The **MISSION** of the Continuum of Care is to create sustainable pathways to safe and stable housing for people who are at risk of or actually experiencing homelessness in Yellowstone County.

### WHO WE ARE
A coalition of leaders joining forces to

**Re-Imagime Our Homeless Response!**

### WHAT WE DO
Continuum of Care Leaders have joined forces to:

- **Change the Status Quo** of how we address homelessness from isolated and competitive to coordinated and effective.
- **Assess & Plan** together to create effective and efficient action that combines our strengths. A strategic plan was adopted in early 2021.
- **Share Data** in meaningful ways to guide action. Current data sharing includes a Data Dashboard and use of the Pathways system.
- **Optimize Efforts** by working together in a manner that combines our strengths, reaches more people, and saves money.

### Priority Projects
Collaborating to serve the most vulnerable:

- **Off The Streets Shelter & Q/I:** Provided a low-barrier shelter and quarantine site to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Coordinated Entry System:** Brings agencies together to increase access, align services, prevent duplication, and prioritize the most vulnerable.
- **Diversion Fund** – Provides financial support to prevent homelessness.
- **Housing is Healthcare:** Creating a system to identify and provide supportive services for the highest utilizers of services.
- **Braiding** with aligned community efforts such as Substance Abuse Connect, Community Innovations.

### KEY COC PARTNERS
Leadership Team members include:

- Alternatives Inc.
- Besaw Integrity Consulting
- Billings Clinic
- Billings Fire Dept.
- Homefront (Housing Authority of Billings)
- City of Billings
- CLDI - Community Crisis Center
- District 7 HRDC
- Downtown Billings Alliance
- Family Promise - Mental Health Center
- MT Dept. of Corrections
- MT Rescue Mission
- Probation & Parole Division
- Rimrock Foundation
- RiverStone Health
- Salvation Army
- St. Vincent Healthcare
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Substance Abuse Connect
- Tumbleweed
- Volunteers of America (VOA)
- YWCA Billings
- Yellowstone County.

United Way of Yellowstone County Serves as the Backbone

### Financial Support By:

- St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation
- RiverStone Health
- MT Healthcare Foundation
- HomeFront - HRDC
- CoC Partner Agencies
- JP Morgan Chase
- Yellowstone County - Philips 66
- SCL Health MT Mission Fund of the MT Community Foundation
- Billings Community Foundation
- The Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation
- Community Donors

### Successes

**Over 20** Organizations Committed and Participating

**Over 2,000** Persons served and supported through Coordinated Entry

**Over 300** Persons received shelter or quarantine during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Over 100** Persons maintained or regained housing through the Diversion Fund.

**Access** to Services increased

**Coordination and Data** sharing among agencies increased.