



August/September Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!



New Online Course: Whole-Person Care for Opioid Use Disorder



Just Released! Whole-Person Care for Opioid Use Disorder Online Course

This course is available **at no cost** to the general public and provides foundational information about the neurobiology and prevalence of opioid use disorder (OUD), the whole-person care framework and best practices, treatment and recovery supports for OUD, and supporting housing stability for individuals with OUD.

We estimate that it will take approximately 3.0 hours to complete the course and the course has been **accredited for 3.0 CEUs by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**. Participants can work at their own pace, starting and stopping as they wish.

Additional New Resources Released!

Three new resources were developed for this online course but apply more generally to the work of housing and health professionals. We encourage you to use these in your work:

1. [Motivational Interviewing Self-Appraisal](#)
2. [Self-Care Assessment Tool](#)
3. [Three Homes: Reflections and Worksheet](#)

[Learn More and Begin the Course](#)

New Fact Sheet: Fair Housing Protections

People experiencing or at risk of homelessness with mental illness or substance use disorder often have a difficult time obtaining housing and may face discrimination because of their conditions. This document describes how individuals with disabilities can leverage federal laws to protect themselves from this type of discrimination and ensure equal access and opportunity to enjoy housing that suits their needs.



Fair Housing Protections for People with Serious Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Co-occurring Disorders

INTRODUCTION: People experiencing or at risk of homelessness with mental illness or substance use disorder (SMI) often have a difficult time obtaining housing and may face discrimination because of their conditions. There are federal laws that protect people from this type of discrimination and ensure equal access and opportunity to enjoy housing that suits their needs.

Fair Housing Law Overview
Fair housing laws guarantee that people have equal access to housing and can exercise choice in where they want to live. Fair housing laws make it illegal to discriminate in housing transactions based on the following:

- Disability, including serious mental illness (SMI), SUD, and co-occurring disorders (CODs)
- Sex, including gender identity and sexual orientation
- Race
- Religion
- Color
- Family status
- National origin

These protections are guaranteed by several federal civil rights laws, including the Fair Housing Act and its amendments, Title VI of the resources with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.



[Download the Fact Sheet](#)



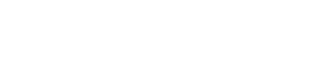
Disaster Planning and Response: A Guide to Preparation for Homelessness Response Programs

INTRODUCTION: This guide outlines questions that homelessness response programs should answer as they plan for and respond to natural disasters. The guide places a focus on the needs of people experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness (SMI), substance use disorder (SUD), or co-occurring disorders (CODs). It is not intended to capture all relevant details involved in planning for and responding to disasters that may occur as a community prepares in a supporting guide to respond for the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Programs should use this document to guide planning efforts, disseminate, and identify areas of concern within the following three areas:

1. Disaster Assessment and Disaster Plans
2. Staffing, Information and Communication
3. Population and Needs

For more information on disaster relief, disaster planning, response, and recovery please visit the **Homeless and Housing Resource Center**.

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) Disaster Technical Assistance Center \(DTAC\) \(1714\)](#)
- [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Disaster Recovery Homelessness Guide \(1714\)](#)
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Office of Disaster Preparedness and Response \(1714\)](#)
- [National Health Care for the Homeless Council \(1714\)](#)



New Toolkit: Disaster Planning and Response

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[Download the Toolkit](#)

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline recognizes National Suicide Prevention Month throughout September, encompassing National Suicide Prevention Day on September 10. National Suicide Prevention Day is a time to remember those affected, raise awareness, and focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most. This year, 988 is spreading the message about actions each individual can take to prevent suicide their the #BeThe1to campaign. [Learn More.](#)



Along with the resources and awareness provided by the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the Homeless and Housing Resource Center provides resources with the aim to improve housing outcomes for individuals with serious mental illnesses who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. To view our archived webinars and resources please [visit the HHRC website.](#)

Partner Resources

Language Guidance When Serving LGBTQ+ Populations

The SAMHSA-funded [Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity](#) has created this language guidance related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression (SOGIE) as a resource for behavioral health practitioners to better understand the most recent language used in LGBTQ+ communities. The guidance outlines outdated language, updated language, and why each matters. [View the new guidance.](#)

SAMHSA Advisory: Peer Support Services in Crisis Care

This advisory discusses the role of peer support workers and models of peer support services that are available to assist individuals who are experiencing a crisis. Peer support services are a vital component of crisis care. [View the new advisory.](#)

Partner Webinars and Events

- [The 2022 CoC Program Competition Prioritizes Racial Equity and LGBTQ+ Anti-Discrimination: How to Get Started](#)
August 31, 1:00-2:30pm ET, National Alliance to End Homelessness
- [Housing First Webinar Series](#)
September 12 and 28, 2:30-4:00pm ET, National Low Income Housing Coalition
- [18th Annual Street Medicine Symposium](#)
September 22-24, 2022, Toronto, Canada, Street Medicine Institute

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