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**Harm Reduction for
Youth - USICH
Webinar
January 12th
3:30-4:30**

*Harm reduction is a model that has been very successful helping youth experiencing homelessness gain stability and direction. Using harm reduction for youth requires adapting the model to develop a youth appropriate intervention focused on positive development. Panelists from **Lighthouse Youth Services in Cincinnati** and Preble Street in Portland, ME will present the basics of a harm reduction model for youth and the benefits from meeting youth where they are at, offering them the supports and trusting relationships they need to gain stability.*

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/855004998>

New Date and Time

Ohio Point-In-Time Count 2012:

Everyone Counts Webinar Training – December 15, 2011 – 1-3 p.m.

To register go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/397376514>

HUD recently announced that all CoCs will need to complete a mandatory sheltered count of the homeless on an annual basis. CoCs will also need to report on additional data elements in the 2012 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. Since 2008, COHHIO has coordinated a statewide Point-In-Time Count of homeless persons in Ohio. In this webinar, COHHIO staff will review the plans and process for the 2012 PIT Count as well as the submission of local data to COHHIO for statewide compilation. In addition, the basic elements of a PIT Count will be reviewed and sample tools and materials will be shared. Given the required changes to the 2012 PIT Count, all local CoCs & homeless coalition should have at least one person attend this webinar training.

Please note that COHHIO does not archive/record its trainings, so this will be the only opportunity to obtain this much-needed information regarding the 2012 PIT Count changes.



Homeless Assistance Grant Program Training December 14, 2011 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grantees will receive training on administrative requirements for the Homeless Assistance Grant Program to include program compliance, fiscal procedures, and technical assistance. While new grantees or fiscal staffs who are new to an agency are required to attend both the morning and afternoon sessions, all are welcome. The Financial Management session will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The General Implementation session is open to all grantees and will begin at 12:45 p.m. The afternoon session will include review of program compliance, HMIS information, fair housing review, reporting requirements, fiscal/administrative review, etc. There will be a break for lunch (on your own) at 11:45 a.m.

Ohio Department of Transportation - 1980 West Broad Street - Columbus, Ohio 43223



HUD Ready-SET-Go! Training Determining Homeless and At-Risk Status, Income and Disability December 13, 2011 – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This webinar will provide a comprehensive introduction to HUD's Homeless Definition Final Rule and the new at-risk of homelessness definition included in the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Final Rule. These definitions must be adhered to when screening potential participants for ESG assistance, as well as assistance provided by HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care (SPC) program recipients with new or renewal projects starting on or after 1/1/2012.

The webinar will review how to determine housing status (homeless, at-risk of homelessness), income and disability, as well as a general review of related record-keeping requirements and documentation standards. This webinar will NOT cover details specific to potential participant eligibility under each ESG component or to SHP or the SPC program, nor the specific documentation requirements related to each housing status and income type. More detailed training on documentation requirements will be covered during a later webinar. To register go to:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/192592470>



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Funds Available

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the availability of funds for supportive services grants under the **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program**. To view the notice, go to: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-05-05/pdf/2010-10372.pdf> A copy of the application package is available at the SSVF webpage: www.va.gov/HOMELESS/SSVF.asp

The grant application is due February 15th at 4:00 p.m. This funding opportunity provides supportive services grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will coordinate or provide supportive services to very low-income veteran families who (i) are residing in permanent housing, (ii) are homeless and scheduled to become residents of permanent housing within a specific time period, or (iii) after exiting permanent housing within a specified time period, are seeking other housing that is responsive to such very low-income veteran family's needs and preferences.

Mental Health Services in Cuyahoga was awarded funds the first time funding was released. It would be wonderful to see Ohio be competitively awarded additional funds from the VA for this program. This would be an excellent opportunity for several communities to complete a regional application to apply for funds. If this is something that would be of interest to you, I would encourage you to contact the VISN 10 or 11 Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinators:

- Kathleen Penman – Cleveland – 440-526-3030 ext. 7966
- Amy Combs – Chillicothe – 740-773-1141 ext. 6477
- Adam Ruege – Columbus – 614-257-5206
- Christopher Chatfield – Cincinnati – 859-392-3969
- Bobette Hart-Nelms – Dayton – 937-268-6511 ext. 1364
- Shawn Dowling – Ann Arbor (parts of Ohio) – 734-845-3127
- Naomi Nicasto – Ft. Wayne (parts of Ohio) – 260-426-5431 ext. 71662

If you have questions about which catchment area that you are in or who you should contact, please contact me at jondaclemings@cohhio.org and I can help direct you to the right person.





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**Section 202
Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program**

HUD has released a Section 202 NOFA for a pre-development demonstration grant. Section 202 is supportive housing for elderly persons. The purpose of this grant is to provide pre-development grant funding for architectural and engineering work, site control, and other planning related expenses for Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. For additional information - <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oplId=132793>

How Housing Matters: Housing As a Platform for Improving Health Outcomes – spotlights Ohio’s Home Choice Program

Shaun Donovan, HUD and Kathleen Sebelius, HHS released their 5th installment in this series about the relationship between housing and health, economic opportunity, and education. This paper highlights Kay from Cleveland that was discharged from a nursing facility into a shelter and was in need of permanent housing. Through a HUD Housing Choice Voucher and the Ohio Home Choice Program (HHS) she was able to move into her own housing. For further commentary: <http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/ExclusiveCommentary.aspx?id=53e6df1f-e7a8-4453-a390-b438ce410106>

Ohio Legal Rights Services has updated a fact sheet on Service Animals – Rights and Responsibilities for People with Disabilities. The information can be seen at: <http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/service-animals>



ASPE completed a study of 14 communities that have programs that link housing and human services to identify promising practices to end homelessness. To read the study go to: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/11/FamilyHomelessness/rb.pdf>. This study highlights key practices that facilitated the implementation and ongoing sustainability of the programs.

Dr. Dennis Culhane, et al have released a new research paper, *Young Adults Outcomes of Youth Exiting Dependent or Delinquent Care in Los Angeles County*. The report investigates the young adult outcomes of youth who age-out of or otherwise exit Los Angeles County’s child welfare supervised foster care system and/or juvenile probation system. The report can be found at: http://works.bepress.com/dennis_culhane/113/





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- They lost everything: Harris family goes from house, to shelter, to Michigan - <http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20111207/NEWS01/112070304/They-lost-everything-Harris-family-goes-from-house-shelter-Michigan>
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- "Occupy Ohio Homes": Homeowners, activists observe national day of action - <http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/23583-1>
- New Census report shows incomes and home values still not recovering in most area communities - <http://www.ohio.com/news/local-news/new-census-report-shows-incomes-and-home-values-still-not-recovering-in-most-area-communities-1.249430>
- Agency needs help, too - <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20111205/NEWS01/112050302/Agency-needs-help-too>
- Poverty, homelessness on rise in Akron-Canton schools - <http://www.ohio.com/news/local-news/poverty-homelessness-on-rise-in-akron-canton-schools-1.248680>
- Young Newark woman works to rise above prison, poverty - <http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20111206/NEWS01/112060302/Young-Newark-woman-works-rise-above-prison-poverty>
- Poverty: Mental illnesses compound issues - <http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20111205/NEWS01/112050301/Poverty-Mental-illnesses-compound-issue?odyssey=nav%7Chead>
- Ohio city offers more winter shelter for homeless, new refuge open regardless of weather - <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b13fbb09a5c34e52830c86e03ad4f638/OH--Winter-Homeless-Shelters/>
<http://www.fox19.com/story/16186106/new-shelter-offers-hope-for-homeless>
- Districts see rise in homeless students - <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2011/12/05/when-shelter-is-home.html>
- 300 homeless men in Cleveland enjoy Korean American Association hospitality and goodwill gesture - http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/12/homeless_men_enjoy.html
- Woman finds stability out of homelessness - <http://www.thenews-messenger.com/article/20111205/NEWS01/112050317/Woman-finds-stability-out-homelessness?odyssey=nav%7Chead>
- Tightly white Christmas campaign in Lorain County hopes to collect underwear for homeless - http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_lorain/tightly-white-christmas-campaign-in-lorain-county-hopes-to-collect-underwear-for-homeless
- Voluntarily homeless pastor will speak at Wednesday forum - <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20111203/NEWS01/112030302>
- Local guitarist will be included in Northeast Ohio showcase - <http://www.timesreporter.com/communities/dover/x1112596912/Local-guitarist-will-be-included-in-Northeast-Ohio-showcase>
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