

Biography - Peter Callstrom

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Peter Callstrom is a career nonprofit professional. His leadership has been instrumental in founding, developing, and leading high-performing organizations.



At the RTFH, Peter provides leadership through collaborations with entities throughout the San County region to help prevent, alleviate, and to work towards an end to homelessness. Peter regularly presents on the myriad of issues related to the nature of homelessness, challenges we face, and proven successes. Peter has developed databases for the RTFH (Point-In-Time Count and Registry Week data collection and analysis systems). In addition, Peter has authored various publications, including the Regional Homeless Profile (RHP).

The RTFH is the region's source for trusted data, analysis, and in-depth understanding of homelessness. The RTFH is the administrator for the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS is a critically important data system that is instrumental in enhanced efficiency and collaboration between agencies: case management, tracking persons served, referring individuals and families to needed resources, gathering key demographic data, and to understand trends. The RTFH provides technical assistance, ongoing training, and required reports to many stakeholders: service providers, our cities, San Diego County, elected officials, and HUD. Reports from the RTFH to HUD leads to millions of federal dollars for our region and people in need. The RTFH also conducts the annual Point-In-Time Count (PITC) of persons who are homeless and creates various publications that provide invaluable insights. Other activities include public education, advocacy, and collaboration with a network of dozens of service providers and public sector agencies and corporate partners around the county.



Peter is actively involved in many collaborative groups, including the following...

- San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC) – Steering Committee
- Downtown San Diego – Ending Homelessness Leadership Team
- Alliance for Regional Solutions (ARS) – North County San Diego Providers
- San Diego Grantmakers – Keys To Ending Family Homelessness
- Home Again (Plan To End Chronic Homelessness - PTECH) – Board Member
- San Diego Foundation's "Greater San Diego Vision" – Planning Committee

Prior to the RTFH, Peter was the Executive Director of Partnerships With Industry (PWI) for 15 years, an organization that provides vocational and community support services for adults with disabilities. At PWI, the organization achieved the highest level of accreditation, ten-fold growth, and national recognition. Peter has been a resident of San Diego County for 25 years. He lives in Carmel Valley with his wife Patti and two young daughters.