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Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania's Newsletter



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A Program of Inglis Community Services



Happy Holidays from all of us here at SDHP!

Cheers to a new year of housing our neighbors and strengthening our communities.



SDHP's mission is to promote self-determination and control in housing for persons with disabilities and older adults in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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New Year, New Point-in-Time (PIT) Count.

The annual PIT count is the survey that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses, in partnership with your local [Continuums of Care \(CoC\)](#), to count how many unsheltered individuals are experiencing homelessness in your community. This process is essential for determining funding allocations to programs that offer homelessness prevention services.

Volunteers and community service organizations are crucial in supporting local

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beds and shelter conduct a Housing Inventory Count (HIC) to contribute to the comprehensive understanding of the homelessness landscape.

Why is the PIT Count conducted in January? Each CoC has flexibility in how they do their count; however, [HUD mandates](#) that the count takes place in the last ten days of January. During this time, Shelters are most likely to be full, since this is considered the coldest period of the year. Counting at this time should be measuring the community's unmet needs, but there is still a chance to miss the people that are couch surfing or temporarily doubled up with friends.

To be part of the solution, explore the [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#) and discover how to connect with your [local CoC](#) to contribute to the count. For more data, refer to [HUD's 2023 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs](#).

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January Trainings:

- **Thursday Jan. 4th at 1 PM:** Assistance Animals Explained
- **Tuesdays at 11 AM Jan. 16th, 23rd & 30th:** Prepared Renter Education Program (PREP) parts 1-3
- **Monday Jan. 29th at 12 PM:** Eviction Prevention and Processes

Check out our [calendar](#) to find all of our FREE webinars scheduled through March 2024!

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updates, and articles focused on housing folks with disabilities!



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