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Rural Continuum of Care - Building Local CoC Capacity **Join us for a Webinar on January 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

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The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) consists of 80 of the most rural counties. This training is geared towards the chairs/co-chairs of the local CoCs, but is open to any CoC member. The training will share tools, ideas, and strategies to improve your local CoC.

Objectives:

- Identify the purpose of a local CoC.
- Name 3 strategies to raise awareness of local homelessness issues.
- Discuss various service model works for a local CoC.
- Determine 1-system level approaches to improve your local CoC - and develop plan of action to make that improvement.

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Happy New Year

Lunch and Learn Series - Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Intake, Assessment & Case Management **Join us for a Webinar on January 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/624632499>

Intake, assessment and case management is essential to the success of the HPRP. Effective HPRP staff must possess both assessment and coordination skills. This training will discuss best practices in screening, intake, assessment of eligibility determination, and how case managers assist individuals and families to become enrolled in local homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs.

Objectives:

- Identify at-risk and homeless households for HPRP that but for this assistance would become homeless.
- Distinguish what income and other eligibility factors need to be assessed at screening and intake.
- Name what needs to be included in a plan to stabilize individuals and families so that they can be successful in a HPRP.
- Review best practices in the area intake and assessment for HPRP.

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The **Ohio Housing Finance Agency's (OHFA)** department of Planning, Preservation, and Development has released a memorandum concerning changes occurring in the 2011 QAP. Information on these changes and a draft timeline are provided on OHFA's website at <http://www.ohiohome.org/lihtc/documents.aspx#2010qap> Comments or questions can be sent to Arthur Krauer at akrauer@ohiohome.org or 614-387-1656.

2009 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Data (CHAS)
HUD has posted the 2009 CHAS data on www.huduser.org. CHAS data is used by local and state governments in their consolidated planning process and can be used by advocates to determine housing needs in their states and counties. This version is based on the 2005-2007 Three-Year American Community Survey (ACS) Estimates.

- *Homeless and affordable housing providers are encouraged to participate in your local consolidated planning processes.*



Funding Opportunities

Ohio Benefit Bank Tax Assistance Capacity Building Grants. The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Food Banks (OASHF) announced the availability of these grants to help build an organization's capacity to help more Ohioans claim these tax credits and gain access to higher education opportunities. In 2008, the Internal Revenue Service stated that 873,553 Ohioans accessed the Earned Income Tax Credit. However, 154,156 additional Ohioans may have been eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit but did not do so. Those Ohioans who did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit missed out on potentially \$214,894,038 in federal funds that would help sustain their families and generate economic activity in our local communities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) recently expanded many tax credits for low and moderate income Ohioans. These expanded tax credits include the Making Work Pay Tax Credit and increased income thresholds for individuals claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. Additionally, the ARRA modified existing educational credits so that more individuals will have access to educational opportunities. Additionally, tax returns are generally used to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). This form is used for low- and moderate-income individuals to begin the process of accessing a wide variety of student aid for higher educational opportunities including the Pell Grant. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be provided to build the capacity of organizations to serve Ohioans with free tax assistance. The due date for applications is **January 8, 2010**. To access just the Tax Assistance Capacity Building Grant Instructions, RFP and Budget Form please go to the following website: <http://www.oashf.org/Grants/>

*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.*

Offender Reentry Program. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses. Applicants are expected to form stakeholder partnerships that will plan, develop and provide a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and related reentry services for the populations of focus. Non-profit organizations are eligible. Deadline: January 19, 2010. For further information, please see: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=50070>



Mark Your Calendar

Our Housing Ohio 2010 Conference will be held April 19 & 20.



Projects to Deliver Peer-to-Peer Recovery Support Services. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of FY 2010 funds for grants to deliver peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use disorders. Successful applicants will provide peer-to-peer recovery support services that are responsive to community needs and strengths, and will carry out a performance assessment of these services. RCSP is intended to support peer leaders from the recovery community in providing recovery support services to people in recovery and their family members, and to foster the growth of communities of recovery that will help individuals and families, achieve and sustain long-term recovery. Nonprofit entities are eligible. Six awards, awards range from \$350,000-\$2,200,000. Deadline: February 10, 2010. For additional information, please see:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2010/ti-10-010.aspx>

Offender Reentry Program. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2010 grants for the Offender Reentry Program (hereafter referred to as ORP). The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced juvenile and adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal/juvenile offenses. Applicants are expected to form stakeholder partnerships that will plan, develop and provide a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment and related reentry services for the populations of focus. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for awards from \$400,00 to \$13,000,000. Deadline is February 02, 2010. For additional information, see:

<http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/TI-10-006.aspx>

Neighborhood Partnership Grants 2010. The Neighborhood Partnership Grants (NPG) are a collaborative sponsorship of The Columbus Foundation, United Way of Central Ohio, National City, Bob Evans, and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation. The program is designed to support neighborhood organizations and improvements in low- and moderate-income areas of Franklin County. Projects should be designed to be resident driven and are not required to be large or sophisticated for grant consideration. 501 (c) (3) organizations in Franklin County are eligible for awards up to \$10,000. Deadline for a letter of intent is January 29, 2010. Proposed projects should focus on one of the following areas:

- Community and Economic Development
- Education and Public Awareness
- Crime Prevention and Safety
- Safe and Decent Housing

Grant Information Sessions: Tuesday, January 12 from 6-7:30 pm and Thursday, January 14 from noon - 1:30 pm at The Columbus Foundation, 1234 East Broad St. Columbus, OH 43205

