



December 2023 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

Each year, the longest night of the year (typically December 21) marks Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. On this day, we remember and mourn those who have died while experiencing homelessness.

For those who are living unsheltered, the Winter Solstice embodies a particularly dangerous time of year when the nights are long, the weather can be deadly, and [overdose risk rises](#). At the [Homeless and Housing Resource Center](#), we provide crucial education about support for people who use drugs which may reduce harm and prevent injury and death. Additionally, our partners at National Healthcare for the Homeless Council have created resources for [those living outside](#) during cold weather events and [for the providers](#) who respond.

For our partners at the SAMHSA SOAR TA Center, Homeless Persons' Memorial Day also serves as a solemn reminder of the impact of homelessness on a person's health. [Providing assistance with accessing SSI/SSDI income using the SOAR model](#) can be a life-saving measure. If your community is not yet providing SOAR assistance, our [Applicant Self-Help Guide](#) provides guidance for individuals completing their own SSI/SSDI application.

We encourage you to join us in honoring those we've lost this year by taking part in your community's memorial, [organizing your own memorial](#), or [sharing the names of those lost in your community](#).

Partner Resources

New Resources

NAEH: Working in Homeless Services: A Survey of the Field

This [report](#) summarizes key findings from a 2023 survey of homeless service workers conducted by the Homelessness Research Institute at the National Alliance to End Homelessness. It reveals insights on the workforce's motivations to be part of this mission, as well as the personal and professional challenges they face in this work, the staffing issues that contribute to these pressures, and the collective impacts on the work to end homelessness.

USICH: Federal Homelessness Research Agenda

This [agenda](#), which will evolve over time, will shape federal investments in homelessness research and provide a roadmap for researchers, students, philanthropy organizations, and others seeking to understand how to effectively prevent and end homelessness in the U.S. USICH developed the research agenda with public input from researchers, experts from federal agencies, people with lived experience, and national organizations.

Funding Opportunities

SAMHSA: Tribal Behavioral Health

The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance use/misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth, up to and including age 24, by building a healthy network of systems, services, and partnerships that impact youth. SAMHSA expects this program will be a model for community change that integrates a community's culture, resources, and readiness to address suicide prevention and substance use/misuse among AI/AN youth.

Applications are due Wednesday, March 6, 2024. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Partner Webinars and Events

- Webinar: ["Wiped Out and Still Going," Preventing Compassion Fatigue](#)
December 18, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
 - Webinar: [Encouraging Healthy Aging with Serious Mental Health Conditions](#)
December 20, 11:00am ET. SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
 - [2024 Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness](#)
March 4-6, San Francisco, CA. National Alliance to End Homelessness
 - [2024 Housing Policy Forum: An Unwavering Path Forward to Housing Justice](#)
March 19-21, Washington D.C. National Low Income Housing Coalition
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Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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