



CFCH
Monthly Members'
Meeting

October 28, 2025



NATIONAL
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH
— OCTOBER —

**During the last fiscal year, 1 in 10
clients in our HMIS system reported
experiencing domestic violence**

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Spotlight on Best Practices, Ebony Tanner– Homeless Services Network

Homelessness in the News, Kate Santich– Homeless Services Network

Tuberculosis Trends, Dr. Luz E. Nieves – FL Dept of Health

Reflections from FCEH, Members of the Community

Padmission Update, Anna Ashie– Homeless Services Network

CLS/HSN Emerging Issues, Morgan Cardinal – Community Legal Services

City of Orlando Sustainability Program, City of Orlando Office of Sustainability & Resilience – Ashley Perez

Announcements

Spotlight on Best Practices

Ebony Tanner





Spotlight on Best Practices



Proudly presented to

Samara Jules-Robinson

Exemplary Service in the Practice of
Trauma Informed Care



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Mentors For Fatherless Children And Abused Families Corporation

HOMELESSNESS in the NEWS:



OCTOBER
2025

What You
Should
Know

Federal government shutdown threatens budgets, SNAP

1. CoC funding safe through November
2. Public Housing vouchers safe for now - except TBRA
3. SNAP benefits will NOT be issued for November, and the USDA said that states using their own funds to cover the benefits will not be reimbursed, nor will it use a \$5+ billion contingency fund to continue the benefit.

And:

- ✓ Florida DCF has confirmed that no SNAP benefits will be issued in November unless the federal government reopens.
- ✓ Any existing balance on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card will remain available for use.
- ✓ May be delay in processing new applications or replacing lost EBT cards.



The no-show NOFO

- ▶ Due to the government shutdown, the NOFO will not be released until the government reopens. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, “This inevitably means there will be significant delays in funding, which will cause homeless services providers to not be able to serve the people who need it the most.”
- ▶ May or may not happen here, depending on timing.
- ▶ Typically, it takes six months or more from the issuance of the NOFO to the awarding of funds. These resources are then awarded to more than 7,000 projects in nearly 400 local, regional, or statewide CoCs.
- ▶ But there could be a much shorter application period, as well as very different funding priorities.
- ▶ NAEH is urging Congress to renew all existing Continuum of Care grants expiring during calendar year 2026
- ▶ Urging HUD Secretary Scott Turner to not proceed with issuing a new NOFO for FY2025 funding. “Instead, the Secretary should think ahead to next year.”



AdventHealth providing no-cost joint replacement

AdventHealth has partnered with Operation Walk USA to provide total hip and knee replacements at no cost to qualifying patients. This nationwide program helps people with debilitating joint conditions regain mobility and improve their quality of life.

Who Qualifies:

- ▶ U.S. citizens or Green Card holders
- ▶ Individuals without health coverage or insurance (private, state, or federal)
- ▶ Household income at or below 300% of Federal poverty guidelines
- ▶ Email OpWalk@AdventHealth.com OR call 407-609-3740 or scan QR code.



Good news: COLA for Social Security, SSI



- ▶ Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for 75 million Americans will increase **2.8%** in 2026. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about **\$56 per month** starting in January.
- ▶ Over the last decade the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase has averaged about 3.1%. The COLA was 2.5% in 2025.

Social Security begins notifying recipients about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December.

Veterans Day hiring event



THE 13TH ANNUAL

PAYCHECKS FOR PATRIOTS

Hosted in honor of those who have served our country, veterans and their spouses are invited to a hiring event dedicated to connecting them with career opportunities. Meet and interview with employers ready to hire.

HIRE OUR HEROES

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M

Valencia College School of Public Safety
8600 Valencia College Lane, Orlando, FL 32825



**VETERANS
REGISTER NOW**



CareerSourceCF.info/P4P



A proud partner of the American Job Center network

For more information about the programs and services offered by CareerSource Central Florida, as well as funding details in compliance with the Stevens Amendment, please visit our website, CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com.

Back by popular demand...

- ▶ Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m.
- ▶ Nov. 13, 7-8 p.m.
- ▶ Audubon Park Covenant Church
3219 Chelsea St., Orlando, 32803

Wednesday, Nov. 12, show followed by discussion panel.

unhoused/homefree



Our one hour play is told multiverse style, in three parts. Each part begins the same. A homeless person sits on a bench in a public park reading a book, but each part will end differently as the neighbors react with either ambivalence, or fear, or love.

The November 12 show will be followed by a DISCUSSION PANEL featuring:

- Christian Service Center Executive Director Eric Gray
- Homeless Services Network of Central Florida COO Brian Postlewait
- IDignity Senior Program Manager Micaela Cox
- Orange County District 5 Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad

**Audubon Park
Covenant Church
3219 Chelsea St
Orlando 32803**

**Wednesday
November 12
7 - 9 PM**

**Thursday
November 13
7 - 8 PM**



events.humanitix.com/unhoused

Save the date continued...



SAVE THE DATE

**HOMELESS PERSONS'
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Heritage Square Park
Outside the Orange County Regional History Center
65 E. Central Blvd. Orlando, FL 32801

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Please send names of those who passed



**Scan this QR code
to submit the
names of
individuals who
passed away in
2025 after
experiencing
homelessness in
our community.**

**Or visit
[www.tfaforms.com/
518960](http://www.tfaforms.com/518960)**

Florida Department of Health

Trends in Tuberculosis



Florida
HEALTH



Dr. Luz E. Nieves, Ph.D., MPH, RN

Regional TB Program & Surveillance Coordinator

Florida Department of Health

(Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, & St. Lucie Counties)

What is TB?

- Mycobacterium
- Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB)
- Tiny Particles (1-5 microns)—Smaller Than Dust Particles
- Stay Suspended in Air for Several Hours

Tuberculosis

- Non-Discriminatory Airborne Disease
- TB in the Bible—Deuteronomy 28:22 “Consumption”
- Bible Translations in 1611 and 1901 when the “Consumption Plague” was prevalent in Europe and North America

TB – Airborne Disease

- Coughing, Laughing, Singing, Speaking
- Closed, Confined Space
- Poorly Ventilated
- Long Duration—Not Casual



Laboratory Presentation

- Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Complex
 - (M. tuberculosis, M. bovis, M. bovis – BCG)
 - (M. africanum, M. microti, M. canettii, M. caprae, M. pinnipedii)
- Smear = Acid Fast Bacilli +
- Real-Time or GeneXpert PCR = Mtb PCR+
- Culture = Mtb Complex

History of TB



Peruvian Mummy

2000 years old

Genetic Evidence of TB



Egyptian Mummy

3500 years old

Genetic Evidence of TB

History of TB in Orange County

- In the late 1800s, Orlando surgeon R.L. Harris established a facility in a farmhouse to treat TB patients on 72 acres between the shores of Lake Estelle and Lake Winyah.
- He built several small cottages on the property, installed a sewer system and outfitted the rooms.

History of TB in Orange County

- The Dr. Harris Sanitarium and Hotel Company treated Tuberculosis patients until around 1906.
- More interested in treating patients than collected money from them, his endeavor collapsed.
- In 1908, the property was bought and renamed Florida Sanitarium, today's Advent Health Orlando.



Progression of TB

Latent TB Infection

- Do Not Feel Sick
- Non-Communicable
- Immune System Keeping TB Organism “Contained”
- Test: TST or IGRA

Active TB Disease

- Cough, Fever, or Weight Loss
- Communicable in Respiratory System
- Test: *Mtb* Culture

LTBI Assessment TST vs. IGRA



Tuberculin Skin Test

- Traditional Since 1909
- Subjective Applications and Readings
- Variable Sensitivity/Specificity
- False Positive and False Negative Results
- Multiple Office Visits
- Increase Treatment Costs

LTBI Assessment TST vs. IGRA



Interferon Gamma Release Assays

- Guidelines Since 2009
- Blood Test—Standard Protocols
- Sensitivity: 75% → 90%
- Specificity: 88% → 95%
- Not Confounded by BCG/NTM
- One Office Visit
- 40% → 73% Decline in Positive Rates from TST

How Do We Control TB?

Community Partners



AdventHealth Orlando



Orlando Health – Orlando
Regional Medical Center

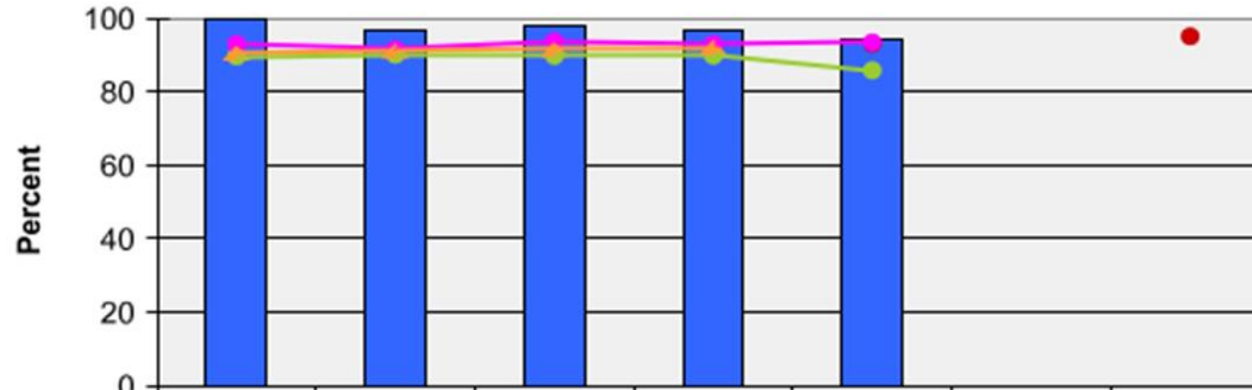
How Do We Control TB?

Community Partners

1. Doctor's Office
2. Community Clinics
3. Private Laboratories

Treat to Completion of Therapy

Treatment Completion Within 12 Months for Eligible Patients
Orange [FL]
2011 to 2015



Cohort Period	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	--	2020
Completed Treatment Within 12 Months (%)	100.0	96.5	97.9	96.5	94.3	--	
Program Targets (%)	90.5	91.0	91.5	92.0	N/A	--	N/A
State Average (%)	92.9	91.5	93.6	92.9	93.4	--	
National Average (%)	89.6	90.0	89.7	89.7	85.7	--	
National Target (%)					93.0	--	95.0

Cohort Period	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Eligible Patients (N)	42	57	48	57	53
Patients Completed Treatment (Ever) (n)	42	56	48	55	50
Patients Completed Treatment Within 12 Months (n)	42	55	47	55	50
Patients Did Not Complete Treatment (n)	0	1	0	2	3

Contact Investigation

**Every Pulmonary TB Case Exposes
Up to 30 Additional Individuals**

CDC Airline Studies

Flight must be at least 8 hours for a TB Contact Investigation



Even with a very contagious TB Case, CDC will only test the roll of the TB Case and the roll in front and back of the case.

Closing Comments

- Tuberculosis is an Airborne Disease
- You are not exposed to TB by one cough, or touching doorknobs, or toilet seats
- Exposure takes place in a very small, confined, poorly ventilated space by a contagious, coughing active TB Case*
- For exposure, you must be in a very close proximity of the TB Case for at least 8 hours, or accumulative 8 hours*
- Public Health Measures by all of us will control TB

* Typical Active TB Case

TB Info

- CDC Division of TB Elimination
 - www.cdc.gov/tb/
- American Thoracic Society (ATS)
 - www.thoracic.org
- Curry International Tuberculosis Center
 - www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/
- Southeastern National TB Center
 - <http://sntc.medicine.ufl.edu/>
- Florida DOH – Tuberculosis Program
 - www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/tb/
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control
 - www.apic.org

Questions/Observations

Reflections from the Florida Conference on Ending Homelessness (FCEH)

COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION





ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF PADMISSION!

Anna Ashie

Director of Housing Operations

Homeless Services Network

WHAT IS PADMISSION?

- Padmission is the new Housing Operations software that HSN is transitioning to beginning in January 2026!
 - More efficient and effective administration of housing programs
 - Immediate visibility into financial utilization of housing programs
 - Specifically designed for homeless housing programs
 - Supports compliance with HUD rules and regulations
 - Highly configurable to support multiple program and subsidy models
 - Gives immediate visibility to financial utilization of housing programs
 - Built to track housing project expenses across multiple funders
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WHAT DOES PADMINION DO?

- **Approve and Manage Assisted Tenancies**
 - Approve and manage assisted tenancies in housing programs with optimized workflows for landlords, housing staff and support teams.
 - **Document and Track Program Compliance**
 - Perform household and unit eligibility, rent calculations, inspections, recertifications and more with clarity and confidence.
 - **Housing Assistance Payments Simplified**
 - Process payments and provide itemized documentation for property owners and managers at light speed.
 - **Real Time Data Insights**
 - Make data-driven decisions with powerful reporting tools, data insights and dashboards.
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HOW WILL OUR PARTNERS BENEFIT?

- Case managers will gain access to the system to enter in participant income, eliminating cumbersome and problematic spreadsheets.
 - Padmission allows us to transition to direct deposit for landlords- resulting in faster payment processing times, less late fees, notices, and happier landlords.
 - Landlords will have a portal to upload all of their required documentation and know in real time where their payment is in process.
 - Real time insight into our unhoused/housed metrics allowing for more targeted housing search and recruitment.
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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Our partner Case Management agencies will receive a follow up email with more information and details on upcoming info sessions in November, and training dates in December.

Legal Access For All

COMMUNITY

— LEGAL SERVICES



EMERGING ISSUES

Altamonte Terrace Response

- **Altamonte Terrace/Remington Tenant Termination**
 - **Originally Noticed in September:**
 - LL was relocating tenants
 - Notice of Termination to ALL tenants with move out date of 10/17
 - Similar to HoJo – Possible Legal Issues due to ongoing habitability issues (code enforcement cases)
 - **Request for former residents to contact CLS!**



Emerging Issues



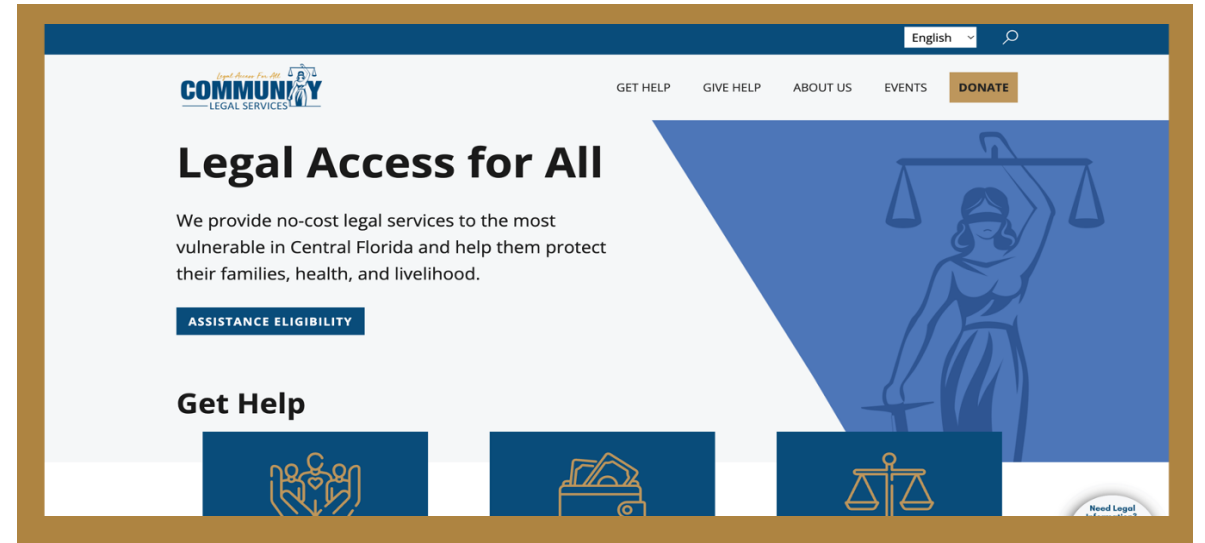
- **Student Loan Defaults being issued**
- **Financial assistance resources**
- **Government Shutdown continues (potentially)**
 - **WIC and SNAP funded through end of October**
 - **Medicaid, Medicare, and SSA/VA benefit should continue**
 - **Free school lunch programs at risk**

Contact Us

HELPLINE

1-800-405-1417

MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8:30-4:30
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 8:30-6:30
FRIDAY 8:30-3:30



Visit our website
LegalAccessforAll.org
for more information
including self-help materials

Online Application
Self-Help Chatbot
available
24 HOURS/7 DAYS A WEEK



GREEN WORKS
ORLANDO

Orlando Sustainability Goals

**Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG)
Emissions 90%**

Transition to 100% Renewable Energy

Advancing Energy Savings

High =
6% +

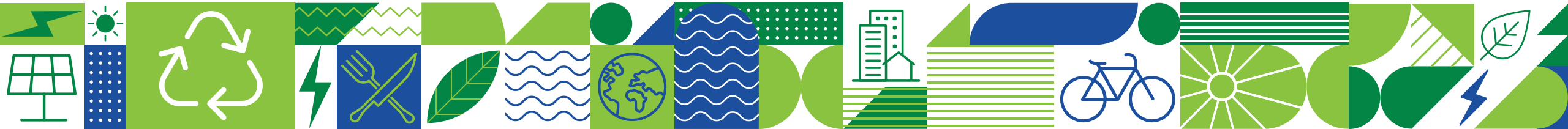
Severe =
10% +

Energy Burden =
Percent of income
spent on energy
bills

Orlando average is
3.9%

What does
this mean?

People
struggling to
afford their
energy bills
and other
essentials



"\$10 could push someone to the verge of homelessness."

-Anna Ashie (Homeless Services Network)



City of Orlando

- 62.3% of homes are rentals.
- Typically, the landlord owns everything while the tenant pays the electric bills – difficult to justify energy investments.
- Most energy efficiency opportunities are geared towards homeowners.
- Low-income renters are afraid of being further left behind and don't always trust government programs.
- High potential for unintended consequences to improve a rental property (i.e. cause a rent increase and further exacerbate the affordable housing crisis).
- Energy efficiency and resilience could use better communication and more fun in outreach efforts

Research and Planning

- **New approach for climate action:** community identified priorities and co-designed solutions.
- **Various technical and CBO partnerships to date:** extensive community engagement conducted in various formats and locations.
- **Energy Burden Task Force:** program inventory and assessment; examine lived experience and collaboratively identify next steps.

Energy Savings Program

- Developed a new program, focused on plug-in technologies
 - Energy Star Window AC Heat Pump
 - Heat Pump Water Heater
 - 400W Portable Solar and Battery Storage
 - Induction Cooker
- Created energy efficiency baskets that feel more like a housewarming gift
 - Aerators with LED lights
 - Color changing LED bulbs
 - Glow stars
 - Educational Flyers
- The tenant can own all this stuff, similar to their own refrigerator or TV - bypassing the landlord.



Pilot Projects

Phase 1

- Provided in 4 homes via City funding
- We are building relationships and project success

Phase 2

- 4Roots donated 50 additional window AC units!
- Installed via City funding



Clear Lake Project Results

Electric Consumption History (kWh)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVG
2024	423	406	385	605	672	754	834	783	845	538	589	303	595
2023	661	522	567	744	1,058	1,117	1,407	1,519	1,109	798	732	530	897

- Energy savings over **30%** for the year due to Energy Star Window AC
- Saving the resident nearly **\$40 per month** (closer to \$90 in the summer)
- Recently added portable solar and bumped the energy savings over **40%**
- Added resilience - Has back-up power for AC, refrigerator, etc.
- *“I feel like I’m part of the future.”*

Phase Two Feedback

“This program is a blessing! Our apartment is so hot in the Summer. We’re staying cool.”
-Ernestine

“We did not have a window AC unit in this room. This has helped a lot! We’re comfortable.”
-Sonya

“Our air conditioner cannot be fixed because our credit is bad, and we can't get approved.”
-Tiffany

“We are so grateful! A lot of people can’t afford stuff like this since we’re on a fixed income.”
-Jeannette

“The new units keep our home nice and chilly!”
-Francisco Gonzalez

“Our old unit was leaking water. Now we don’t have to deal with that issue.”
-Ernestine

Phase Three



ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

Looking for savings on your power bill?

Apply to the energy savings program, designed to help City of Orlando residents save with free plug-in technology.

To register, scan here or visit
orlando.gov/energysavings





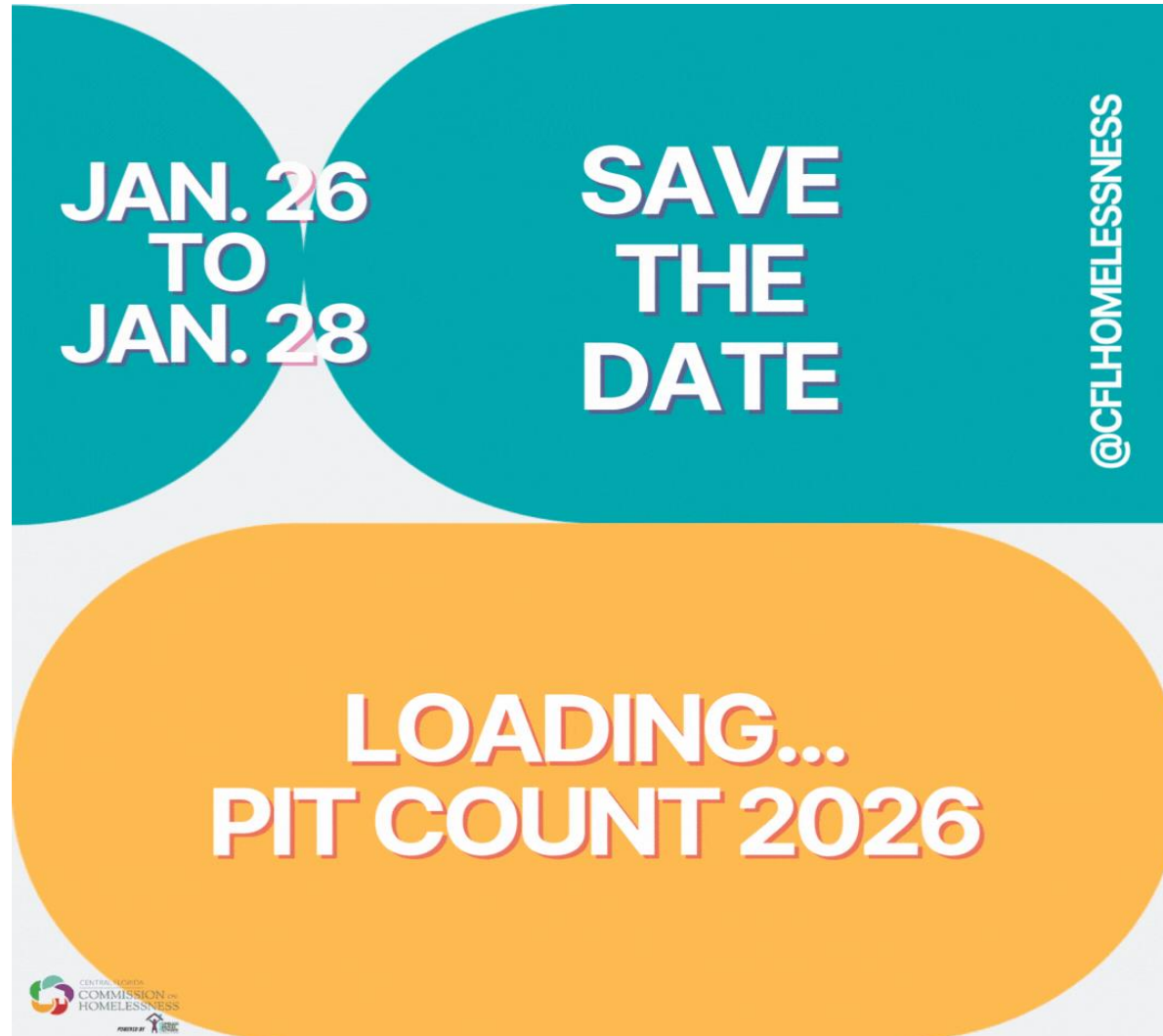
Questions

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Announcements

PIT Count 2026



A graphic for the PIT Count 2026. The top half features two overlapping teal circles on a light gray background. The left circle contains the text "JAN. 26 TO JAN. 28" in white. The right circle contains the text "SAVE THE DATE" in white. To the right of the circles, the text "@CFLHOMELESSNESS" is written vertically in white. The bottom half of the graphic is a large orange rounded rectangle containing the text "LOADING... PIT COUNT 2026" in white. At the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for the "CENTRO FLORIDANO COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS" and the "OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT" with a small house icon.

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PIT Count 2026

Webpage and Email Sign up



Scan the QR code to visit
www.cfch.org/pitcount

PIT Count 2026

Will your organization have any regularly occurring or special client events on **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday** during the PIT Count (Jan 26-Jan 28, 2026)?



Scan the QR code to let us know!

PIT Count 2026

Team Lead Sign Up



Navigating Conflict Skillfully

Thursday, October 30th



NAVIGATING CONFLICT SKILLFULLY



THUR, OCT 30
9:00 - 11:30 AM
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

REGISTER NOW



PJI | PEACE
AND JUSTICE
INSTITUTE

What if you were able to turn conflict into a win-win?

Conflict can be a catalyst for growth and transformation when approached with awareness and skill. This session reframes conflict as an opportunity to strengthen relationships, deepen understanding, and enhance leadership capacity. Participants will:

- Identify their personal approach to conflict
- Learn and apply effective conflict resolution techniques
- Engage in practical exercises to integrate new skills

Seeking Resources: Indigenous and less common language translation services

**CFCH Meetings are Moving to the
3rd Tuesday of the Month starting in
November**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 18th

10am to 11:30 am

Location: First United
Methodist Church
Orlando

