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2021 Update: Shasta County Point-In-Time-Count

Shasta County, California – The Shasta County Continuum of Care (CoC) is adjusting the Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, which identifies individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

The Homeless Point-In-Time Count is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for communities to receive state and federal funding. On a national level, the PIT Count seeks to identify the number of homeless individuals and families in each county across the United States.

Ordinarily, the PIT Count utilizes local agencies and volunteers to locate and survey each person in Shasta County who is experiencing homelessness. Unfortunately, safety concerns related to COVID-19 do not make it possible to perform the standard unsheltered count, and the NorCal Continuum of Care has chosen to waive the unsheltered count for 2021 with permission from HUD.

“The Count is important,” said Kalie Brisbon, the NorCal CoC Executive Board member representing the Shasta County Advisory Board. “But the most important thing is connecting people to the services they so desperately need.”

For 2021, homeless individuals sheltered by community partners such as the Good News Rescue Mission will be counted, but the PIT Count will not need the same number of volunteers as previous years. Shasta County residents are still encouraged to connect any individuals experiencing homelessness with local services. Some services are available through the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency at ShastaHHSA.net or the Good News Rescue Mission at GNRM.org.

This year’s count will take place on January 26, 2021. If you would still like to volunteer your time to assist with this opportunity in our community, please go to <https://shasta.pointintime.info> and click the on the Register tab.