



Our Purpose

ECHO West Texas helps facilitate collaboration among providers, to coordinate services through a community collaboration portal. Our goal is to promote a coordinated system of care, sustainable strategies, and measurable impact, and develop collective funding solutions for homeless service providers.



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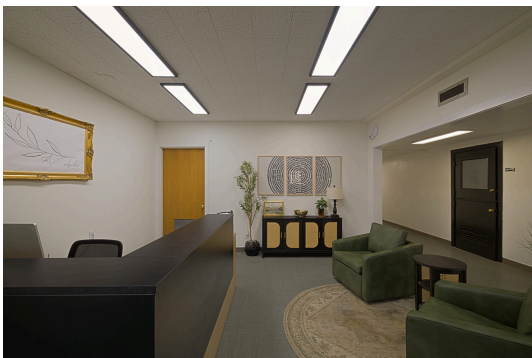
We are excited to welcome Seydia Adkins to the ECHO West Texas team as our new Program Coordinator!

Seydia comes to us with a wealth of experience, deep knowledge of our local system, and strong, established relationships with Lubbock's service providers. More importantly, she brings a truly caring and compassionate heart for our neighbors in need, one that reflects the values at the core of our work. In her role, Seydia will help strengthen connections across programs and partners, continue building bridges throughout the community, and support the collaborative efforts that lead to meaningful outcomes. We know that lasting change takes all of us working together, and Seydia's ability to connect people, programs, and purpose will be a tremendous asset to our mission.

We are grateful for Seydia's decision to join our team and deeply value the skills, passion, and gifts she brings to ECHO West Texas, the Continuum of Care, and the broader Lubbock community. Please join us in giving her a warm welcome!

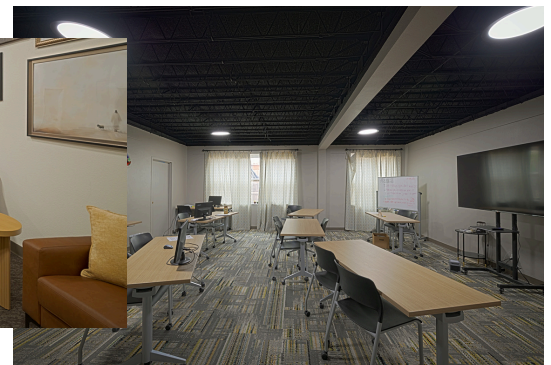


Seydia Adkins
Program Coordinator



Visit us at Kingdom Co-Op!

Kingdom Co-Op is a vibrant, shared community space where multiple agencies and nonprofit partners come together under one roof, collaborating, connecting, and creating solutions side by side. It's a place built on partnership, shared purpose, and the belief that we can do more together for our community than any of us can alone.



ECHO WTX News & Updates



COMMUNITY DAY

- **DATE:** March 5, 2026
- **TIME:** 11:00am - 2:00pm
- **LOCATION:** Kingdom Co-Op, 2005 Ave T
- **WHAT:** a day of intentional collaboration between community providers across the city, together in one location, in order to meet immediate, direct needs for those struggling with homelessness.
- **PROVIDERS NEEDED:** individuals and/or programs who can assist with vital records (ID, SS card, birth certificates), housing, and employment support services.
- **FOOD SPONSORS NEEDED:** (for April - December) Meal to feed 80 people

Thank you to all of our community partners who have helped make a positive and meaningful impact for those who come each month for support. Together we are making a difference! We look forward to seeing you again in March!

Community Day Event Coordinators:

Renee Salas, Goodwill
Tammy Moriearty, DSHS
Federico Soliz, LCDC



If you would like to **REGISTER** to be a provider and/or a volunteer on **commUNITY day**, please click [HERE](#)



Benefit Luncheon 2026



Come alongside us and help carry the momentum forward.

Join the ECHO West Texas Board and team as we share how your support has helped build a collaborative, community-driven system and what's ahead in Phase Two of Coordinated Care. Together, we're aligning partners, pooling resources, reducing duplication, and maximizing impact through **"collaboration over competition - because we all serve the same people"**.

Be part of the next chapter. Join us at our Annual Luncheon to celebrate what you've helped build and how we continue moving forward—together.

ECHO West Texas Board of Directors:

David Alderson, Board President
Chad Hill, Board Treasurer, SVP of Lending, Victory Bank
Jerry Ramirez, Board Secretary, Minister of Global Initiatives, First Baptist Church
Nicholas Skeen, HMIS Community Database Chair, UMC Executive Vice President and COO
Tavia Hatfield, Covenant Senior Director - Community Health
Councilman Tim Collins, City of Lubbock Council
Neal Barron, CEPE Community Coordination Chair, Assistant Chief of Police
Ryan Braus, Lubbock County Detention Center
Erica Bright, Founder of Reclaimed 43
Latrell Joy, Former Lubbock City Council Member and longtime Community Advocate
Jerri Ann Moore, Co-Director of Grace Campus
Ted Hogan, Local Attorney

ECHO West Texas Staff:

Valerie Longoria, Executive Director
Edward Grady, System Administrator
Michael Gallegos, Coordinated Entry Manager
Seydia Adkins, Program Coordinator

[ECHO West Texas Annual
Benefit Luncheon](#)

DATE: Thursday April 30, 2026
LOCATION: Claraboya -
Chef Antonio Pina



Community Partner Spotlight

AFTER AMEN

Case management for the homeless is no easy undertaking and when you find people who are good at it, you want to make sure you bring them into the light. After Amen, was established in 2023, and is growing in recognition of both their compassion and efforts for the homeless in Lubbock. Presently, they receive approximately 15 - 25 walk-ins, about 50 phone referrals, and meet an average of 30 transportation requests per week. They manage this workload with only five team members, each of whom volunteer their time, talents, and treasures. Moreover, since September 2025, the After Amen team has clocked over 5,000 volunteer hours.

The After Amen team provides critical mental health and navigation support for individuals facing some of the most complex and difficult-to-resolve situations—often involving intersecting challenges across behavioral health needs, housing instability, and multiple legal or institutional systems. These are frequently the cases that fall between traditional services and lack clear pathways forward. The team recognizes these gaps because they have become a trusted referral point for individuals whose barriers make progress especially challenging.

What sets the After Amen team apart is the leadership of its volunteers, who bring extensive backgrounds in mental health, outreach, and systems navigation, alongside lived and professional experience. This combination allows them to offer a level of support that is rarely available within community-based case management—particularly for neighbors who have no assigned case manager between services. This work is often referred to as transitional case management: stepping in during critical gaps to help individuals navigate systems, coordinate care, and move forward rather than remaining stuck.

“Case management is making the call and warm transfers,” Youniacutt stated. “The goal is to get people off the streets” and into shelters/housing as well as connected to needed support services. “We treat everyone who comes to us as human beings. We become a family for them,” Youniacutt added with a smile.

In addition to becoming a trusted community partner agency, they have become a trusted ally for those they serve. Individuals successfully placed or connected to resources have routinely returned to volunteer their time at CommUNITY Day and other agency events.

After Amen is a Designated Coordinated Access Point for Lubbock’s Continuum of Care (CoC). Standard operating hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm, located at the Kingdom Co-Op in central Lubbock.

After Amen Team

Amanda Gallegos, Operations Manager, CM III
Katherine Youniacutt, Program Director, CM III
Ruby Coin, Coordinated Entry point person, CM III
Rusty Slaughter, Peer Support Specialist, CM II
Bianca Patterson, Office Manager



CoC Program Updates

CoC Member and Open Community Meeting

- **DATE:** Tuesday March 31, 2026
- **TIME:** 8:30am - 11:30pm (details coming)
12:00pm (Optional Q&A session with CoC Board; members or community)
- **LOCATION:** Kingdom Co-Op, 2005 Ave T., Sanctuary Room
- **NOTE:** CoC members are required to attend to maintain membership status.

PIT Count

Information about the January 22, 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) count for Lubbock will be shared at the Membership meeting on March 31st, then will be released to the general public.



CoC Board Members

Cole Watts, Chair

Dr. Raymond Falcon, Vice Chair

Katherine Youniacutt, Secretary

Monica Martin, General Seat

David Robertson, Consolidated Plan Jurisdiction Representative

To learn more about the **Continuum of Care Program (CoC)**,
please click [HERE](#)

CoC NOFO Update

FY 2025 HUD CoC NOFO Renewal Submitted

Earlier this month, the Lubbock Continuum of Care (CoC) submitted the FY 2025 HUD CoC NOFO renewal application. This renewal continues funding for vital programs in our community, including **Open Door's Permanent Supportive Housing** and **Survivor Housing** programs, ensuring no interruption to critical housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The renewal also includes allowable HUD planning funds that support essential CoC coordination, system planning, and ongoing improvements to our local homeless response system.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the CoC Board, committees, staff, and community partners who navigated their first local NOFO during an unprecedented period of national change, litigation, and compressed timelines. Your flexibility, dedication, and collaboration amid confusion and rework did not go unnoticed and made this submission possible.

While this year's process focused on renewals, we encourage providers and partners to stay engaged and on the lookout for upcoming NOFO opportunities. Planning and preparation for future competitions, including the 2026 CoC NOFO, will continue with education, technical assistance, and shared learning to strengthen Lubbock's readiness and competitiveness.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving our neighbors with care and compassion.

TX-625 Lubbock City & County CoC NOFO (Totals Only)						
FY24-25 NOFO - Initial Submission (FY24)- TXBoS CoC - Renewal (FY25) TX-625 - 2/9/2026						
Project Ra	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	Funding Type	SC	Recommended Award
1	Lubbock Open Door	Lubbock Open Door PSH Combined	PSH	Renewal	na	\$ 1,651,955.00
2	Lubbock Open Door	Survivor Housing TH-RRH	Joint TH & PH-RRH	Renewal	na	\$ 1,258,303.00
Total In Projects						\$ 2,910,258.00
NA	ECHO West Texas	CoC Planning Grant	CoC Planning Grant	na	na	\$ 160,000.00
Total In Planning						\$ 160,000.00