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## **"Housing Ohio 2006"**

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**"Housing Ohio 2006"**  
**COHHIO's 2006 Annual Conference**  
**April 24th-25th**

**Tentative Conference Agenda**

**Monday, April 24**

9:30 - 10:30	Registration and Coffee
10:30 - 11:15	Welcome and Introduction
11:15 - 12:00	Morning Plenary
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:15 - 2:45	Workshop Set A
3:00 - 4:30	Workshop Set B
4:30 - 6:00	Reception

**Tuesday, April 25**

9:00 - 10:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome and Introduction
10:15 - 11:00	Morning Plenary
11:15 - 12:45	Workshop Set C
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 2:45	Afternoon Plenary
3:00 - 4:30	Workshop Set D

*Housing Ohio 2006* promises edgy, up-to-date, relevant workshops peppered with classic, down-to-earth, practical knowledge. You'll learn from experts about innovative housing programs and successful service delivery models; exchange information and ideas with peers; and get updates on federal and state legislative issues related to your work.

***Plenary Sessions***

*Housing Ohio 2006* has something for everyone! Featured speakers include some of the state's and country's most visible thought leaders: mental health advocate and **Ohio Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton**; author **Andy Goodman** of *Storytelling as Best Practice*; and three **outstanding young adults** from across the state who have successfully traversed the widening gap between homelessness and independence.

## **Workshops**

### **Workshops Set A**

**Monday, April 24th - 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm**

#### Successful Transitions for Ex-Offenders

Communities can take immediate steps to improve the lives of returning inmates and their housing outcomes. This workshop will consider strategies to assess housing needs, prepare an inventory of housing options and develop a system to match inmates to existing housing. It will further address the more challenging work of finding housing for felons and those with co-occurring disorders - as well as dealing with "NIMBYism."

#### Ohio's New Specialized Dockets: Are they Misunderstood?

For many years specialized dockets were misunderstood as favorably or unfavorably applying the law to certain individuals. Over time however, the pendulum has begun to swing in a different direction as communities realize the benefits to all when courts treat people holistically. In this workshop you'll hear from officials and court personnel from around the state about the successes they're achieving with mentally ill and substance abusing individuals through specialized dockets.

#### Spotting a Predatory Loan: What Then?

There are good and bad lenders. What do you do when you come across a client who complains of being victimized by a lender? Learn the warning signs of predatory lending and how to make appropriate referrals. Also, hear from Bill Faith about COHHIO's seven-year role in advocating for increased consumer protection against predatory lending.

#### Accessing Higher Education for Homeless Older Youth

Having problems accessing higher education for homeless or formerly homeless youth on your caseload? Want to gain solid, practical answers to those complicated financial aid questions? This workshop will focus on accessing higher education and various initiatives to support homeless or formerly homeless college-bound students.

#### Katrina Roundtable

As we recover from the worst national disaster in our country's history, we must ask, is there something to be learned from our ability to adequately respond? In this workshop you'll have the opportunity to discuss what happened after Hurricane Katrina hit, the roles played by both the federal government and the states, while exploring how future disasters might better be addressed. Join us for a frank talk about how your local Continuum of Care might provide the solution.

#### Homeless Housing Funder's Forum

Brought to you on one stage, this panel of funders will briefly discuss and entertain questions about their respective programs. Please welcome representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Corporation for Supportive Housing and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's Mental Health Housing Leadership Institute.

## **Workshop Set B**

**Monday, April 24th 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

### When Does 30 Percent Not Equal 30 Percent?

This is a must for case managers who want to better understand how to calculate the 30 percent rental rates for clients who pay rent in the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program. This workshop combines lecture and group work to ensure that participants can actually do the calculations when they walk out the door.

### The ABC's of Affordable Housing Development

This session targets newcomers to affordable housing development. Learn from the experts how to decide what type of project should be developed in a particular market, how to acquire financing for your project and who needs to be a part of the development team.

### Best Practices: Columbus Supportive Housing Programs

Columbus has been recognized for its best practices in addressing homelessness through innovative system planning and emergency shelter and supportive housing programs. Join other providers for a tour and firsthand look at Columbus programs, including: the new YWCA Family Center-the "front-door" shelter for homeless families; the Maryhaven Engagement Center-shelter for inebriated homeless men and women; and the Commons at Grant-permanent supportive housing operated by National Church Residences.

### Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

As Ohio ramps up for another exciting year of elections, COHHIO is preparing for another year of GOTV activities. Learn how to register people in your home community for this important civic duty. Discover what is needed to carry out a successful GOTV campaign; what are the Do's and Don'ts of registering people to vote; and how to recruit volunteers to get this work done.

### Youth Housing Work Group Updates

COHHIO's Youth Housing Work Group has been hard at work. Come and learn about the goals they've developed related to youth housing. You'll also receive a resource and research update based on what other states are doing in this area.

### Against all Odds: How to Mount a Winning Initiative

How do you go from "it's impossible" to "it passed" in a few short months? It takes strategy, teamwork and tenacity. Learn from the team that led the Franklin County Real Estate Conveyance Fee initiative, one that resulted in a \$7 million dedicated funding stream for county affordable housing projects and homeless programs.

## **Workshop Set C**

**Tuesday, April 25th 11:15am – 12:45pm**

### Worry-Free Lobbying

Afraid to rock the boat –worry not! Attend this workshop and learn how your 501(c)(3) organization can make gains through lobbying. Join us in exploring the rules around lobbying as a 501(c)(3) public charity and find out how your organization or agency can make a difference.

### Rent-Based Work Incentives

Helping people with multiple barriers to work can be more effective if practitioners have an understanding of the work incentives that can encourage, people to work or work more. In this session, participants will learn about the importance of work incentives, applicable rules, and how to implement them.

### Olmstead: What it Means for People with Disabilities

Almost seven years after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down the Olmstead decision, Ohio's process for planning for its disabled citizens continues. Learn how state policies impacting persons with disabilities are changing to bring about positive outcomes and how Ohio's Access Report is being implemented.

### What Makes Affordable Housing Affordable

This session helps explain how subsidy programs are used to reduce the cost of housing for low-income residents. Learn how these programs work and also how programs are layered for maximum benefit. In the process, you will get a developer's insight on affordable housing finance in general.

### Navigating the SHP Regulations

This session will provide an overview of the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) program for persons who are current grantees or who are considering applying. It is especially helpful for new staff who did not write the grant, but who are responsible for its implementation. This workshop will review the goals of the programs, the nuances to the funding source, SHP program requirements, and current HUD trends in funding and reporting.

### Landlord/Tenant 101

Whether you're the landlord or a case manager, Ohio Landlord Tenant law and the federal regulations that apply to certain low-income tenants can be challenging to wade through and understand. The focus of this session will be to give you a plain-English understanding of landlord tenant law.

## **Workshop Set D**

**Tuesday, April 25th 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

### Shelter + Care Done Right

Of all the McKinney homeless programs, Shelter + Care is the most flexible; plus it fits well within HUD's current set of priorities in that it's pure housing – a good thing. In communities where other programs might not be feasible, Shelter + Care can work. Learn from providers and consultants how this program might be just the answer for your community.

### Cultural Competency: What Does it All Mean?

COHHIO offers a conversation on what it means to be culturally competent in today's social service world.

### Effective Services for Homeless Older Youth

Have you ever wanted a panel of experts from across the nation at your disposal to answer every question you had about serving older street youth? Well, now is your chance. Come and learn from some of the brightest and the best in the field of serving older homeless youth (ages 16-21).

### HMIS: Client Privacy and Technical Solutions

Learn about methods for creating proxies, coded, encrypted or other unique identifiers to protect client privacy.

### Benefits Workout

Without income or income-saving resources, most of our clients just wouldn't make ends meet. Understanding the universe of services and benefits is therefore crucial to case management. Put on your running shoes and join us for a crash course on everything from SSI to Title XX daycare.

### Serving Homeless Veterans

While veterans make up more than 23 percent of the homeless population in the United States, communities often struggle with how to develop effective plans to end homelessness for this population. Healthcare, housing, benefits and employment are just a few of the topics that will be discussed in this workshop. Also, learn about federal funding sources for both veteran-specific programs and programs who serve veterans as well as other homeless individuals.

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*Please note that the agenda, keynote speakers, and the workshop descriptions are subject to change. As changes are made, updates will be posted on the COHHIO web page at [www.cohhio.org/training](http://www.cohhio.org/training)*

### **Who Should Attend?**

Housing and homeless advocates, social service providers, shelter and transitional housing operators, clients and program participants, nonprofit housing developers, welfare advocates, community development officials, fair housing advocates, supportive housing providers, federal, state and local government personnel, mental health and substance abuse professionals, lawyers, and anyone else concerned with the provision of decent, safe and affordable housing and services for low-income people.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

The Hyatt on Capitol Square is offering a discounted room rate of \$120 per night! **Conference participants are responsible for making reservations** by calling the Hyatt at 800-233-1234. Be sure to tell the hotel operator you are part of the COHHIO conference. To get the special rate, you must make your reservations by March 31. There are a limited number of rooms available, so please book your room early.

### **Directions**

The Hyatt on Capitol Square is located at 75 East State Street in downtown Columbus. You can call the hotel at 614-228-1234 for directions, or go to <http://capitolsquare.hyatt.com/property/areaguide/maps/index.jhtml> for directions. Valet parking is available at the hotel and additional parking is available at the City Center Mall.

### **Continuing Education Units**

COHHIO will apply for approximately 9.25 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for Counselors and Social Workers as well as approximately 6.0 Continuing Legal Education (CLE's) for attorneys. The administrative fee for both CEU's and CLE's is \$5. Certificates will be mailed following the conference. Conference attendees must sign the CEU or CLE forms each day of the conference.

### **Scholarships**

A limited number will be available to those who demonstrate a financial burden and would not otherwise be able to attend the conference. Scholarships are limited to one per organization. Submit your written request, via fax (614-463-1060) or mail, to Douglas Argue at COHHIO. The deadline is March 20, 2005. Telephone requests and those submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

### **Become a COHHIO Member and Get a Discount on Registration**

You can become a member by attaching a check for your membership with your conference registration form. An organizational membership covers all conference registrants from one agency, therefore all registrants from the same agency may receive the discounted members rate. If you have questions, please call COHHIO. Membership fees for organizations are based on your organization's budget. They are: \$35 (\$100,000 or less); \$75 (\$100,000-\$250,000); \$125 (\$250,000 - \$500,000); \$200 (\$500,000 - \$1 million); \$250 ( \$1 million-\$1.5 million); and \$300 (over \$1.5 million). An individual regular membership is \$35. Be sure to tell the hotel operator you are part of the COHHIO conference. To get the special rate, you must make your reservations by March 20. There are a limited number of rooms available, so please book your room early.

# Registration

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To help us plan for the appropriate space, please CIRCLE the workshops you would be most interested in attending for each set.

Workshop Set A (please circle one)

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How to Mount a Winning Initiative

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Cultural Competency: What does it Mean?  
Effective Services for Homeless Older Youth  
HMIS: Client Privacy and Technical Solutions  
Benefits Workout  
Serving Homeless Veterans

Conference Registration: \$200 (COHHIO member) and \$225 (non-member), regardless of how many days you plan on attending the conference. Membership fee: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (COHHIO Federal Id. #31-1189029)  
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Checks can be made out to COHHIO and registrations may be sent to 175 S. 3rd St., Suite 250, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards. Payment must accompany registration. No phone or fax registrations. Registrations not guaranteed after April 1st. No refunds issued after April 1st. **Questions? Call 614-280-1984.**