

# TRIBES AND CONTINUUMS OF CARE: PARTNERSHIPS & POINT-IN-TIME COUNTS ON TRIBAL LANDS

## LISTEN & LEARN RESOURCE SHEET

### Why it Matters

California Tribal Relatives are experiencing the *highest disparities of homelessness* and have less access to funding and culturally appropriate programs than the general population.

Local homelessness response systems, also known as Continuums of Care (CoCs), have the opportunity to partner with Tribes to improve data visibility and support the ending of homelessness for all California Communities.

Point-in-Time (PIT) counts are an annual count of the number of individuals experiencing homelessness. Including Tribal lands in these counts provides clear benefits both for Tribes and CoCs.

### Benefits for Tribal Communities

- There are currently no accurate sources of Tribal homelessness data across California.
- Participation in Point in Time counts uplifts data on how many individuals are experiencing unsheltered homelessness on Tribal lands.
- Having this data helps to ensure that the Tribal Community's needs are recognized and can be used to help secure funding and resources for Tribal Communities, as well as to help inform advocacy and shape policy decisions.

### Benefits for Continuums of Care

- Including Tribes in PIT counts gives CoCs a more complete and accurate picture of homelessness across their geography.
- Tribal participation strengthens the credibility of the data, helps identify service gaps (especially in rural or reservation areas often overlooked), and fosters stronger government-to-government collaboration.
- This inclusion allows CoCs to design more effective regional strategies, improve equity in resource allocation, and demonstrate compliance with state and federal expectations around engaging Tribal Communities.

### Key Contacts and Support Directory

To find the right partners or request engagement support, use the resources below:

- Find Your Local Continuum of Care Homelessness Response System Contact: [HUD CoC Program Contacts](#)
- List of Federally Recognized Tribal Nations in California by County: [Tribal Nations in California](#)
- Access the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Leader Directory: [Tribal Leader Directory](#)
- [Native American Heritage Commission Contact List of non-Federally recognized Tribes in California](#)
- Map of Continuum of Care Homelessness Response Systems and Federally Recognized Tribes by County: [click here](#)
- HUD PIT Count- Specific Inquires: [HICPITCount@hud.gov](mailto:HICPITCount@hud.gov)

## Quick Access Resources for Tribes & Continuums of Care

### Resources for Tribal Communities

**The following resources support Tribal Communities who want to:**

- Learn the basics about counting unsheltered homelessness on Tribal lands.
- Collaborate with local homelessness response systems to increase access to homelessness services for Tribal Community members.
- Improve homeless data equity.

### Resources for Continuums of Care (CoCs)

**The following resources support CoCs who want to:**

- Understand California Tribal homelessness better.
- Receive tips and tools to effectively and respectfully engage Tribes.
- Adapt PIT methodologies for Tribal contexts.
- Support the ending of homelessness for California's Tribal Communities

[Continuum of Care Point in Time Count Methodology Guide](#)

[Homelessness in California Tribal Communities – Cal ICH Policy Brief](#)

[Continuum of Care Program Resources for Tribal Communities](#)

[California Indian History](#)

[Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entity \(TDHE\) Incorporation into the Continuum of Care Program](#)

[UIHI Best Practices for American Indian and Alaska Native Data Collection](#)

[Urban Institute Health Institute Decolonizing Data Toolkit](#)

[2024 Tribal Engagement Workshop Part 1 and Part 2](#)

[Glossary of Common CoC Program Terms](#)

[Housing Assistance Council 2013 Conducting Homeless Counts on Native American Lands: A Toolkit](#)

[Continuum of Care Program – HUD resources](#)

[Tribal Nations Engagement Handbook](#)



## **Tribal Engagement Training**

Register for Cal ICH's Tribal Engagement Training Series, co-hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians. This two-part series of trainings will provide critical information needed to better understand the real situatedness of Tribes, and hands-on tools to effectively engage and build partnerships.

**Part 1 – October 29, 10:30–12:00 Noon**

**Part 2 – October 30, 10:30–12:00 Noon**

## **Cal ICH Resource Library**

The Cal ICH Resource Library is a curated online repository that collects and categorizes tools, resources, and best practices to support the prevention and ending of homelessness in California. [Click here](#) to access the library.

Cal ICH Tribal Affairs has a library of Tribal Resources. [Click here](#) to access the Tribal Resources page.

**Contact us below if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting.**

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**Together, we can build a more inclusive, accurate, and responsive  
homelessness response for all Californians.**