



2023 PIT Count Office Hours

December 7, 2022

2:00-3:00pm ET



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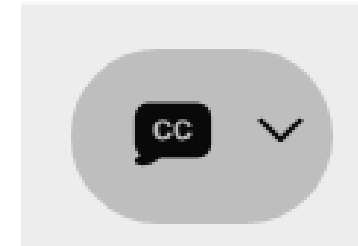
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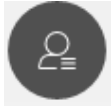



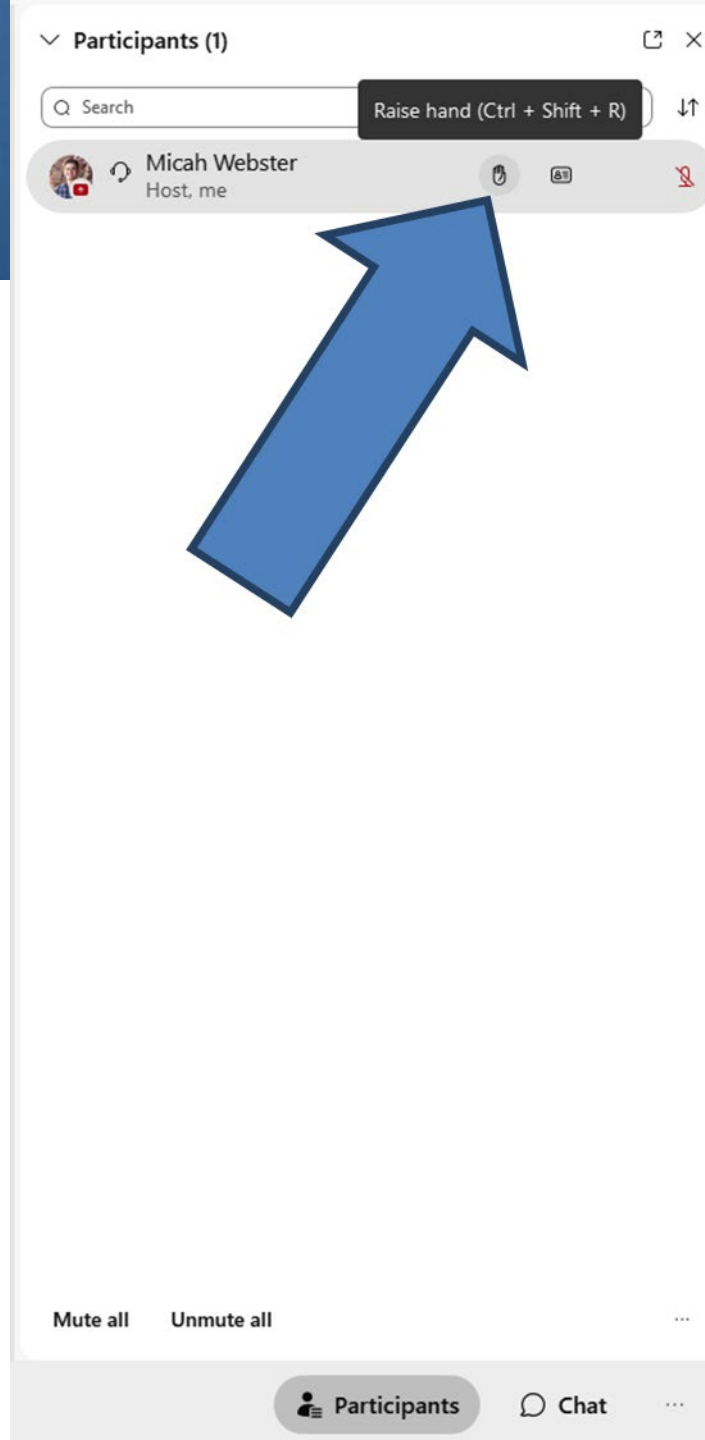
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Speakers & Resource Advisors

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- William Snow, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (he/him/his)

Fredericksburg Regional CoC (VA-514)

- Sam Shoukas, Housing and Community Health Program Director (she/her/hers)

AmeriCorp VISTA

- Michael Garcia, Program and Partnerships Specialist (he/him/his)

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Agenda

- 2023 HIC and PIT Count Data Collection Notice
- Engaging volunteers with AmeriCorps VISTA
- Q&A

Anticipated Changes for 2023 HIC and PIT Count

The only anticipated change is an expansion to the age categories for the PIT count.

Current Response Options

- 1) Under 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25 and Older

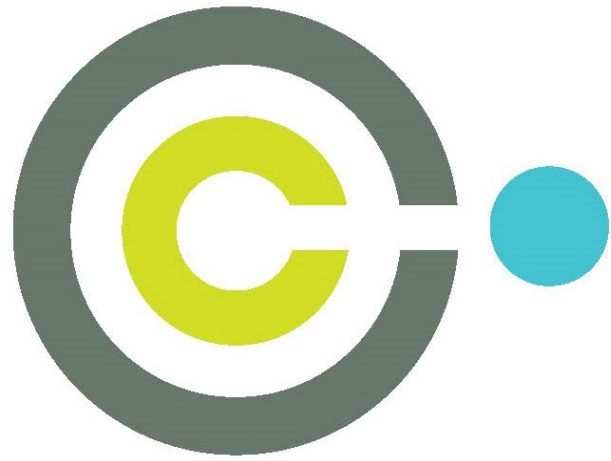


Anticipated Changes to Response Options

- 1) Under age 18
- 2) 18-24
- 3) 25-34
- 4) 35-44
- 5) 45-54
- 6) 55-64
- 7) 65 and older

Is 2023 a Required Count Year?

- The regulatory requirement for the PIT count is to conduct a **full count – sheltered and unsheltered - every *other* year.**
- If your CoC conducted a full count in 2022 it is not required to conduct a full count in 2023.
- Most CoCs choose to conduct a full count every year.
- HUD strongly encourages CoCs to conduct a full count each year.



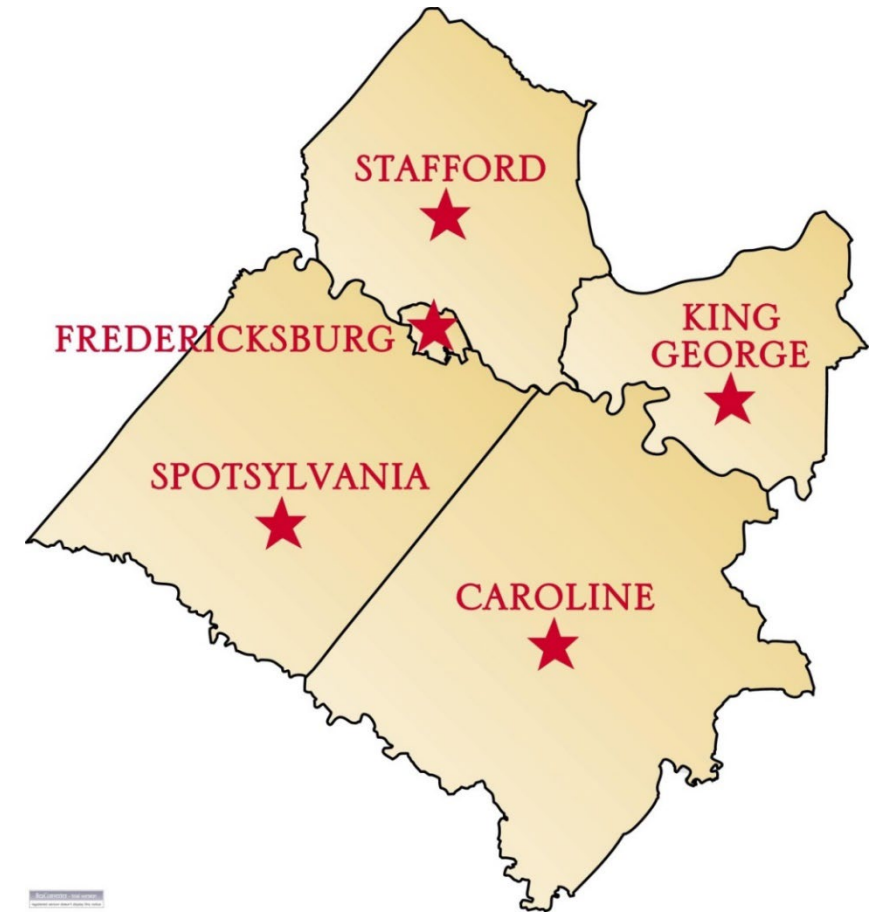
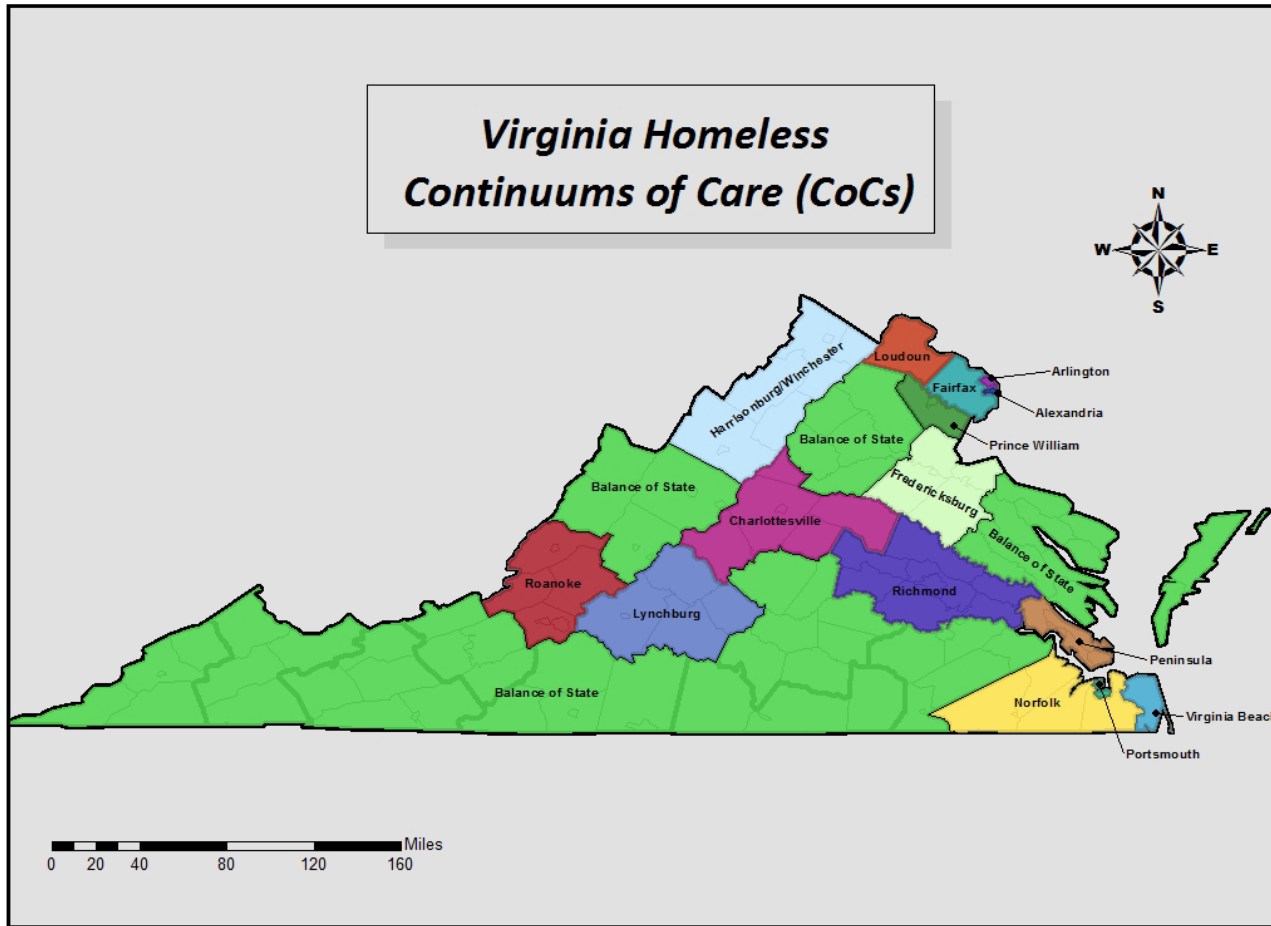
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AmeriCorps VISTA

VISTA expands the ability of organizations to do their work. Rather than providing services directly to individuals and communities, VISTAs strengthen and support organizations by building infrastructure, expanding community partnerships, securing long-term resources.



AmeriCorps VISTA

Acceptable Service	Capacity Building	Sustainable Activities
Recruit volunteers	Develop forms; Volunteer assignments	Develop Volunteer Handbook
Training	Write Training curriculum or train the trainer curriculum	Develop Training Manual
Coordinate projects	Develop procedures and systems for coordinating projects	Develop volunteer management system and procedural guide
Write press releases	Develop press kits, media database	Secure media partners
Organize fundraising events	Grant writing; develop database	Secure project staff through additional funding
Organize taskforces	Develop structure of task force/coalition	Create infrastructure
Conduct outreach	Design brochures, posters	Create mechanism for project evaluation

AmeriCorps VISTA and the PIT Count

During the PIT Count...

- Develop and implement PIT count timeline
- Develop PIT count surveys
- Write training curriculum
- Develop press kits and press releases
- Fundraise or gather donations for incentives
- Develop PIT count taskforce/working group
- Design brochures, posters, social media posts for volunteer recruitment
- Analyze PIT count data and develop PIT count reports

AmeriCorps VISTA and the PIT Count

Before/After PIT Count...

- Develop community partnerships
- Secure media partners
- Develop volunteer management system and procedural guide
- Develop volunteer handbook and training manual
- Research other community methodologies/practices
- Develop supplemental questions for future PIT count surveys
- Create mechanism for project evaluation
- Complete deeper data dives and recommendations

MLK National Day of Service & the PIT Count

AmeriCorps administers the [MLK National Day of Service](#). In the past we've cross-promoted volunteering for the PIT count with the [MLK National Day of Service](#), since they both occur in January.

- **Consider using the MLK Day of Service as a way to also market the PIT count. There are individuals across the country looking for ways to volunteer is support of it and joining a PIT count may be a great way to do so.**

AmeriCorps VISTA Days of Service

AmeriCorps VISTA sponsors play an important role in supporting Days of Service by actively encouraging members to host or participate in Days of Service events.

- In some cases, members may be involved in organizing Days of Service events that engage other volunteers. In others, they may serve as volunteers alongside community members at events that are organized by other groups or in roles distinct from their VISTA projects. We encourage our National Service participants and partners to make MLK, Jr. Day a “Day On, Not a Day Off” and serve the community to bring Dr. King’s vision closer to reality. Members can participate in community events or can coordinate events of their own.

Next Steps and Engaging AmeriCORPS members

More info about MLK Day and how a COC can register a service opportunity on various websites like VolunteerMatch, Idealist, and JustServe can be found here: <https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day>

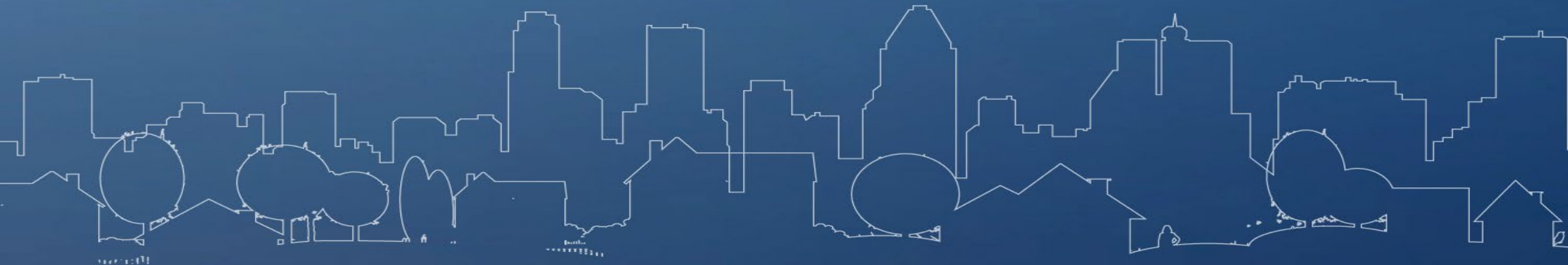
AmeriCorps has now listed volunteering with the PITC as a project idea at <https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day/mlk-day-resources> Under “Provide Other Community Service to Neighbors and Families.”

AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers can engage in episodic volunteering to support MLK Day of Service. They might choose to do so for the PIT count.

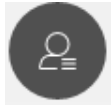
General PIT Count Resources

- [PIT Count and HIC Landing Page on HUD Exchange](#)
- [PIT Count Methodology Guide](#)
- [PIT Count Sampling Guidance and Tools](#)
- [PIT Count Office Hours Recordings](#)
- [PIT Count Survey Tools](#)
- The HUD Exchange HDX [Ask a Question \(AAQ\)](#) Desk
 - Note that the HUD Exchange HDX AAQ inbox **will no longer answer policy questions, including those about planning for or implementing the HIC or PIT count.** Instead, policy questions should be sent to HICPITCount@hud.gov.
 - The HUD Exchange HDX AAQ inbox will continue to **answer questions about technical assistance tools to assist communities with their HIC or PIT counts or how to submit data in HDX 1.0.**

Q & A



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