

# Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness

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### Regional Community Organizer (2 Positions)

**REGIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZER  
(2 Open Positions - Western CT and South Central/Southeastern CT)  
Full-Time with Benefits**

**Position Description:** The Regional Community Organizer is responsible for recruiting, maintaining relationships with, and integrating community members and organizations into ten year plans to end homelessness and their implementation activities. We are seeking an effective relationship builder to achieve results on the local and regional level by supporting ten year planning communities in their work to implement their plans and, ultimately, to end homelessness. Regional Community Organizers will mobilize a grassroots network via each respective ten year planning community's members and participants to advocate and influence local and regional opinion leaders around policy changes impeding plan implementation and funding for solutions as outlined in plans. Organizers will be responsible for building strategic partnerships and developing volunteer leadership within each ten year plan community and its implementation structure that result in improving the community for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The Regional Community Organizer will work with an organizing team to be developed and led by the Director of Community Impact on other projects and programs which integrate ten year planning community's activities on a statewide level.

**Principle Responsibilities, But Are Not Limited To:**

- Staff Facilitation of Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness Committees: Work with co-chairs to develop and facilitate meetings; help shape and conduct campaigns; expand the group; mobilize base for key events; and manage continuous communication with members and participants.

- Base Building: Conduct personal visits and outreach among target constituency to develop each ten year plan's membership base; as well as working with leaders to execute all of these steps. Build and strengthen each ten year plans coalition of community-based organizations working on similar issues toward the advancement of ten year plan goals.
- Leadership development
- Consumer organizing within each ten year planning community of people currently and formerly homeless. Build leadership, address issues of concern to consumers, and integrate emerging leaders into education and advocacy work of local and regional opinion leaders to further the goals of the ten year plan to end homelessness.
- Maintain updated awareness of policy issues, and employ means of connecting and communicating this with community leaders.
- Help leaders conduct appropriate research to strengthen their implementation efforts. Work with members to develop messages and strategies for delivering these messages to public officials and the media.
- Serve as a liaison to Continuum of Care chairs
- Assist Continuum of Care with the implementation of data systems
- Work with Continuum of Care and providers to disseminate data, information, and best practices
- General support for other ten year plan organizing initiatives
- Connect ten year planning community leaders and members to statewide initiatives to end homelessness and promote solutions through CCEH.
- Represent CCEH in a professional manner at meetings, actions, events, trainings, and the general public.
- Other administrative work as needed and appropriate to sustaining community organizing efforts.
- Attend regular staff meetings, planning sessions, etc.

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum 2 years of comparable direct community organizing or base building experience and/or education and training in community organizing practices
- Minimum 4 years of experience in working with people experiencing homelessness
- Working understanding of the current housing and homeless service system
- Working understanding of best practices and approaches to ending homelessness
- Must be outgoing and comfortable approaching people
- Ability to work well with people from different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds
- Bilingual in English and Spanish, preferred
- Strong writing skills
- Training and facilitation skills, a plus
- Takes initiative and is willing to work independently
- Must be a team player

- Can work well with database management

***No phone calls or faxes please.***

To apply, e-mail **cover letter and resume** to:

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-or-

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Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until the position is filled. Please indicate which Regional Community Organizer position (Western CT or South Central/Southeastern CT) you are applying for in your cover letter. We will commence conducting interviews as soon as resumes arrive. Preferred start date: February 25, 2008

### **Our Vision**

The institutions which currently manage homelessness in CT will be transformed as we solve this unacceptable human condition through the implementation of prevention strategies, development of permanent affordable and supportive housing, coordination and addition of culturally relevant support services and systems, and the emergence of real opportunities for a steady and stable income for all of Connecticut's citizens.

### **Our Mission**

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, in partnership with communities throughout the state, creates change through leadership, community organizing, advocacy and education. Our mission is to end homelessness in Connecticut.

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