 - v. Backbone/CAN Support professionals if not nominated for other seats.
 - Nominations from the CAN for the community partner seats are not required.
8. What does being a committee member consist of?
 - Members are responsible for participating in monthly committee meetings, at a minimum.

- Championing the work of their committee within their CAN and aligning their own organizational activities with the committee's overarching goals.
 - Membership to a CT CAN End Homelessness Committee requires a signed commitment of active participation, core beliefs and values and code of conduct.
9. If I am not a member of a committee, can I still attend the meetings?
- Yes, all CT CAN End Homelessness meetings are open for all to attend and share their perspectives.
10. What is the due date for nominations?
- Wednesday, March 12th
11. How do we submit our nominations?
- Each CAN should work collaboratively to identify the three individuals that will be representing them for the five committees (Statewide CAN Leadership, Policy and Advocacy, Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness, Coordinated Entry and Outreach and Engagement, and Exit Subcommittee)
 - CCEH will be sending out a form for CT CAN End Homelessness Nominations, each CAN should electronically submit one form with all their nominations by March 12th.
12. What are the Community Engagement Events in each CAN about? Who should attend?
- CCEH will be conducting a Community Engagement Event in each CAN to provide an overview of CT CAN End Homelessness, recruit for membership, gather insights and amplify frontline voices.
 - Anyone within the homeless response system can attend the local community engagement event. **Equity** and **Inclusion** are centered in CT CAN End Homelessness - we are committed to ensuring that representation reflects our communities.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Amber Freeman, Director of Training, Technical Assistance and Community Impact at afreeman@cceh.org