



## Homelessness PDX Connection

Fall 2019



### Student researchers shed light on homelessness

Student research from our first Summer Research Institute is now available on [our website](#).

"Thanks to a generous philanthropic gift, we were able to fund a number of students to advance work at the Center. We were especially excited to focus on research that would further educate community members about homelessness," said Director Marisa Zapata.

Projects included everything from insights into [youth homelessness](#) to [creating urban care stations](#) for those living unsheltered. Graduate student Wendy Nuttelman explored the issue from a unique angle: [the words people use and how they shape/reflect attitudes about homelessness](#).

Other topics included [sleeping pod villages](#), [familial homelessness & trauma](#), and an idea for [emergency support for students and employees experiencing homelessness at PSU](#).

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### Hygiene & waste management

For nearly a year, HRAC has convened a group of government officials, service providers, advocates, and people with lived experience of homelessness to address unmet waste management and hygiene needs of people living unsheltered.

Portland State University Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative		
Guide to hygiene & sanitation services organizations: Access to hygiene services, waste removal, and waste reduction		
Organization	Description of Services	Contact Info & Website
Metro Regional Regul Dumping (RRD) Patrol - Trash Collection Pilot Program	Works with local governments and law enforcement agencies to clean up and investigate illegally dumped trash on public lands across the Metro region. In November 2016, RRDP launched a trash collection pilot with the goal of providing safe collection options for people experiencing homelessness.	RRD Patrol / Metro 600 Grand Avenue Portland, OR 97202 P: (503) 254-3000 E: rrdd@metroregion.gov <a href="https://www.metroregion.gov/about/strategic-and-recycling/pilot-program">https://www.metroregion.gov/about/strategic-and-recycling/pilot-program</a>
City of Portland / Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program (HUCIRP)	HUCIRP runs the Clean Point of Contact. CleanPoint operating system and responds to reports of encampment areas and requests for services. HUCIRP works with several partners including social services, TRIP's mobile response team, and the City of Portland's mobile response team, and police to help address these issues.	HUCIRP / City of Portland 1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204 P: (503) 823-4000 E: hucirp@cityofportland.gov <a href="https://www.portlandoregon.gov/hucirp/">https://www.portlandoregon.gov/hucirp/</a>
Central City Concerns (CCC/C)	A residential work experience that provides housing services to displaced camping areas within the City of Portland. The program also manages a day site through CCC's downtown Portland.	CCC Clean Start 504 NW 16 Ave. Portland, OR 97209 P: (503) 524-7862 <a href="https://www.centralcityconcerns.org">https://www.centralcityconcerns.org</a>
Oregon Harbor of Hope / Mobile Shower & Laundry Trucks	Programs focused on developing special facilities housing systems of care that meet the needs of the chronically homeless and vulnerable, in addition to a broader supportive coalition of hope in partnership with CCC to provide Mobile Shower & Laundry Trucks that will operate 5 days/week with stops scheduled at schools, churches, and community centers.	423 NW 13th Avenue Box #110 Portland, OR 97209 E: oha@ohofhope@gmail.com <a href="https://www.centralcityconcerns.org">https://www.centralcityconcerns.org</a>
Transition Projects, Inc.	Provides individuals with the services, resources, and skills they need to move from homelessness and to secure and maintain housing. TPI's Resource Center located in the East Clean Concerns provides meetings, showers, and laundry facilities in addition to a host of other services to those experiencing homelessness.	800 NW Irving Street Portland, OR 97209 P: (503) 268-9170 <a href="https://www.projects.org">https://www.projects.org</a>
Portland People's Outreach Project (PPOP)	A project of the People's Basic Reduction Alliance, this all-volunteer organization provides clean syringes, Narcan & other harm reduction supports directly to users.	P: 503-765-PPOP (7767) E: ppop@portlandpeoplealliance.org <a href="http://www.portlandpeoplealliance.org/">http://www.portlandpeoplealliance.org/</a>
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This group created a [hygiene and sanitation resource handout](#) for local residents (both housed and unhoused). It also initiated the successful effort to bring the global [Pledge window sticker](#) project to Portland, which supports businesses in publicly offering a set of services from free coffee to the use of bathrooms for people experiencing homelessness.



Photo Courtesy of Street Roots and Katalina Berbari

## Portland Street Response closer to reality in PDX

The Portland City Council is slated to vote this month on Portland Street Response, an alternative response to low-priority calls for service involving those experiencing homelessness.

Currently police respond to many of these emergency dispatch calls even when they don't involve a crime, tying up valuable resources. Advocates envision Portland Street Response as a way to connect people with necessary resources such as mental health, housing, and medical services.

This summer a team of community partners, including PSU's Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative and Street Roots, released [a report](#) to help inform the pilot program based on interviews with people experiencing homelessness.

The center will work with Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty's office to evaluate the program as it develops. [Learn more.](#) [Show support.](#)

## We're fans of Business for a Better Portland's focus on homelessness

BBPDX continues to work on policies and programs to address the multiple factors leading to homelessness. It is also calling on members to provide comfort and support to those living outside. Check out its recommendations to help this season:

- [Organize a company party to assemble gift bags for the Street Roots Vendors](#)
- [Donate to purchase items for the Street Roots gift bags](#)
- [Volunteer and/or donate to a cold weather shelter](#)
- [Provide holiday gifts for children of families in need for JOIN's Santapalooza](#)



### PLAY-GROW-LEARN LLC

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## Nonprofit spotlight: Play Grow Learn helps youth

[Play Grow Learn](#) is dedicated to providing healthy opportunities for homeless and underserved youth and families in our communities by providing weekly gym nights and family nights. PGL gym nights provide a safe and healthy outlet for kids from our communities who are living in shelters and experiencing homelessness.

The nonprofit depends on donations to help students stay active. If you are interested in supporting Play Grow Learn, or want to know more email [Anthony Bradley](#) or [Germaine Flentroy](#).

## PSU secures STEP Grant

Portland State University is the first four-year institution in the nation to receive a grant from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Training and Education Program, to help students who qualify for federal food benefits. The \$277,000 award will allow the university to offer:

- A new, full-time case manager to work with students to develop individual progress plans and to connect vulnerable students to additional resources.
- A new, half-time administrative assistant to assist with enrollment and reporting.



- Reimbursements for students to attend career and technical programs at PSU (includes tuition and fees, books, clothing and tools, childcare and transportation.) [Read more](#)



## Nov. 18

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week at PSU: Activities 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. starting with Free Food Market & Resource Fair, followed by forum on queer and trans perspectives (12-2 p.m.), cooking demonstration (1 p.m.), and renters' rights (2 p.m.). The event is led by the Committee for Improving Student Food Security.

## Nov. 23

"Homelessness in Downtown Portland: Seeking Understanding and Solutions:" Free educational forum open to anyone who lives, works or studies downtown, features panel discussion with Center Director Marisa Zapata, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

## Jan. 4

TEDxSalem 2020 featuring Center Director Marisa Zapata: Eleven speakers, entertainment, break-out sessions, and lunch, \$45 for students, \$60 for general admission in advance, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Salem Convention Center.



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