

HOMELESSNESS 

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A VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM | APRIL 6, 2022

Welcome!

Please introduce yourselves in the chat box. We'll get started soon.

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Introduce Yourself!

- In the chat box, please tell us your name, organization, role, pronouns (if desired), and the native land from which you're calling in.
- Don't know whose land you're on? Use this tool:
<https://native-land.ca/>



Technology

- This is a Zoom meeting like most of you are accustomed to. Workshops will be structured as breakout sessions, so find that button on the bottom of your screen.
- When you leave the breakout room, make sure you click to leave the breakout room, not the whole meeting.
- You should be automatically muted but have the power to unmute. Staff will re-mute you if you're noisy – no offense.
- During Q&A, raise your virtual hand to indicate you'd like to speak.
- Zoom's automated closed captioning is available for plenary sessions only, for which we sincerely apologize.
- Brandon de la Cruz is our zoom host: message them for help but be nice!
- In breakout sessions, anyone with "Event staff" in their title can help.



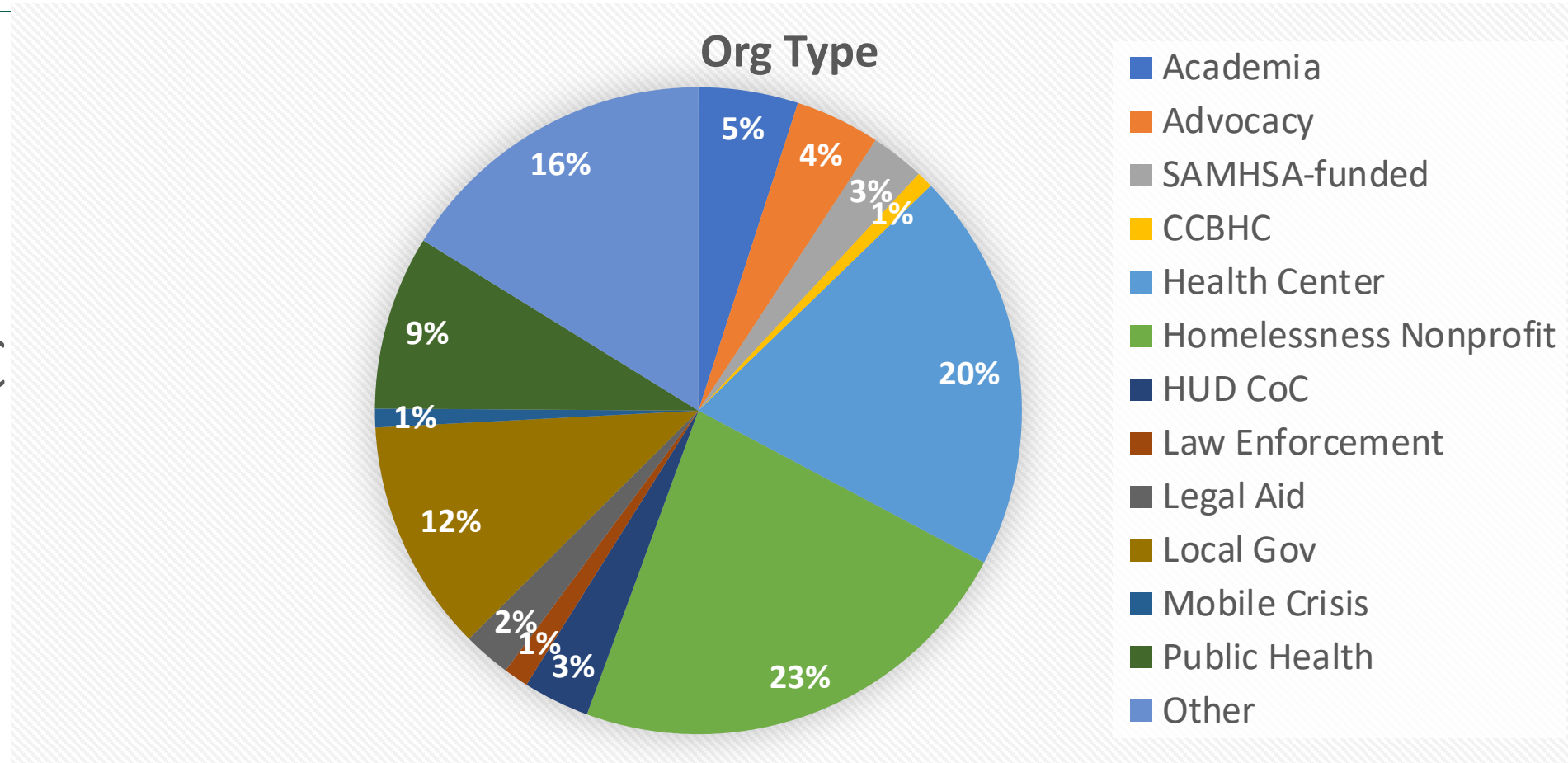
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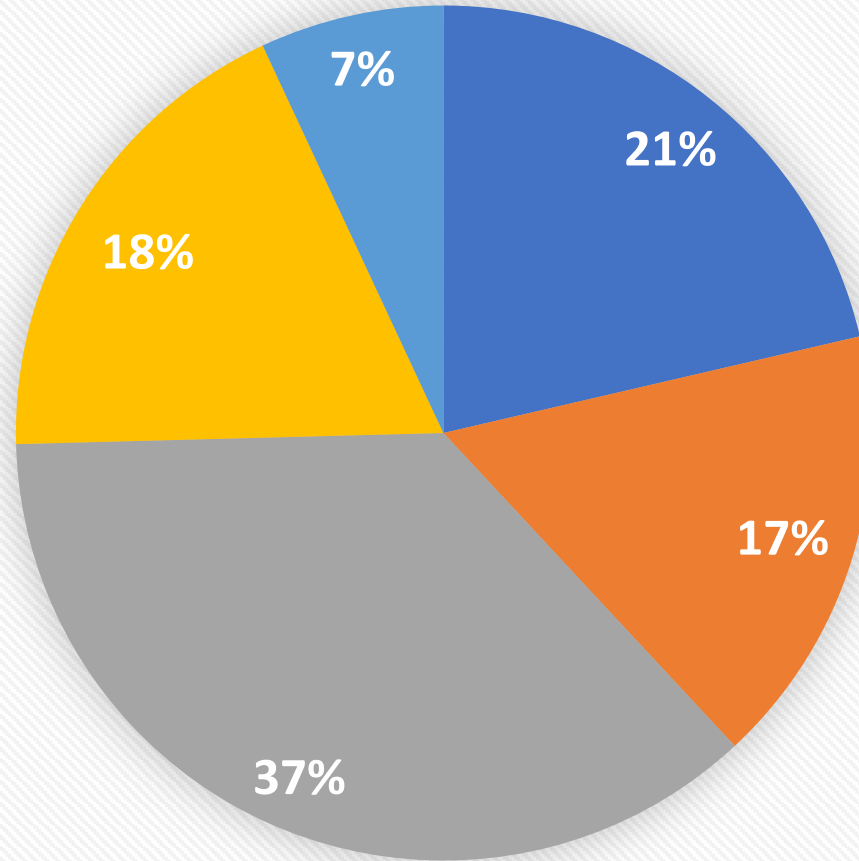
Who You Are

Registrants represent 44 states plus DC and 6 non-US countries.



Who You Are 2

Does your community have an initiative to reduce unnecessary policing of people experiencing homelessness?



- Yes
- No
- IDK
- Complicated
- N/A



Values to Guide our Interactions

- Be present
- Welcome respectful disagreement
- Assume positive *intent*, but differentiate from *impact*
- Pursue a “safe” space
- Respect personal experience
- Focus on systems vs individuals
- Take space, make space
- Embrace ambiguity; think *both/and*
- Encourage one another



Why this Symposium?

- CAHOOTS is awesome and we need to broaden the conversation with more stakeholders.
- The rise in unsheltered homelessness increasingly intersects with public safety.
- Criminalizing homelessness is an expensive way to make it worse.
- The uprisings for racial justice and reimagining public safety compel us. And George Floyd shouldn't have had to die for it.
- We need constructive alternatives to punitive responses to homelessness regardless of whether we “defund the police.”
- Why not a webinar series? We want to gather a community of people struggling together for solutions that benefit everyone, not just an online video.



Agenda

- Workshops 1: 12:30-1:45 ET
 - 1A: Crisis Assistance I with STAR in Denver
 - 1B: Coping with Moral Injury
 - 1C: Expert Witnesses in Litigation
 - 1D: Sobering Centers
- Break: 1:45-1:50 ET
- Workshops 2: 1:50-3:05 ET
 - 2A: Crisis Assistance II with Chicago & Pittsburgh
 - 2B: Criminalization of Youth Homelessness
 - 2C: Street Medicine + Law Enforcement Partnerships
 - 2D: Public Health Approach to Encampments
- “Open Mic”: 3:05-3:20 ET
- Evaluation, Wrap-up: 3:20-3:30 ET

Just one 5-minute break, so feel free to eat and take care of your bodies at any point during the meeting.



Welcoming Remarks

- Bobby Watts
 - CEO
 - National Health Care for the Homeless Council
 - Nashville, TN
- Antonia Fasanelli
 - Executive Director
 - National Homelessness Law Center
 - Washington, DC
- Jim Withers
 - Founder, Medical Director
 - Street Medicine Institute
 - Pittsburgh, PA



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5-Minute Break

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Workshops 2

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Open Mic

What's working in your community in pursuit of non-punitive responses to homelessness?



Evaluation Survey

Just 3 questions!



Crisis Assistance Learning Collaborative

Want to start or expand a crisis assistance program? Consider joining the National HCH Council's peer-learning collaborative. [Apply here](#) by April 30.



Upcoming Events



Save the Date: 18th Annual
International Street Medicine
Symposium
September 21-24, 2022,
Toronto, Canada



Join the National Forum on the
Human Right to Housing in
October 2022. Please fill
out [this survey](#) to gauge
interest in an in-person versus
virtual forum. Email
amrodriguez@nlchp.org with
any forum-related questions.



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Thank you!