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http://www.cohhio.org/news_events

*Reminder, the Ohio Point-
In-Time Count will be
January 24th.*

**Ohio
Point-In-Time
Count 2012**



Everyone Counts

Upcoming Trainings

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCO) Transitional Housing Program providers should plan to attend a webinar on **January 11, 2012 from 10 a.m. to Noon**. This webinar will discuss an analysis of transitional housing programs that will be completed in preparation for HEARTH. All BOSCO transitional housing programs funded by federal, state (including those programs funded under Supportive Housing), and/or local private/public monies should plan to attend this webinar. To register for this webinar, go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/676288954> Questions can be directed to Erica Mulryan, the Continuum of Care Coordinator, at ericamulryan@cohhio.org

The **National Alliance to End Homelessness like PSH** will host a webinar on January 11th at 3:00 p.m. entitled **Putting the Pieces Together: Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services in PSH**. The webinar will highlight new policies and best practices that integrate health care services with intensive housing solutions. The webinar will present approaches to integrate PSH and health care, featuring model programs in the field and comments from national policy leaders. To register, please go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/451022522>

The **National Alliance to End Homelessness** will host a webinar on **January 12th at 1:00 p.m.** to launch a national media campaign to raise awareness about homelessness. To register for the webinar, go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/803344242> The webinar coincides with a new report by the Alliance, State of Homelessness in America: Using a New Report to Raise Media Awareness. The report will include national, state, and local data on homelessness counts, economic indicators of homelessness and demographic drivers of homelessness.

Overcoming Community Resistance to Reentry Housing webinar will take place on **January 17th from 2-3:30 p.m.** Presenters in this National Reentry Resource Center webinar will explore the findings from "[In Our Backyard: Overcoming Community Resistance to Reentry Housing: A NIMBY Toolkit](#)," a resource developed by the Fortune Society and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The webinar will highlight the experiences of the Fortune Society as it established the Fortune Academy (aka The Castle), a supportive residence for over 60 men and women released from incarceration to homelessness in West Harlem. The webinar will also discuss the efforts of staff at St. Leonard's Ministries—a residential, case management, and education program for men and women that has been located on the Near West Side of Chicago for close to 60 years—to reach out to the community on behalf of returning individuals. Presenters will offer strategies for organizations facing community opposition to the establishment of services for populations that are considered "threatening."



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HUD's has announced the next trainings in their series - Ready, SET, Go!

On January 10, 2012 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., HUD will present General Program Requirements for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

*Register at:
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/808110486>*

This webinar will continue to review the Emergency Solutions Grants program with a discussion of general grant administrative requirements. Webinar topics will include general program requirements, match, deadlines for the obligation and use of funds, and an overview of recordkeeping and reporting requirements

*** Just a reminder, the new ESG program includes emergency shelters, prevention and rapid re-housing.*

HUD Awards \$1.5 Billion

HUD announced on December 20th that it awarded \$1.47 billion to renew funding to more than 7,100 homeless programs operating across the country. The funding is \$62 million more than last year. Ohio had 286 projects renewed. Congratulations to all programs that had projects renewed. The following is a list of renewal funding for the nine Continuums of Care across Ohio.

Continuum of Care	Award Amount
Cincinnati/Hamilton County	\$9,162,389
Toledo/Lucas County	\$4,154,022
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County	\$22,493,508
Columbus/Franklin County	\$8,828,118
Youngstown/Mahoning County	\$1,907,277
Dayton/Kettering/Montgomery County	\$6,595,605
Akron/Barberton/Summit County	\$3,590,989
Ohio Balance of State	\$11,796,071
Canton/Massillon/Alliance/Stark County	\$1,777,196
TOTAL	\$70,305,175

HUD announces income limits for tax credit programs.

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency recently added a memo to their website regarding the new tax credit program income limits and how they are to be implemented. The information can be found on their webpage at: <http://www.ohiohome.org/compliance/incomelimits.aspx>

HUD releases new proposed HOME rule. The proposed regulations have been published in the Federal Register at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-16/pdf/2011-31778.pdf>.

The proposed rule would:

- Require state and local governments to adopt policies and procedures to improve their oversight of projects, develop a system for assessing the relative risk of projects, and more closely monitor their HOME-funded sub-recipients;
- Require state and local governments to assess a developer's capacity and the long-term viability of the project, before they commit HOME funds to a project;
- Require more frequent reporting by state and local 'participating jurisdictions' to enable HUD to more closely track projects once they're under way; and
- Set a higher 'performance bar' by establishing specific timeframes for taking appropriate corrective actions against participating jurisdictions who fail to complete what they started.

The **Veterans Administration** has developed social media outlets for each of its medical centers. A list of Ohio's five medical center social media links can be found at:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/SocialMedia.asp>



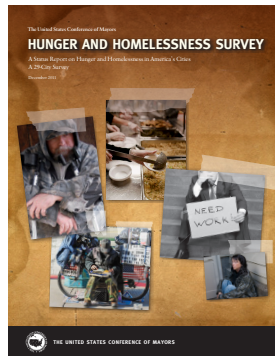
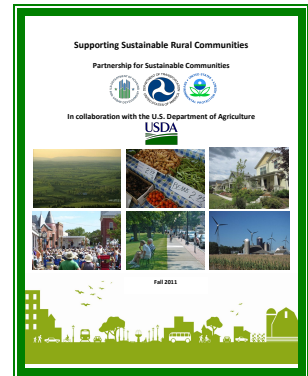
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***COHHIO's
Mission Statement***

COHHIO is a statewide advocacy group and service providers network dedicated to ending homelessness and ensuring that all Ohioans have decent, safe, fair, affordable housing, especially those with low-income and special needs.

USDA has released a report entitled **Supporting Sustainable Rural Communities** that identifies how the federal government can help rural areas be economically vibrant and environmentally sustainable. To read the report, go to: http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/pdf/Supporting_Sustainable_Rural_Communities_FINAL.PDF



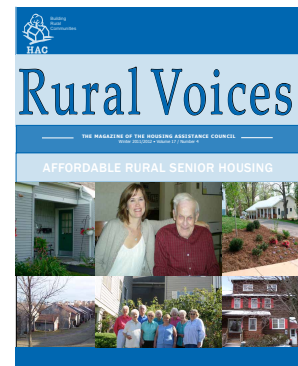
U.S. Conference of Mayors has released their annual **Hunger and Homelessness Survey** report,

<http://www.usmayors.org/pressreleases/uploads/2011-hhreport.pdf>

Key homelessness findings include: 6% increase in homelessness across the surveyed cities. 16% increase in family homelessness across surveyed cities. Survey cities reported that on average, 26% of homeless adults were severely mentally ill 16% were physically disabled, 15% were employed, 13% were victims of domestic violence, 13% were veterans, and 4% were HIV Positive.

The **Housing Assistance Council** (HAC) has released their winter issue of their quarterly magazine, **Rural Voices**. This issue focuses on Affordable Rural Senior Housing. To review the magazine, go to:

http://www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/rv_winter2011-12.pdf



COHHIO's office will be closed on January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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Reminder... ESG, HMIS and Homeless Definition Rules released. HUD has released the Emergency Solutions Grant interim rule - <http://www.gpo.gov:80/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-05/pdf/2011-30938.pdf>, the HEARTH Homeless definition final rule - <http://www.gpo.gov:80/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-05/pdf/2011-30942.pdf>, and the proposed Homeless Management Information Systems - <http://www.gpo.gov:80/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-09/pdf/2011-31634.pdf> rule. If you haven't had a chance to read through the rules, I would encourage you to do so. The new definition of homelessness is effective as of January 4th, 2012.

Funding Opportunities

HUD's Housing Counseling Program grant is due January 12th.

This grant provides housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6BJLTrqQLLGyJjrw01D75pCLYkIjzTM5W5G2PG0jnc2q4j27rzGf!1302121408?oppld=132413&mode=VIEW>

HUD's Section 202 Program for Pre-development grant

funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning related expenses is due January 18th. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=132793>

HUD's Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program grant is

due January 31st. The goals of the program are to mobilize public and private resources, involving cooperating among all levels of government, the private sector, grassroots community-based organizations and other nonprofits, to develop and implement methods for identifying and controlling housing-related hazards; and to build local capacity to operate sustainable programs that will continue to prevent, minimize, and control housing-related hazards in low- and very-low income residences when HUD funding is exhausted. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6BJLTrqQLLGyJjrw01D75pCLYkIjzTM5W5G2PG0jnc2q4j27rzGf!1302121408?oppld=132353&mode=VIEW>

Department of Veterans Affairs is offering grants to nonprofits to

provide **Supportive Services to very low-income Veterans**

Families, chiefly those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Both initial and renewal grants are available. Deadline is February 15th, for more information:

<http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/SSVF.asp>

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development

District has an application for **Appalachia Community**

Improvement Grants. The funds are available to non-profits, government entities, and grassroot organizations located within Ohio's 32 Appalachian Counties for projects that fit one of these topic areas: community investment, community facility, summer program for children, health-physical fitness equipment, or streetscape beautification. For additional information go to:

<http://buckeyehills.org/content/goa>



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HUD launches new Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers

Website. HUD launched a new website in December that provides information related to vouchers targeted to Non-Elderly Disabled persons. This website includes information about the various different special purpose voucher program types that have been awarded since 1997. The website provide critical information for PHAs currently administrating these NED vouchers. PHAs must continue to use these vouchers only for non-elderly disabled households. The disability community can use these baseline data to engage PHAs in a dialogue around using these vouchers to meet the housing needs of people with disabilities. Here is a list of Ohio's NED vouchers.

Public Housing Authority	FY 97 – FY 09 NED	NED – Cat. 2	Total NED
COLUMBUS METRO. HA	805		805
YOUNGSTOWN MHA	26		26
CUYAHOGA MHA	400		400
CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN HSG.AUTH.	0	100	100
DAYTON METROPOLITAN HA	175		175
LUCAS MHA	240	60	300
ZANESVILLE MET HA	50		50
LORAIN MHA	175		175
JEFFERSON MHA	200		200
BUTLER MET.HA	200		200
STARK METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTH.	100		100
SPRINGFIELD MET.HA	200		200
CHILLICOTHE MET HA	50		50
MEDINA MHA	10		10
CLERMONT MET.HSG AUTH.	75		75
JACKSON COUNTY HA	100		100
ATHENS MET HA	100		100
LICKING METRO HA	240		240
WARREN MET.HA	75		75
FAYETTE METRO HSG AUTH	50		50
PICKAWAY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTH.	41		41
TUSCARAWAS MHA	30		30
MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY	675		675
FAIRFIELD MHA	20		20
SENECA MHA	20		20
MARION METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY	75		75
DELAWARE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY	95		95
BROWN METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY	7		7
HANCOCK MHA	600		600
MORROW METRO. HSG. AUT	30		30
BOWLING GREEN HA	20		20
HIGHLAND METRO HSG AUTH	50		50



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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coalition-On-Homelessness-and-Housing-in-Ohio/111253932244739>

In The News

- Homeless shelters seeing most children ever - <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20111228/NEWS01/112280303/Homeless-shelters-seeing-most-children-ever>
- Local family helps raise money for homeless veterans - <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20111228/NEWS01/112280303/Homeless-shelters-seeing-most-children-ever>
- Tom and Sue Wagner feed the homeless and offer them much more - http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/12/couple_feeds_the_homeless_and.html
- Obama visits Cleveland Home of William and Endia Eason, walks away with sweet potato and peach pies - http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2012/01/president_obama_visits_clevela.html
- Looking into the faces of poverty in Ohio - <http://www.recordpub.com/news/article/5140251>
- Homeless Shelter Occupancies Rise as Temps Drop - <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2012/01/04/columbus-homeless-shelters-fill-up.html>
- Good Sam Foundation gets \$1.7M gift - <http://www.wdtn.com/dpp/news/good-sam-foundation-gets-17m-gift>
- Richard Cordray appointment could play big for housing - http://www.thestreet.com/story/11365397/1/richard-cordray-appointment-could-play-big-for-housing.html?cm_ven=GOOGLN
- The Bra Recyclers and local Lake County organization partner to support homeless women - <http://pressitt.com/smnr/The-Bra-Recyclers-and-Local-Lake-County-Organization-Partner-to-Support-Homeless-Women/8924/>
- Obama setting up a 1-800-Mortgage 'Fair Deal' hotline after housing plan fails - <http://nation.foxnews.com/president-obama/2012/01/04/obama-setting-1-800-mortgage-relief-hotline-after-housing-plan-fails>
- Homeless, not hopeless - <http://pressitt.com/smnr/The-Bra-Recyclers-and-Local-Lake-County-Organization-Partner-to-Support-Homeless-Women/8924/>
- Home prices in Ohio continued to decline in third quarter - <http://pressitt.com/smnr/The-Bra-Recyclers-and-Local-Lake-County-Organization-Partner-to-Support-Homeless-Women/8924/>
- Brown calls for end to free pass for banks that abandon foreclosed homes - <http://insurancenewsnet.com/article.aspx?id=322291>
- Local Rep. talks tougher laws against living in unsafe homes - http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wsyx_vid_15467.shtml

Housing Ohio 2012

Save the Date

*Our COHHIO conference will be held at the Sheraton,
Columbus Downtown-Capitol Square on April 16th - 17th.*

Look for more details to come...



FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

PROVIDED BY FINDLAY HOPE HOUSE FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.



**EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY**

JANUARY 20, 2012

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Family Center
1800 N. Blanchard St.
Suites 117 & 118**

Light refreshments will be provided

Fair Housing is NOT an option– It's the LAW!

HOPE HOUSE IS OFFERING A FREE WORKSHOP ADDRESSING HOUSING ISSUES THAT IMPACT HANCOCK COUNTY. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER **SPENCER WELLS**, TENANT OUTREACH DIRECTOR WITH COHHIO IN COLUMBUS, OHIO WILL USE THE LANDLORD TENANT & FAIR HOUSING LAWS TO EDUCATE THE ATTENDEES AND OFFER INFORMATION TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY. HOUSING PROFESSIONALS, LANDLORDS, AND TENANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

REGISTER by 1/9/2012
Space is Limited

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Topics that will be covered:

Ohio Landlord Tenant Laws

- * Landlord Obligations
- * Tenant Obligations
- * Housing Conditions
- * Rent Withholding

Federal Fair Housing Laws

- * Disability Rights
- * Reasonable Accommodation/Modification