



February Newsletter

New Resource: Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents

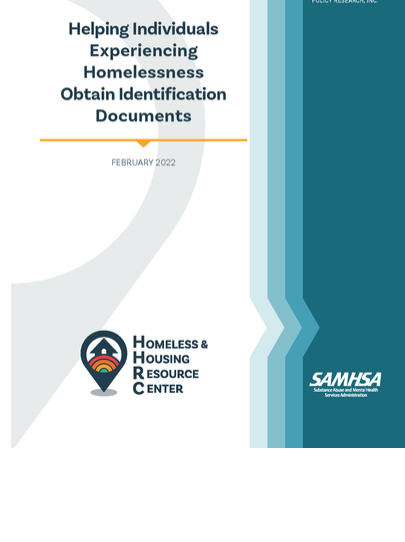
This resource provides guidance on helping individuals who are experiencing homelessness obtain identification (ID) documents, including birth certificates, Social Security cards, state-issued IDs, DD214s, and Green Cards.

The Toolkit includes:

- Overview of key identification types
- Steps for replacing ID
- Estimated costs and fee waiver
- Best practices for ID replacement
- Documentation checklists

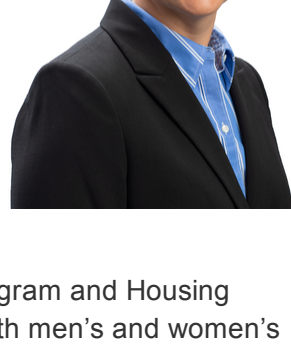
This resource is available in both English and Spanish.

[Download the Toolkit](#)



HHRC Welcomes Amy Lamerson!

Amy Lamerson, MSW has worked in the housing and homelessness arena for the past eleven years and is joining the HHRC team as a Project Associate II. They have experience working as a coordinator and director of the SOAR Ohio Project. In these roles, they worked to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with potential SSI/SSDI benefits. As well as a funding administrator for the Ohio Governor's TANF initiative with COHHIO's program: Housing Now for Homeless Families. Amy is recognized as a national subject-matter expert with the SAMHSA-sponsored SOAR model.



Amy previously worked as a Veteran's Case Manager in the SSVF program and Housing Specialist for Faith Mission in Columbus, OH. There they worked in both men's and women's shelters, assisting with coordination of services in mental health, substance abuse, and rapid rehousing using the Housing First and Critical Time Intervention Models (CTI) with single adults. Amy attended the Ohio State University in Columbus for their Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Minor in Sociology with a Certification in HIV/AIDS Education. They then earned an Accelerated Masters in Social Work with a focus in macro systems administration, policy, and clinical diagnosis from OSU. Their previous experience includes being a Program Assistant for Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization in client services, grant proposals, community outreach, and educational awareness for the LGBTQ community.

Resources from Our Partners

USICH Releases New Tool to Identify and Access Federal Health and Social Service Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness

This document seeks to help state and local leaders identify and access non-emergency health and social service programs in the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Veterans Affairs (VA) so they can use multiple streams of federal funding for holistic supportive services that meet the short- and long-term needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

This new tool details programs within the following agencies:

- Administration for Children and Families
- Administration for Community Living
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Food and Nutrition Service
- Health Resources and Services Administration
- Indian Health Services
- Program Support Center
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

[Download the New Tool](#)



HHRC Events & Webinars



Webinar: Integrating Behavioral Health Supports into Respite Care for People Experiencing Homelessness

March 17, 2:00-3:00pm ET (11:00am-12:00pm PT)

Medical respite care (also known as recuperative care) is short-term, post-acute care for people experiencing homelessness who need a safe place to rest, recover, and heal. In addition to caring for acute medical issues, the medical respite care model focuses on addressing the whole person, including mental health and substance use disorders. This webinar will highlight different models of medical respite care and approaches to providing high-quality behavioral health services. Program representatives will discuss issues related to addressing stigma and training staff, and participants will learn more about the model's whole-person care approach. This will be an interactive webinar that will allow ample time for questions, answers, and discussion.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Webinar Recording Available: Helping People Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents

HHRC recently held a webinar about the importance of identification documents and access to services and resources and best practices for assisting program participants who may have lost their identifying documents. This webinar accompanied the release of our new resource guide [Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents](#), which is previewed above.

This webinar included presentations from Rick Mitchell and Joel Weiss of the Homeless ID Project and their work to expand the national conversation about IDs. To learn more about this movement, please visit their [website](#).

[View the Webinar Recording](#)



Upcoming 3-Part Learning Community: Supportive Housing Models That Work

HHRC will be hosting a learning community that focuses on supportive housing models that work for individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders. In this three-part series, attendees will learn innovative ways to center equity and the perspective of those with lived experience to assist individuals experiencing homelessness in securing and sustaining affordable housing and supportive services that meet their needs.

Dates

- February 24: 2:30-4:00pm ET (11:30am-1:00pm PT)
- March 23: 2:30-4:00pm ET (11:30am-1:00pm PT)
- April 27: 2:30-4:00pm ET (11:30am-1:00pm PT)

Audience

We invite those who have completed the HHRC 4-hour [Introduction to Housing Models, Housing Navigation, and Engagement](#) online training course or those with strong foundational knowledge and experience of best practices in supportive housing who are interested in more in depth content on using supportive housing to address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders.

Details

Visit the [HHRC website](#) to learn more about the topics covered in each of the learning community sessions.

[Register for the Learning Community](#)

Upcoming Events in the Field

- [Webinar: Homelessness and Mental Health: Unhoused, Unconnected & Under Stress](#)
February 24, 2:00-3:00pm ET. C4Innovations.
- [Webinar: Innovations in Telehealth in Mental Health and Substance Use During COVID-19](#)
February 24, 2:00-3:00pm ET. National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
- [Webinar: Embracing Culturally Responsive Programs and Practices for Black & African American LGBTQ+ People](#)
March 9, 1:30-3:00pm ET. The Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity.
- [Webinar: An Update on Racial Disparities in the Course of Illness, Treatment and Recovery for Substance Use Disorder](#)
March 10, 1:00pm ET. National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
- [Series: Homeless in the ED: Partnerships to Improve Care for People without Homes in Emergency Departments](#)
March 16, 23, and 30, 1:00-2:00pm CT. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- [Virtual Housing Policy Forum: Achieving Housing Justice](#)
March 22-23, 12:30-5:30pm ET. National Low Income Housing Coalition.
- [Webinar: Taking Care of Your Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)
March 23, 2:00pm ET. National Council for Mental Wellbeing.
- [Webinar: Equity in Action: Leveraging SAMHSA SOAR Technical Assistance to Improve Systems](#)
March 24, 3:00-4:30pm ET. SAMHSA SOAR TA Center. *HHRC will be a guest speaker at this event
- NatCon 2022.
April 11-13, 2022, Washington D.C. Metro Area. National Council for Mental Wel
- [2022 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference and Policy Symposium](#)
May 10-13, Seattle, WA. National Health Care for the Homeless Council.
- [Policy Action Institute Conference: Advancing Policy to Improve Health](#)
June 14, 9:00-5:30pm ET. American Public Health Association.

Please direct questions or concerns to: info@hhrctraining.org



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