



## January 2024 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

### Upcoming Webinar!

JOIN SAMHSA'S HOMELESS AND HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER WEBINAR



REGISTER TODAY:

### Expanding Harm Reduction through Increased Syringe Access

FEBRUARY 28, 2:00PM-3:30PM ET

## Expanding Harm Reduction Through Increased Syringe Access

**February 28, 2:00-3:30pm Eastern Time (11:00am-12:30pm PT)**

This webinar will discuss how health centers and other community-based organizations can expand harm reduction services by offering syringe access to participants through direct service delivery and partnership. Participants will hear from the **Cherokee Nation Harm Reduction Program in Oklahoma** and **Migrant Health Center, Inc. in Puerto Rico**, who will discuss programmatic development and implementation across a variety of strategies and settings. Participants will also have the opportunity to hear directly from consumers of syringe access programs to improve their understanding of the impact of these life-saving services.

*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.*

# Supportive Housing Toolkit: Call for Program Highlights

## Calling all supportive housing programs and partners - we want to hear from you!

SAMHSA is collecting program and partnership examples and quotes about the positive impact of supportive housing, which may be used in the forthcoming *SAMHSA Supportive Housing Toolkit*. We are particularly interested in hearing from supportive housing residents about their experiences.

Please submit your example using the link below and help us highlight your great work in this SAMHSA resource. We'll be collecting responses until **February 16, 2024**.

Need some time to prepare? Here's a preview of our questions:

1. Tell us about the program you are highlighting
2. What are you most proud of about this program?
3. What unique or creative strategies were most effective in this program or partnership?
4. What advice would you give others who want to create a similar program or partnership?

[Submissions Portal](#)

## Partner Resources

### HHS, HUD, ONDCP: Joint Letter on Naloxone

In December, HUD, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a [joint letter](#) to public health departments and health care systems to partner with housing providers, community development organizations, and other housing agencies to help expand access to naloxone and other life-saving overdose reversal medications in the communities they serve.

### HHS: We Think Twice

Experts agree that young people struggle to know when to ask for help, and men ask for help less frequently than other genders. Even for those young men who do seek help, there are not many places online where they can find expert-informed tips, practices, and resources. To address this need, [We Think Twice™](#) introduces the [\(Men\)tal Health Listicle](#). This web page

can help you start and sustain conversations about mental health with your program participants. Help the young men you serve:

- understand that mental health challenges are normal and not a sign of weakness;
- recognize when they may need to seek help;
- develop strategies for managing their own mental health; and
- find resources on related topics like challenges facing LGBTQ+ youth, substance abuse, disordered eating, and more.

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## NAEH: Understanding 2023 Homelessness Data

HUD's [2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report \(AHAR\) Part 1](#) was released on December 15. The AHAR Part 1 compiles data from Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts conducted nationally in January 2023. To help tell a fuller story of homelessness in America, this [blog post](#) offers 12 key data points from this report and additional federal data.

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## NIMRC: Housing and the Medical Respite Care Program

Medical respite care (MRC) is an essential part of the health care and homelessness response system's continuum for unhoused community members. The National Institute for Medical Respite Care (NIMRC) has developed this [guide](#) to support medical respite care programs with foundational information surrounding the Homelessness Response System and with housing and social discharge planning resources.

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# Partner Webinars and Events

- Webinar: [Effective Street Outreach: From Unsheltered to Housed](#)  
**January 18, 3:00pm ET.** National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Webinar: [Link Between Social Determinants of Health and Mental Wellness](#)  
**January 23, 1:00pm ET.** SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Stimulants and Overamping](#)  
**January 24, 1:00pm ET.** SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Peer Supervisors: Exploring New Ways to Understand Workplace Wellness](#)  
**January 24, 2:00pm ET.** SAMHSA Peer Recovery Center of Excellence
- [SAMHSA's 20th Prevention Day](#)  
**January 29, National Harbor, MD.**
- Webinar: [Where do I start? Professional Development for New Prevention Practitioners](#)  
**January 31, 1:00pm ET.** SAMHSA Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Expanding Access to Service Coordination: Two Models of Braiding Funding](#)  
**January 31, 2:00pm ET.** Housing and Services Resource Center

- Webinar: [Social Connection is Medicine and Hope: Strategies to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness to Prevent Suicide in Later Life](#)  
**February 7, 1:00pm ET.** SAMHSA Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging
- [2024 Housing Policy Forum](#)  
**March 19-21, Washington D.C.** National Low Income Housing Coalition
- [NatCon 2024](#)  
**April 15-17, St. Louis, MO.** National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- [2024 National Healthcare for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium](#)  
**May 13-16, Phoenix, AZ.** National Health Care for the Homeless Council
- [2024 National Coalition for Homeless Veterans \(NCHV\) Annual Conference](#)  
**May 29-31, Washington, D.C.** National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
- [2024 National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#)  
**June 24-26, Baltimore, MD.** Point Source Youth

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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