

West Texas Homeless Network

Membership Form

Fiscal Year 2024-25

Select Membership Level:

- Individual: \$25 annual membership
 - Membership level is intended for individuals with lived experience and/or community volunteers. This membership level is not intended for anyone connected to an organization, as described below.
- Organization: \$200 annual membership
 - Membership level is intended for nonprofit agencies, service providers, faith-based partners, funders, and businesses.
- Nonvoting individual and/or organization
 - No dues are required for nonvoting members. Please provide the contact info below.

Name (Individual or Organization) _____

Mailing address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____ Website _____

If selecting an organizational membership (voting or nonvoting), please provide the following:

Briefly describe your organization’s mission and how it relates to participation in the WTHN:

If selecting a voting organization, please list the primary voting representative:

Name: _____ Email: _____

The following people may vote on behalf of our organization if our primary representative is not present for a vote:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Please select your interest area for potentially serving on a volunteer committee(s). See additional pages for descriptions.

Standing Committees:

Data and Outreach

Public Relations

Housing Navigation

Special Project Committees:

Education and Training Committee

Youth Homelessness Steering Committee

Family Homelessness Steering Committee

Chronic Adults Steering Committee

Single Adults Steering Committee

Contact Michelle Parrish (mparrish@cfabilene.org, 325-676-3883) for a payment invoice, if needed. Please return this form via email and/or return with your membership fee to:

West Texas Homeless Network
c/o Community Foundation of Abilene
P.O. Box 1001
Abilene, TX 79604

2024-2025 West Texas Homeless Network Standing & Special Projects Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES

Data and Outreach Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Point-in-time survey planning and execution with THN (January)
- b) Coordinate the selection of sheltered and unsheltered count locations
- c) Recruit and training of volunteers for Survey night; appropriate volunteer appreciation
- d) Coordinate with the marketing committee for proper promotion of the Survey
- e) Outreach services in collaboration with WTHN stakeholders and Coalition Coordinator to meet efforts of providing face-to-face encounters with those experiencing homelessness
- f) Outreach services to coordinate locating persons from coordinated entry system as seen on by names list (BNL)
- g) Working with other committees to coordinate outreach efforts for all subpopulations

Housing Navigation Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Works with Coalition Coordinator to build landlord relationships
- b) Provider networking for resources for potential landlords and relationship-building
- c) Development of housing project plans that would be beneficial to the coordinated entry system through inflow or outflow
- d) Develop strategies for addressing housing navigation to include housing navigator role, housing inventory in Abilene, and projects that promote Housing First Model and low barrier

Public Relations/Media Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Public policy education and outreach to municipal, state, and federal elected officials on issues of affordable housing
- b) Identify special event opportunities for the advancement of the WTHN mission and goals
- c) Creation and maintenance of branding materials for WTHN
- d) WTHN website and WTHN social media content management
- e) Promote WTHN through media opportunities such as press releases or media interviews
- f) Develop the reporting for an Ending Homelessness Community Dashboard
- g) Responsible for facilitating WTHN events with Coalition Coordinator to include World Homelessness Day, Homeless Persons Memorial, and any publicly recognized events for support of WTHN and its works

SPECIAL PROJECT COMMITTEES

Education & Training Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Coordinate strategies for educating the community about WTHN and Housing First Model, lightest touch approach (diversion and prevention from homelessness strategies), understanding of coordinated entry system, and stakeholder networking
- b) Coordinate agency specific, nonprofit, or community lead training/workshops promoting the overall system to addressing homelessness and promoting Housing First
- c) Develop plans for best engaging stakeholders for subpopulation ending homelessness work
- d) Work with Coalition Coordinator to develop processes that promote improvements in education and training of the community to include policies, job descriptions, and workflows when areas of needed education or training are noted

Chronic Homelessness Steering Committee:

- a) Work with Built for Zero Team to coordinate chronic drivers (goals with measurable outcomes) to obtain and sustain functional zero for chronic homelessness
- b) Develop and maintain processes in ways to assist in identifying chronic individuals and households experiencing homelessness
- c) Develop a plan to promote emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions for chronic individuals and households specific to understanding the CoC HUD Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- d) Develop and maintain relationships with agencies that can provide services and support chronic homelessness
- e) Work with CEPE to ensure that appropriate solutions are being addressed for chronic individuals and households on the BNL

Family Homelessness Steering Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Work with the Built for Zero Team to coordinate family drivers (goals with measurable outcomes) to obtain and sustain functional zero for family homelessness
- b) Develop and maintain processes in ways to assist in identifying families experiencing homelessness and or families at risk of homelessness
- c) Develop a plan to promote emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions for families specific to understanding housing programs that support the work of family homelessness
- d) Develop and maintain relationships with agencies that can provide services and support families experiencing homelessness
- e) Work with CEPE to ensure that appropriate solutions are being addressed for families on the BNL

Singles Homelessness Steering Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Work with Built for Zero Team to coordinate single drivers (goals with measurable outcomes) to obtain and sustain functional zero for single homelessness
- b) Develop and maintain processes in ways to assist in identifying singles experiencing homelessness and or families at risk of homelessness
- c) Develop a plan to promote emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions for singles specific to understanding housing programs that support the work of single homelessness to include all rapid rehousing programs
- d) Develop and maintain relationships with agencies that can provide services and support singles experiencing homelessness
- e) Work with CEPE to ensure that appropriate solutions are being addressed for singles on the BNL

Youth Homelessness Steering Committee

Responsibilities:

- a) Work with Youth Systems Coordinator to develop youth coordinated entry system
- b) Work with Built for Zero Team to coordinate youth drivers (goals with measurable outcomes) for development of youth coordinated entry system
- c) Develop and maintain processes in ways to assist in identifying youth experiencing homelessness
- d) Develop and maintain outreach efforts with coordination of Outreach/Data Committee to reach youth experiencing homelessness
- e) Develop a plan to promote emergency, transitional, and permanent housing solutions for youth
- f) Develop and maintain relationships with youth specific agencies and representatives that coordinate continuity of care for those youth experiencing homelessness
- g) Work with Youth Coordinated Entry Point (BCFS-HHS) to ensure that appropriate solutions are being addressed for youth BNL