



# COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

## **Who We Are:**

The Coalition on Human Needs is an effective alliance of organizations working together to promote federal policies to address the needs of people with low incomes. The Coalition's members include service providers, faith groups, labor, civil rights, policy experts, and other advocates concerned with the well-being of people with low incomes, including children and families, seniors, workers, immigrants, people of color, and people with disabilities.

## **Why CHN?**

CHN was born in a time of crisis. In 1981, President Reagan's policies posed a threat to human needs programs. Since then, CHN has brought advocates together both to defend against threats and to seize opportunities for investments in services. CHN has helped to prevent cuts and restrictions to basic needs programs, and convened successful efforts to increase funding for low-income programs after the Great Recession. Today, we are fighting to undo damage from the Trump Administration and mobilize our members and allies to work with Congress and the Biden Administration to urge an agenda that responds to the current crisis. CHN acts by convening the human needs community in joint actions and information-sharing. We provide insightful and timely updates of what's going on in Congress for DC-based advocates and educate and encourage action among hundreds of thousands of activists across the country. Member groups find their voices amplified by CHN's outreach nationwide and its effective communication to Congress. We know we are stronger when we are united.

## **What We Offer**

Knowledge is power, and CHN is a reliable, nonpartisan source of essential information, presented in a straightforward manner, to enable advocates to be more effective. When you join CHN, you join a diverse family of like-minded organizations. You'll learn, you'll network, you'll grow stronger – and your voice will be louder and far-reaching. CHN helps its members communicate more persuasively – with each other, with the media, and with policymakers.

## **CHN members receive the following benefits:**

- Information and Analysis:
  - Electronic subscription to the *Human Needs Report*, CHN's legislative newsletter

- Legislative analyses and concise overviews of specific anti-poverty policies, programs, and legislation
- Training about the federal budget process and effective communication
- Notification of all CHN events and meetings
- Subscription to CHN email lists, which include:
  - Congressional and Administration updates
  - Action alerts from CHN and its member organizations
  - Distribution of CHN and member-produced policy analyses, special reports, and research.
- Message Amplification:
  - Ability to disseminate your organization's action alerts, reports, announcements, and letters seeking organizational signers on CHN email lists (**Members Only**)
  - Posting your organization's research and reports on the CHN website – with links directly to your organization's website (**Members and key resource documents**)
  - Access to *Voices for Human Needs*, CHN's lively and informative blog and podcast. With your permission, we can cross-post your group's blog posts to our blog
  - Event announcements from your organization on CHN's website and electronic calendar (**Members Only**)
  - Access to professional communications help, as resources permit (**Members Only**)
- Influence:
  - Invitations to CHN-organized Capitol Hill visits and briefings
  - Invitations to join CHN, such as the COVID-19 Policy Group and SAVE for All, and to participate in weekly information-sharing Zoom calls
  - Eligibility to serve on CHN's Board of Directors to shape CHN policies (**Members Only**)
  - Job announcement listings for your organization on the CHN website (**Members Only**)