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# COHHIO UPDATES



Coalition on Homelessness  
and Housing in Ohio

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## Don't Miss

*Reminder: The FY 2010  
Homeless Assistance Grant  
Program Application is  
due to OHCP by 5 p.m. on  
July 13, 2010.*

***The COHHIO office will be  
closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> for  
the holiday.***



***Please note that I will be on vacation from July  
1-7. Douglas, Erica and I will also be in DC the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> for the NAEH  
Conference. We will have some limited access to email while we are there.***



## **Part-time SSI Ohio Project Assistant - One-Year Grant Funded Position Open Date: June 29, 2010 - Close Date: July 16, 2010**

The SSI Ohio Project seeks candidates for the position of SSI Ohio Project Assistant. The SSI Ohio Project Assistant is responsible for report writing, data interpretation, producing informational material, training planning and additional duties as assigned. Candidates must possess strong organizational, analytical, strategic thinking, communication, written and computer skills. Candidates must also possess data interpretation, research and report writing skills. A minimum of 2 years experience working with homeless, disabled populations effected by mental health, and/or substance abuse or a related field, and Bachelors degree required. Compensation: This position is part-time with a pay rate of \$17.00-\$21.00 an hour based on experience. Interested candidates please submit cover letter and resume electronically to [douglasargue@cohhio.org](mailto:douglasargue@cohhio.org) Email Subject Line: SSI Ohio Project Assistant. No phone calls please.



**The Housing Assistance Council** will be providing a training on **Making a Place for Everyone: Tips, Tools, Strategies and Best Practices for Starting and Operating Homeless and Transitional Shelter Facilities in Rural Communities**. The training will take place on July 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. To register, please go to:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002277844/Registration.aspx?pageName=dhzzffb1qlp7zlsk> This session provides participants with fundamental information and requirements for start-up, maintenance and operation of Homeless and Transitional Shelter facilities. Participants will also benefit from a discussion on tips, tools, strategies and best practices in serving rural homeless populations. Specifically, participants obtain information on: 1. Need Assessment; 2. Establishing Service Criteria; 3. Legal Requirements; 4. Attracting Volunteers; and 5. Funding Options.



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## **INTRODUCTION TO FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE**

On August 18, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) will sponsor the **Introduction to Fair Housing and Complaint Process Conference at the State Library of Ohio, 274 East First Avenue, in Columbus**. Directions to the State Library of Ohio are available on <http://www.library.ohio.gov/marketing/directions>.

During this session,

- OHCP staff will provide participants with tips for fulfilling the OHCP standard fair housing program requirements with ease. In addition, participants will be provided guidance on how to "affirmatively further fair housing" and maintain the related records, and made aware of available, relevant, resource information and materials.
- Michael J. Piepsny, of the Cleveland Tenants Organization, will provide guidance about addressing tenant/landlord issues; and
- Marilyn Tobocman, of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and Ronnell Tomlinson, of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, will provide an overview of the fair housing law and housing discrimination complaint process.

The target audience for this session includes OHCP award recipients and affiliates with little or no fair housing experience. There is no cost to attend the conference. Lunch is on your own. Registration is limited to 60 participants. The conference registration deadline is August 13, 2010. To register, complete the enclosed registration form and submit it to Joyce Hill by e-mail at [Joyce.Hill@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Joyce.Hill@development.ohio.gov), fax at (614) 752-4575



On June 24, 2010, a new Web page was created, at the request of Director Patt-McDaniel, to assist homeless persons or persons at risk of becoming homeless to find housing assistance. To access the page, Internet users can visit <http://www.development.ohio.gov/> or

<http://development.ohio.gov/community/ohcp/HomelessAssistanceMap.htm>

Apparently, the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) is receiving a number of inquiries from Ohioans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and looking for housing assistance. The Director suggested that an interactive map of Ohio be posted on ODOD's Web site that would enable homeless individuals to click on the county in which they are located in order to be linked with a contact organization and telephone number.





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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.***

## **Legislative Updates**

### **Federal**

The legislation that would have funded the **National Housing Trust Fund** has stalled in the Senate. This same piece of legislation that would have funded the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund, which provides cash assistance, subsidized employment, and short-term assistance for low-income families was unable to secure enough votes to pass last week. Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid stated that the Senate would move on from the "Tax Extenders Bill", but possibly return to the legislation after the holiday recess.

### **The House Transportation-Housing Urban Development**

Subcommittee started marking up the FY 2011 appropriations bill this week. This subcommittee oversees spending for HUD programs, including numerous programs designed to prevent and end homelessness. The Senate has not begun their FY 2011 appropriations bill markups or announced when they will begin.

### **State**

ProgressOhio, Ohio Citizen Action, Common Cause, and COHHIO joined together to create two short ads aimed at getting the Ohio House and Senate to end their summer 2010 break and take care of some unfinished business. These ads call for our legislators to get back to work on issues such as foreclosure and payday lending. You can see these ads by going to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhZMlr57jsY> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fF3Z1MNgbM>



### **Online Trainings**

**SAMHSA** released five new free online training modules focused on ending chronic homelessness. The modules offer practical advice for planning and implementing a comprehensive system of care for people experiencing homelessness who also have serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders. Available modules include:

- Homelessness 101
- Strategic Practices
- Partnering and Planning
- Financing
- Evaluation

The modules are targeted at service providers and other community stakeholders involved in efforts to end chronic homelessness. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) are available for each module. For more information, please [click here](#).



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

### Funding Opportunities

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the **Street Outreach Program (SOP)**. The purpose of the SOP is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and runaway, homeless, and street youth. For more information:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2010-ACF-ACYF-YO-0042>

The **Ohio State Bar Foundation** is committed to a society served by a fair, impartial, and accessible system of justice. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies for education, research, publications, and programs that promote public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system across Ohio. The Foundation's funding categories include: Short-Term Project-Based Funding, Long-Term Partnerships/Alliances, and Capacity Building. Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$75,000. The upcoming application deadline is August 15, 2010. For more information:

<http://www.osbf.net/what-we-do/grants/grant-application-process>



### Announcements

**HEAP Summer Crisis Program Begins July 1.** The HEAP Summer Crisis program provides assistance to low-income households with an elderly member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. These households are eligible for electric bill payment assistance of up to \$175. Households are encouraged to work with their local community action agency, job and family services, and faith-based organizations for additional assistance.

The **Ohio CDC Association** will be taking applications for the placement of AmeriCorps\*VISTA Members to begin service November 2010. If your organization is interested in receiving funding to support an AmeriCorps\*VISTA Member, please complete the RFP and return to Brittany Porter, Membership and VISTA Manager at 614-461-6392 ext. 205 or [bporter@ohiocdc.org](mailto:bporter@ohiocdc.org) before 5pm on Monday, August 2, 2010. To view the RFP, please see

<http://www.ohiocdc.org/Nov2010VISTARFP.pdf>