

# Billings Continuum of Care (CoC)

*Making Homelessness Brief, Rare, and Non-Recurring in Yellowstone County*

## WHO WE ARE

A coalition of leaders joining forces to

**Re-Imagine Our Homeless Response!**

## WHAT WE DO

Together, we:

- **Change the Status Quo** of how we address homelessness from isolated and competitive to coordinated and effective.
- **Assess & Plan** together to create effective and efficient action that combines our strengths. A robust assessment and shared planning is currently in progress.
- **Share Data** in meaningful ways to guide action. Current data sharing includes a Data Dashboard and use of the Pathways system.
- **Optimize Efforts** by working together in a manner that combines our strengths, reaches more people, and saves more money.

## COORDINATED ENTRY

Working together from data, we are housing our most vulnerable:

- “Front Door” agencies assess anyone in need (whether their client or not) in order to break down barriers and serve more people.
- A comprehensive list of housing provides a clear view of resources.
- A shared database keeps agencies connected and working together.
- Case Conferencing takes place every other week to prioritize our most vulnerable and house them first.

## KEY COC PARTNERS

The Billings CoC is widely supported by the community. Key Leadership Team members include:

Alternatives Inc. – Besaw Integrity Consulting – Billings Clinic – Billings Housing Authority - City of Billings – Community Crisis Center – District 7 HRDC – Downtown Billings Alliance - Mental Health Center – MT Dept. of Corrections, Probation & Parole Division – Mary Underriner - Montana Rescue Mission – Rimrock Foundation – RiverStone Health – St. Vincent Healthcare – Tumbleweed – Volunteers of America (VOA) – YWCA – St. Vincent DePaul – Yellowstone County

United Way of Yellowstone County Serves as the Backbone

The CoC values community collaboration and supports other coalitions; including Community Innovations and Substance Abuse Connect.

**Over 20  
Organizations  
Joined Forces**

**119 High Need  
Persons Housed**

**Saving Lives &  
Money**

Findings below are from national studies –  
Not specific to Yellowstone County.

