February 2023 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

Just released! Boosting the Power of Harm Reduction

Strategies to Build a Coordinated and Culturally Responsive System of Care for People with Substance Use Disorders who are Experiencing Homelessness

This resource outlines harm reduction strategies and implementation examples from government and nonprofit agencies nationwide. The resource offers recommended action steps for specific systems and providers, including:

- State Behavioral Health Authorities
- State Medicaid Agencies
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuums of Care
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
- Recovery Support Service Providers, Harm Reduction Centers, and BIPOC Community-led Organizations
- Supportive Housing Providers

Related Resources

- **HHRC Webinar**, November 2022: Addressing our Drug Overdose Deaths: Combined Strategies to Optimize Health, Wellness and Recovery through a Culturally Responsive System of Care
- **Issue Brief**, Technical Assistance Collaborative, November 2022: Boosting the Power of Harm Reduction: Creating a Comprehensive and Culturally Responsive System of Care Serving People Experiencing Homelessness with Substance Use Disorders

Download the Guide

JOIN SAMHSA'S HOMELESS AND HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER WEBINAR

REGISTER TODAY:

Housing Supports for Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness

MARCH 22, 2:00PM-3:30PM ET

Webinar: Housing Supports for Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness

March 22, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time (11:00am-12:30pm PT)

People experiencing homelessness disproportionately experience a high burden of chronic illness, substance use disorders, and mental illness, which hasten the onset of conditions associated with aging. Shelter systems struggle to meet the needs of older unhoused adults, and existing housing systems are not designed to support individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living or experience cognitive impairment. Existing community resources for seniors often have age limits that exclude those that could otherwise benefit based on functional need. The lack of adequate shelter, housing, and supportive services results in continued homelessness, and individuals often cycle through services that are not equipped to address their needs. This webinar will present an overview of factors impacting older adults experiencing homelessness and share strategies to support their housing needs.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe unique considerations affecting older adults experiencing homelessness.
2. Identify 2-3 promising practices to support older adults experiencing homelessness as they transition into housing.
3. Discuss 2-3 strategies to address the needs of older adults experiencing homelessness within the community.

This webinar will be recorded and ASL and live captioning will be provided. Certificates of participation will be provided to those who complete a post-event evaluation, but no CEUs are included in this event.

Register for the Webinar

Webinar Tomorrow! Effective Behavioral Health Crisis Response

February 23, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time (11:00am-12:30pm PT)

This webinar will explore strategies for reducing, mitigating, and responding to behavioral health emergencies involving individuals experiencing homelessness. The featured panelists will discuss cross-sector provider coordination and integration and best practices for effectively responding to crisis situations. They will also provide community examples of cross-sector coordination to improve health outcomes, and offer tangible approaches to ensuring comprehensive, culturally responsive services.

Register for the Webinar

Partner Resources and Opportunities

Funding Opportunity

SAMHSA Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

The purpose of this program is to establish or expand and maintain ACT programs for transition-aged youth and adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED). Recipients are expected to implement an ACT program to fidelity and provide ACT services to the population of focus. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals by reducing rates of hospitalization, mortality, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

Applications are due **Monday, April 10, 2023**. Learn more and apply.

New and Improved: FindTreatment.gov

SAMHSA's FindTreatment.gov offers users the ability to:

- Search for treatment from multiple sources such as certified substance use and mental health treatment facilities, opioid treatment programs, buprenorphine practitioners, and health care centers
- Access an interactive map and search filters to tailor treatment options
- Search for a facility by entering address, city, state, zip code or facility name
- Download printer-friendly search results, including facility location (i.e., phone number, address, website, etc.)

Treatment facilities can register for enhanced outreach and better community visibility.

HUD Interactive Tool

Assistance Animals and Fair Housing: Navigating Reasonable Accommodations Interactive Tool

This interactive tool will provide persons with disabilities with information about their housing rights related to requests for assistance animals. It is part of a suite of tools designed for housing providers, HUD grantees, and others involved in housing transactions, including persons with disabilities.

- Interactive Tool
- Accompanying Webinar
- Fact Sheet

Partner Webinars and Events

- Webinar: Promising Approaches for Reducing Substance Misuse-Related Health Disparities in Rural Contexts
  February 23, 11:30am ET. SAMHSA Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: Management of Psychotic Disorders in the Black Community
  February 23, 12:00pm ET. SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: Accessing Housing Resources to Support Individuals with Justice Involvement in Reentry
  February 28, 1:30pm ET. SAMHSA GAINS Center
- 2023 Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness Conference
  March 1-3, Oakland, CA. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Webinar: Building and Sustaining SOAR Collaborations with Medical Providers
  March 8, 3:00pm ET. SAMHSA SOAR TA Center
- Webinar: The Medicaid Unwinding: Helping Residents Keep Their Healthcare Coverage
  March 14, 1:30pm ET. Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC), and National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)
- NLIHC Housing Policy Forum 2023: Onward to Housing Justice
  March 21-23, Washington, DC. National Low Income Housing Coalition
- 2023 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference and Policy Symposium
  May 15-18, Baltimore, MD. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- 2023 National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Annual Conference
  May 31-June 2, Washington, DC. National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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