

# Formalizing the Coalition to End Homelessness

Establishing the Coalition as a formal 401c3 nonprofit organization to coordinate and lead homeless efforts in Pierce County will have numerous benefits for people experiencing homelessness.

- A formal structure to advocate for policies, legislation and programs that increase housing stability and better meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness
- Administrative support for the weekly provider meeting – a vital community asset for service providers to both learn about local resources, identify emerging issues, and collaborate on opportunities to better serve people experiencing homelessness
- Development of a Speakers Bureau – a group of people currently or recently experiencing homelessness who can provide needed personal stories for the community, and serve as subject matter experts when developing policies, legislation, and programs
- Proactively engage community partners at all levels to ensure resource needs and availability are understood and build strategic partnerships with business, social service, and government entities to reach common goals

Future expansion of the Coalition work could include:

- Provide administrative support to Tacoma Tenant Organizing Committee
- Administratively support the Continuum of Care and all its subcommittees, including developing and executing the state mandated Strategic Plan to End Homelessness - with a roadmap to reach functional zero.

## Organizational Structure

