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**April is
Fair Housing
Month**



Housing Ohio 2011

Our Housing Ohio 2011 conference starts on Monday. We have a great line-up of presenters this year – it should be a great two days of speakers. Cathy Johnston is also leading up our Lobby Day events on Wednesday. Protecting the Ohio Housing Trust Fund becomes even more important when social service safety net programs are being cut across the state. It is not too late to call your legislator to set up a visit with him/her or his/her staff to talk about how valuable these funds are.

* Please note that staff will have limited access to email and voicemail during the conference.



Harnessing the Power of Social Media: Grassroots Training for Antipoverty Advocates

On April 14th, Half in Ten will provide a social media training for grassroots advocates with Alan Rosenblatt. The online training will cover how the antipoverty/economic opportunity movement can use social media such as Facebook and Twitter to grow our audience, strengthen our capacity to respond to policy developments, and engage in new advocacy tactics with members of Congress. The webinar will be held from 2-3:15 p.m. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://halfinten.peachnewmedia.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=7511>



In The News

Basketball games help Ohio homeless men on road to recovery from bad habits, harsh realities - <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/21f6e6b8919b44c2846a8b110e7d3716/OH--Homeless-Basketball-League/>

Homelessness: A crisis we can no longer afford to ignore - <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/labor/154295-homelessness-a-crisis-we-can-no-longer-afford-to-ignore>

Ballpark hosts homeless awareness event - http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/ballpark-hosts-homeless-event

New home for homeless veterans - <http://morningjournal.com/articles/2011/04/01/news/mj4335429.txt>

Local drop in foreclosures a puzzler - <http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/business/stories/2011/04/07/local-drop-in-foreclosures-a-puzzler.html?sid=101>

Home vacancies jumped in the past decade, spreading into the suburbs - http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/04/03/nobody-home.html?sid=101



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A Rapid Re-Housing Ohio Training

The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care successfully submitted and was awarded funding from HUD for a Rapid Re-Housing demonstration project. The purpose of the Rapid Re-Housing Ohio Demonstration Project is to provide assistance to rapidly re-house homeless families. The Rapid Re-Housing Ohio project will provide services to homeless families in a collaborative manner to ensure that clients:

- Obtain and remain in permanent, affordable housing;
- Increase their skills and/or income
- Achieve greater self-determination; and
- Not return to the emergency shelter system or homelessness situation.

The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus is the grant administrator for project. They manage the direct client assistance fund, monitor case management services, administer HMIS data collection, and offers technical assistance on rapid re-housing. Partner agencies provide case management services, assist eligible clients to find suitable housing, and link participants to community resources.

The Salvation Army is in the process of scheduling a Rapid Re-Housing Ohio training for the month of April. The project is in need of new partner agencies throughout the Balance of State. If you are a new agency interested in partnering with this project, an existing partner agency that have new staff in need of training, or just need a refresher training please email Victoria Umoh at Victoria.Umoh@USE.SalvationArmy.Org with the potential number of attendees. The training location will be based on the results of the community needs.

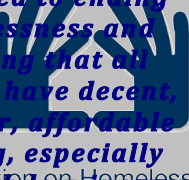
We will follow up with an official training announcement, as well as announce the training up for new agencies. If you know of any agencies that are interested in partnering with this program, please email Victoria with contact information. Any questions may be directed to Victoria.

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standards 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.

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Nutz and Boltz of IDAs. On Thursday, April 14th from 10-4:30, the Ohio CDC will be presenting a training at the Columbus Metropolitan Library – 3rd Floor Board Room – 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. Organizations considering or developing an IDA program will benefit from this workshop. Training will use a combination of small group exercises and facilitated discussions to introduce individuals to the building blocks of running an IDA program. Key topics will include the theory of IDAs, the elements of designing an IDA program, developing partnerships, funding sources, assessing community needs, and integrating IDAs into the structure of your organization. Cost is \$35 for Ohio CDC members; \$45 for non-Ohio CDC members; free for OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA members. To register, please go to: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C3FYHZ4JS/>

2011 Rehab Lab for Affordable Housing Series

- **Specification Writing and Cost Estimating** – April 28 & 29th – Gerald Diaz from the Community Revitalization Training Center will be presenting. Registration begins at 8:30 – training workshop from 9-4:30. The course will focus on the process of producing excellent, detailed specifications that reflect the entire require scope of work and the desires of the property owners. Producing accurate cost estimates which reflect market costs and documentation of the process and products to demonstrate compliance with procurement regulations, required rehabilitation standards and codes will be thoroughly explored.
- **Healthy Homes, An Overview for Rehabilitation Practitioners** – June 2nd – Gerald Diaz. Registration begins at 8:30 – training workshop from 9-4:30. The workshop will provide an overview of the HUD/CDC Healthy Homes Initiatives, HUD’s Healthy Homes Strategic Plan, the Seven Principles of a Healthy Home and strategies for implementing the principles in housing rehabilitation programs.
- **Rehabbing Green** – June 28 & 29 – Meera Parthasarathy from Spatial Synergy Studio will present. Registration begins at 8:30 – training workshop from 9-4:30. This two-day workshop focuses on rehabbing green affordable housing. The training will walk through the credits and strategies for achieving Enterprise Green Community criteria in a housing project. ON the second day participants will visit the site for an on-going construction of a green affordable home to demonstrate the integration of green strategies and technologies in building a home affordably.

Registration:
Check/PO Payments or CHDO/Member Free Registration Link (free for OCDCA AmeriCorps Vista Member, CHDO, and Ohio CDC members):
<https://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1007908>

Credit Card Payments Registration Link (\$50/training day for non-CHDO and non-Ohio CDC members):
<https://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1007921>

**Important Dates
To Remember**

4/11 COHHIO UPDATES
Development
Application Training -
9:30 to 3:30 - CDDT -
Columbus

4/28 - Accessibility
Issues in Housing
Workshop - two parts
- 10:30 to 3:30 - State
Library of Ohio -
Columbus *Please
contact Joyce Hill to
register

5/20 - FY11
Preliminary
Comprehensive
Downtown
Revitalization Tier
Two Program
Application Deadline -
5 p.m.

6/24 - Community
Development Program
Application
Submission Deadline -
5 p.m.

7/12 - FY11 Homeless
Assistance Grant
Program Application
Submission Deadline -
5 p.m.

8/31 - FY11 Housing
Assistance Grant
Program Application
Submission Deadline -
5 p.m.

For more information:
614-466-2285

Funding Opportunities

HUD announces the reactivation of the **Emergency Homeowners'**

Loan Program which provides emergency mortgage relief to homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed and at risk of foreclosure and who meet certain other requirements. To read the notice go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-4816.pdf>

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HUD announces the availability of funding to nonprofits for the **Self-Help Homeownership Program (SHOP)** to encourage innovative homeownership through "sweat equity" affordable housing development or rehabilitation projects. Deadline 4/18 -
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/shopnofa.pdf>.

Dept. of Justice is offering grants for **Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative** to nonprofit and public agencies to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims support to help adult and juvenile ex-offenders make a successful transition from incarceration to the community. Deadline 5/2 -
<http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/2ndChanceActJuvMentoring.pdf>.

Dept. of Labor is offering grants for the **National Farmworker Jobs Program Housing Assistance Program**. Deadline 5/3 -
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=TVG9NB7cwQnMk8pflqpLYKnm1nNvT0GbvKyGLpc3Pj7vILqtrKCp!-1340247554?oppld=79593&mode=VIEW>.

USDA is offering grants to nonprofits, Indian Tribes and states to provide **broadband and internet access** to underserved areas. Deadline 5/3 - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-04/html/2011-4751.htm>.

HUD has issued the NOFA for **Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly** to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or construct affordable housing for low-income seniors, as well as provide long-term rent subsidies. Deadline 6/1 -
<http://www07.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=GcR2N1cVmHMMzKPnw2G1DCsQX4MLBGcxk6yhvGNKMG7qd6Qm5cB9!-747310286>

Housing Assistance Council released their newest Rural Voices Magazine - <http://www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/sped2011.pdf>. This special edition highlights rural housing programs that work.



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