

Public Briefing on Homeless Services in Greater New Haven

PLEASE JOIN
State Senator Martin Looney
AND
**The Greater New Haven Regional Alliance to
End Homelessness**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT 9:30 AM

Outside the Men's Seasonal Overflow Emergency Winter Shelter at
Columbus House ([directions to 209 Terminal Ln, New Haven, CT, 06519](#))

The Greater New Haven Regional Alliance to End Homelessness will host an outside and in-person briefing on plans for addressing homelessness going into the second COVID winter. Last winter prior to the availability of vaccines, the public broadly understood homelessness to be a personal and public health crisis of national importance; no one could isolate themselves at home without a home. **The Delta variant is driving a fourth wave of infection and it is less clear how people experiencing homelessness will stay safe and indoors this winter.** This briefing will allow homeless sector leaders, those experiencing homelessness and key elected officials to discuss how they are planning to address homelessness this winter, including how federal funds may be used to support those experiencing homelessness. Columbus House's congregate Men's Seasonal Overflow Winter Shelter will be open for distanced tours.

Housing insecurity affects thousands of families and individuals in our area seeking permanent housing. The pandemic has exacerbated the demand for affordable housing – with increased rents and the lack of affordable housing inventory many low- and no-income households are unable to maintain stable housing. **Research shows that the most effective strategy for solving homelessness is the Housing First approach, connecting households to stable and affordable housing through a combination of supportive services and financial assistance.**

How Can You Help?

- **Attend the public briefing on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30 AM at Columbus House's Men's Seasonal Overflow Shelter**
- **Email your legislators and municipal leaders and invite them to the briefing**
- **Share this info with your friends, family and colleagues**

The Greater New Haven Regional Alliance to End Homelessness is leading a regional effort to eliminate chronic homelessness and homelessness for

families by 2023. The Alliance coordinates the strategies of advocacy, prevention, housing, employment, and services to ensure that episodes of homelessness are rare and of short duration and that all citizens within the region have access to safe, affordable housing. The Alliance includes civic, religious, government, business, and not-for-profit leaders, in addition to other stakeholders. The region includes Madison, Guilford, Branford, North Branford, East Haven, New Haven, North Haven, West Haven, Orange, Milford, Hamden, Shelton, Derby, Ansonia, Woodbridge, Bethany, Beacon Falls, Oxford, and Seymour.

