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[http://www.cohhio.org/
news_events.php](http://www.cohhio.org/news_events.php)***

Save the Date

COHHIO will be offering a webinar on May 24th from 10 a.m. to Noon about HUD Continuum of Care projects. This webinar will cover the basics of what can and cannot be included as leverage and match for CoC projects, tracking leverage and match, what to do if your project isn't meeting the leverage and match amounts, along with thinking about who to continue to serve in CoC permanent supportive housing and shelter plus care projects when the service match is no longer being met – when is it time to transfer someone to another type of permanent housing. More details will follow in the coming weeks.



In The News

- One Homeless Veteran Is One Too Many – Sherrod Brown - <http://www.timesgazette.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=382&ArticleID=178626>
- Cincinnati's homeless population falls 12% - <http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2011/03/24/cincinnati-homeless-population-falls.html>
- Count Reveals Homeless In County Rose 58% in 2 Years - http://www.athensmessenger.com/news/local/article_550faa92-554a-11e0-9bea-001cc4c002e0.html
- Letter to the Editor – Ohio Must do More to Help Homeless - <http://www.bucyrustelegraphforum.com/article/20110324/OPINION02/103240309/0/NEWS01/Ohio-must-do-more-help-homeless?odyssey=nav%7Chead>
- Response to Teen's Charity Drive Piles Up - http://www.snponline.com/articles/2011/03/24/multiple_papers/news/allweteens_20110324_0823am_6.txt
- 30 Little Girls Get a Day of Pampering - <http://www.wfmj.com/Global/story.asp?S=14302208>
- State House to Vote Today on Requiring Photo ID to Vote - <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2011/03/23/state-house-to-vote-today-on-requiring-photo-id-to-vote/>
- Ross County Residents Coordinate Task Forces and Coalitions To Improve Their Communities - <http://www.chillicothe Gazette.com/article/20110319/NEWS01/103140335>



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**The Supportive Housing Institute:
Opening New Doors**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing is excited to announce its fourth Supportive Housing Institute: *Opening New Doors*. The program helps development teams learn how to navigate the complex process of developing housing with support services and is expected to reduce the time it takes to obtain funding for homeless housing by improving the planning process. The Institute graduated classes of potential supportive housing developers in 2007, 2008, and 2009 with plans to develop hundreds of supportive housing units in urban and rural communities across Ohio.

Opening New Doors provides targeted training, technical assistance, and pre-development financing options to development teams. Teams receive over 80 hours of training as well as individualized technical assistance and resources to aid in completing their project. The Institute is comprised of 11 training sessions focusing on partnership development, project concept development, funding and financing, community support, service planning, and property management. The institute's goal is for teams to have projects ready for development funding.

Additional information can be found on CSH Ohio's web site at <http://www.csh.org/index.cfm?nodeId=87>

Interested but don't have a partner? Please complete an application and contact Ted Jones 614.228.6263 ext. 225 or email ted.jones@csh.org to discuss how CSH can help. Deadline to apply is April 22, 2011.

Download the full 2011 Institute Brochure and the Application now!

[Brochure](#) (PDF)

[Application](#) (Word)



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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.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Centers offering Street Based Outreach 101 –

Webinar will be held on March 31, 2011 from Noon to 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Understanding the key principles of street based outreach will help programs build on and develop connections with hard to reach youth. Presenters Jeff Olivet, Stephen Samra, and Maya Hering will discuss best practices for effective outreach, highlight engagement practices, identify outreach “do’s and don’t’s,” and discuss training for outreach staff. To register, please go to:

https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/144045219?utm_source=RHYTTAC&utm_campaign=c2c68843f3-Outreach_Webinar_3_2011&utm_medium=email

HUD Awards Nearly \$54 Million to Help Low-Income Families Receive Job Training, Employment.

HUD announced on March 24th that nearly \$54 million will be provided to public housing authorities across the U.S. to link low-income families with necessary education and job training to put them on the path to self-sufficiency. Funded through HUD’s Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The grants allow housing authorities to work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program to help individuals already participating in HUD’s Housing Choice Voucher Program increase their education and gain marketable skills that will enable them to obtain jobs that pay a living wage. Congratulations to the following housing authorities in Ohio that received funding:

- Adams MHA
- Akron MHA
- Allen MHA
- Chillicothe MHA
- Cincinnati MHA
- City of Marietta, Ohio/PHA
- City of Middletown
- Clinton MHA
- Columbus MHA
- Cuyahoga MHA
- Dayton MHA
- Delaware MHA
- Fairfield MHA
- Fayette MHA
- Jackson MHA
- Jefferson MHA
- Knox MHA
- Lake MHA
- Logan County MHA
- Lorain MHA
- Lucas MHA
- Medina MHA
- Meigs Housing Authority
- Morrow MHA
- Parma Public Housing Agency
- Pickaway MHA
- Springfield MHA
- Trumbull MHA
- Tuscarawas MHA
- Vinton MHA
- Wayne MHA
- Youngstown MHA
- Zanesville MHA

Ohio received funding for 50 funded positions for a total of \$2,380,671.



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HUD Issues Report on Number of Very Low-Income Renters with Disabilities who Experienced “Worst Case Housing Needs”.

HUD released a report on March 24th summarizing efforts to measure the extent of worst case housing needs among very low-income renter households with disabilities. HUD’s *2009 Worst Case Housing Needs of People with Disabilities* finds that approximately 1 million households that included nonelderly people with disabilities had worst case needs. Worst case housing needs are defined as very low-income renters (incomes below half the median in their area) who do not receive government housing assistance and who either paid more than half their monthly incomes for rent, lived in severely substandard conditions or both. To read the report, go to:

http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/WorstCaseDisabilities03_2011.pdf

US Dept. of Labor announces ‘Stand Down’ grants to assist about 10,000 homeless veterans.

US Dept. of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service announced earlier this month the availability of \$600,000 in ‘Stand Down’ grants that will provide an estimated 10,000 homeless veterans with opportunities to reintegrate into society. The grants are being awarded under the departments’ Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program. Stand Down is a military term referring to a brief respite from combat. Stand Down community events are held by local organizations that provide veterans with a wide range of social services such as food, clothing, shelter, housing, and employment assistance. Grants will be accepted from state workforce agencies, state/local workforce investment boards, veterans service organizations, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations. For more information, please see:

<http://webapps.dol.gov/FederalRegister/PdfDisplay.aspx?DocId=24750>

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD)

invite you to attend a free Federal Funding Assistance Workshop. Trainings are being held on April 13th in Starkville, Mississippi; May 18th in Corning, New York; and May 24th in Pikeville, Kentucky. The workshops will include panel presentations from agency representatives in workforce development, infrastructure, and business development. Panelists will present information on upcoming funding opportunities, grant application processes, and strategies to use when applying, as well as insight on typical application shortfalls. For more information:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2011-ardi-federal-technical-assistance-workshops/event-summary-cdacb8a249b94d5fb3557ab47985eea0.aspx>



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Ohio Communities Receive \$6 Million for Housing

Assistance. Ohio nonprofit organizations, working to improve the housing conditions for thousands of low-income families, will receive \$6 million from the Housing Assistance Grant Program, administered by Ohio Department of Development's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships. The funding, was approved earlier this month by the State Controlling Board, will be provided to 27 nonprofit organizations, assist more than 5,000 people, and leverage more than \$3.0 million in other public and private investments. The grants will assist in the repair of 2,250 homes, and 485 households will receive down payment assistance. Activities include emergency home repair, handicapped accessibility modifications, down payment assistance, and homebuyer counseling. The Housing Assistance Grant Program is funded through the **Ohio Housing Trust Fund**. Congratulations to the following awardees:

- Lima-Allen Council on Community Affairs
- PSA 3 Agency on Aging
- Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action
- Burten, Bell and Carr
- Cleveland Housing Network
- Community Housing Solutions
- Famicos
- Erie-Huron Community Action Commission
- Community Action Program of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area
- Community Action Commission of Fayette County
- Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc.
- Economic and Community Development Institute
- Area Agency on Aging, District 7
- Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency, Inc.
- Area Agency on Aging Region 9
- Over-the-Rhine Housing Network
- People Working Cooperatively, Inc.
- Ability Center
- Northwest Ohio Development Agency
- Catholic Charities Housing Opportunities
- Interfaith Home Maintenance Service, Inc.
- County Corp.
- Community Action Commission of Portage County
- Home is the Foundation
- Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging
- Neighborhood Conservation Services of Barberton
- Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District