

Savannah-Chatham County Continuum of Care Membership Application

Please choose one: New Membership Membership Update

Applying on behalf of

- INDIVIDUAL:** not part of a provider service agency
- ORGANIZATION:** funded provider / unfunded entity (private/public)

The Savannah-Chatham County Continuum of Care is a coalition of individuals and agencies that coordinate the local continuum of care for homeless persons and persons at-risk of being homeless. The CoC establishes provider accountability and support programming to ensure that the homeless community obtains housing, economic stability, and enhanced quality of life through comprehensive services.

Under guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Continuum of Care (CoC) implements policies, strategies, and activities that: (a) secure funding to address homelessness, (b) promote community-wide awareness of homelessness, (c) ensure coordinated collection and maintenance of data on persons experiencing homelessness, and (d) meet the short and long-term needs of the homeless population.

The CoC is open to any organization or persons in Chatham County with an interest in prevention and/or ending homelessness in the community. Organizations are entitled to **one vote** regardless of how many members of the organization attend the meetings; a member must have attended at least fifty percent (50%) of the full CoC meetings in the previous twelve (12) months to be eligible to vote. New Members shall have full voting rights the first year of membership.

Membership Benefits

- Invitation to open CoC meetings
- CoC orientation
- Voting rights on issues of CoC
- Eligible for committee and board service
- Access to training and technical assistance opportunities
- Access to CoC information via CoC website and CoC listserv
- Opportunities to network with people doing similar work

Membership Responsibilities

- Agreement with the mission, values and goals of the CoC
- Attendance at full CoC meetings
- Participation in advocacy initiatives
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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Membership Information

Name	
Organization	
Title	
Primary Phone	
Secondary Phone	
Preferred Email	
Mailing Address	

Type of Membership

- Active, Voting Membership: must attend 50% of general meetings
- Affiliate Membership: no voting privileges - no minimum meeting attendance requirement

AFFILIATIONS

Savannah-Chatham County CoC is interested in having representatives from a wide variety of fields, experiences, and professions. Please indicate if you or the organization for which you work falls into one or more of the categories listed below. If Individual Member, please indicate your areas of interest. (Mark all that apply)

	Individual	Organization	Affiliation Categories	Individual	Organization	Affiliation Categories
			Advocate			Hospital/Health Care
			Affordable Housing Development			Jail/Detention Center
			Business (For Profit)			Law Enforcement
			Crisis Response			Legal Aid
			Disability Services			LGBTQ+ Provider
			Domestic Violence Service			Mental Health Service
			Early Care and Education (0-4 years)			Non Profit Homeless Assistance Provider
			Education (Pre-K through 12th grade)			Public Housing
			Education (Post-Secondary)			Social Service Provider
			Emergency Shelter			Substance Abuse Services
			Elected Official			Utility Service
			Faith Based			Veterans Services
			Food Pantry/Food Bank			Victim Service Providers
			Government			Workforce Development Services
			Homeless/Formerly Homeless			Youth
						Other: Please specify

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Do you give the CoC permission to list your organization, affiliation, or name as a member in our CoC publications (e.g. brochures, website, etc.)? Yes No

Are you interested in joining the Board or a CoC Committee? CoC Committees are formed from a diversity of stakeholders consisting of a combination of any of the following: persons with lived experience, board members, general members, funded providers, Collaborative Applicant CoC staff members. Committees are responsible to make actionable recommendations to the CoC Board. Please see below for brief description of each CoC Committee:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>CoC Board of Directors</u> (referred to as "Board") is the advisory body for the Savannah-Chatham County CoC consisting of 13 to 15 board members. Considerations for board representation include expertise and experience in homelessness, geographic distribution, diversification of interests, provider perspective, the perspective of homeless persons, limiting/managing conflicts of interest, and other relevant factors. Board members must live or work in Chatham County and otherwise qualified as outlined in this Governance Charter and by HUD program rule and regulations at 24 CFR part 578.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>CoC Membership Committee</u> is responsible for establishing and implementing CoC Full Membership application process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Coordinated Entry Committee</u> is responsible for system evaluation and provider feedback related to Coordinated Entry.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>HMIS/Data Committee</u> is responsible for evaluation, training and planning related to the HMIS system and responsible for interfacing between HMIS Lead, local providers, and state designated agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee</u> is primarily responsible for ensuring that racial equity is taken into consideration in all aspects of CoC management, planning and policy making; strategizing and making recommendations related to including more perspectives and decision making for individuals with lived experience; conducting data reviews and presenting to CoC board on equity and inclusion.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Ranking and Rating Committee</u> is responsible for ranking and rating process for CoC annual application resulting in recommendations to the board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Strategic Planning Committee</u> is responsible for coordinating system-wide strategic planning, evaluating overall system performance, and ad-hoc initiatives.

Do you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Savannah-Chatham County COC? If yes, please provide their name(s) and email address (es) below:

Please complete this form if you would like to be a member of the Savannah-Chatham County CoC. Send completed application to: ChathamCountyCoC@gmail.com