



April 2023 Newsletter

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Just released! Coordinating Systems of Care to Provide a Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response to Individuals Experiencing Homelessness



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INTRODUCTION: Housing is widely understood to be a basic requirement of health in the United States, yet individuals with serious mental illness and homelessness experience significant barriers to housing. Strong coordination between these systems can enhance the quality of available resources, mitigate crisis, and promote recovery for individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs. This brief suggests strategies to enhance collaboration through multilevel coordination and identify practice approaches that systems of care can deploy to strengthen collaboration.

The Potential Cycle of Crisis
The psychological and physical stressors of homelessness can precipitate and exacerbate the symptoms of serious mental illness and substance use disorders (SMI), potentially contributing to the escalation of symptoms into a crisis. In many communities, particularly in rural regions that lack adequate resources, individuals with SMI and homelessness are at a higher risk of experiencing a crisis.

Behavioral health crisis: An emergency created by severe emotional distress, a mental disorder, or substance use.

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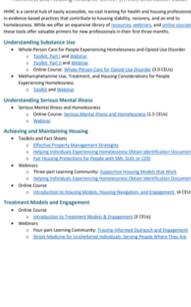
This brief suggests strategies to enhance crisis care through multilevel coordination and describes practical approaches that systems of care can deploy to strengthen collaboration.

Sections include:

- Crisis Prevention and Early Mitigation
- Enhancing Crisis Response
- Ensuring Continuity Post-Crisis
- Enhancing Community Partnerships
- Opportunities for HUD Continuums of Care and Behavioral Health Systems

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Check out our recent webinar to hear from providers how they're enhancing crisis response in their communities!



New Staff Orientation Guide

This guide compiles introductory resources offered cost-free by HHRC into an orientation guide for new professionals.

Topics include:

- Substance Use
- Serious Mental Illness
- Achieving and Maintaining Housing
- Treatment Models and Engagement

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JOIN SAMHSA'S HOMELESS AND HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER WEBINAR

REGISTER TODAY:

Introduction to Psychotic Disorders

MAY 10, 2:00PM-3:30PM ET

Webinar: Introduction to Psychotic Disorders

May 10, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time (11:00am-12:30pm PT)

This 90-minute webinar aims to provide education and introduce several skills and techniques for working with individuals experiencing symptoms of psychosis. The first half of the webinar will utilize a presentation format with the overarching aim to improve provider confidence in working with this population. The second half of the webinar will feature a panel discussion of best practices.

Speakers:

1. **Alia Warner, PhD, ABPP**, Licensed Psychologist, University of Texas Health Science Center - Harris County Psychiatric Center
2. **Missy Boyd, MHPS**, Certified Peer Specialist, Andrews Center
3. **Amy Cuellar, PhD, ABSMIP**, Licensed Psychologist, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, PRRC
4. **Brandi Karnes, MD**, Attending Psychiatrist, University of Texas Health Science Center - Harris County Psychiatric Center

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](#)

Partner Resources

SAMHSA: Moving Beyond Change Efforts: Evidence and Action to Support and Affirm LGBTQI+ Youth

This [report](#) provides behavioral health professionals, researchers, policymakers and other audiences with a comprehensive research overview and accurate, in-depth information about effective and ineffective therapeutic practices related to youth of diverse sexual orientation and gender identity.

HUD: LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Toolkit

The goal of the [LGBTQIA+ Fair Housing Toolkit](#) is to educate housing providers, tenants, applicants and other housing consumers on LGBTQIA+ fair housing protections to advance housing equity for LGBTQIA+ individuals.

SAMHSA SOAR TA Center: Documenting Long COVID for SSI/SSDI Applications

This [resource](#) is a supplement to the Medical Summary Report (MSR) Interview Guide and Template and a tool for people with Long COVID. It provides guidance for working with individuals who are experiencing symptoms of Long COVID and includes sample questions that may be helpful in your interviews. While Long COVID is not a condition specified in SSA's Listing of Impairments, SSA has issued instructions to its employees about how an allegation or diagnosis of COVID-19 should be evaluated when determining disability.

NLIHC: Eviction Record Sealing and Expungement Toolkit

This [resource](#) provides information about eviction record sealing and expungement protections nationwide, surveying record sealing and expungement legislation that is currently in place, identifying the core components of existing protections, and making recommendations for lawmakers developing new eviction record sealing and expungement protections in their jurisdictions.

TAC: A Game Pad for Youth Action Boards - Video Series

This [6-part webinar series](#), funded by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, was created by youth homelessness subject matter experts André Thomas, Dahsuri Togi, Liam Spady, and Phoebe Ricker to help communities create and sustain Youth Action Boards.

Partner Webinars and Events

- Webinar: [Xylazine and Opioid Use: An Update](#)
April 27, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Barrier and Risk Factors for Black LGBT+ Youth: Suggestions for Improving their Lived Experiences](#)
May 2, 12:00pm ET. SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Building and Sustaining SOAR Relationships with SSA and DDS](#)
May 9, 3:00pm ET. SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
- [6th Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day Symposium](#)
May 11, Virtual. National Council on Aging, U.S. Administration for Community Living, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and SAMHSA
- [2023 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference and Policy Symposium](#)
May 15-18, Baltimore, MD. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- Webinar: [ACCEPT. ADVOCATE. ACT. Parents Talk About Children's Mental Health](#)
May 18, 1:00pm ET. National Federation of Families
- [2023 National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Annual Conference](#)
May 31-June 2, Washington, DC. National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

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