



February 2024 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

Recognizing Black History Month

This February, we recognize Black History Month, an annual celebration of Black Americans and an opportunity to reflect on how we can continue to address inequity in outreach, treatment, and supportive services. At HHRC, we're continuing to expand our [library of resources](#) and elevate the work of our partners. We encourage you to join us in exploring these events and resources to serve Black communities better.

- SAMHSA's [African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#)
- SAMHSA's [Mental Health Technology Center Transfer Network](#)
- SAMHSA Blog: [Still Striving for the Mountaintop: Achieving Health Equity for African Americans](#)
- Podcast: National Alliance on Mental Illness
[Hope Starts with Us: Racism as an Adverse Childhood Experience](#)
- Resource: National Alliance to End Homelessness
[Homelessness and Racial Disparities](#)
- Webinar (2/15): SAMHSA African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence
[The Collective Power of Black Voices in Healing and Providing Hope to African American Communities](#)
- Webinar (2/15): National Council for Mental Wellbeing
[Amplifying Black Voices: Overcoming Institutionalized Racial Discrimination in Integrated Care](#)
- Blog: National Council for Mental Wellbeing
[The Factors Behind Overdose Deaths Among Black Men](#)

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.

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](#)

Supportive Housing Toolkit: Call for Program Highlights

The Homeless and Housing Resource Center 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*. HHRC is 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. We'll be collecting responses until **March 1, 2024**.

Partner Resources

Funding Opportunities

SAMHSA: Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. Recipients are expected to provide prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with SUD involved with the courts. With this program, SAMHSA aims to improve abstinence from substance use, housing stability, employment status, social connectedness, health/behavioral/social consequences, and reduce criminal justice involvement.

Applications are due Monday, April 01, 2024. [Learn more and apply.](#)

SAMHSA: Statewide Consumer Network Program

The purpose of this program is to strengthen the capacity of statewide mental health peer-led organizations to partner with state efforts to improve mental health support system and related services for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED) as agents of transformation.

Applications are due Monday, April 08, 2024. [Learn more and apply.](#)

SAMHSA: Statewide Family Network Program

The purpose of this program is to provide resources to enhance the capacity of statewide mental health family-controlled organizations to engage with family members/primary caregivers who are raising children, youth, and young adults with serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or co-occurring disorders (COD).

Applications are due Monday, April 08, 2024. [Learn more and apply.](#)

New Releases

SAMHSA: Updated Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit

SAMHSA's updated [Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit](#) provides guidance to a wide range of individuals on preventing and responding to an overdose and emphasizes that harm reduction and access to treatment are essential aspects of overdose prevention.

The toolkit provides guidance on the role of opioid overdose reversal medications, including naloxone and nalmefene, and how to respond to an overdose. It also contains appendices for specific audiences, including people who use drugs (PWUD), people who take prescription opioids, first responders, healthcare practitioners, and others.

Homebase: Medicaid Renewals & Homelessness Toolkit

Following a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Medicaid is again requiring people to renew their coverage annually. People experiencing homelessness are at higher risk of losing this coverage. A new [toolkit](#) from Homebase explains how to navigate the Medicaid renewal process, and how homeless service providers can help their clients keep or regain their Medicaid coverage.

NAEH: New Report Examines Gender-Expansive Homelessness

A new [report](#) from the Alliance's Homelessness Research Institute analyzes homelessness data and housing barriers for gender-expansive people experiencing homelessness (people whose gender identities have changed since birth, or do not fall into a male or female category).

The analysis shows that gender-expansive people disproportionately experience housing insecurity and homelessness, and often face discrimination, fear, and gaps in access to housing and services.

Partner Webinars

- Webinar: [Targeted Homelessness Prevention: Stemming the Inflow](#)
February 15, 3:00pm ET. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Webinar: [Perceptions of Substance Use and Older Adults](#)
February 22, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Strategies and Considerations for Representing Older Adults with SSI/SSDI Claims](#)
February 27, 3:00pm ET. SAMHSA SOAR TA Center
- Webinar: [Peer Supervisors: Supporting Staff Experiencing a Return to Use](#)
February 28, 2:00pm ET. SAMHSA Peer Recovery Center of Excellence
- Webinar: [Overlooked and Overburdened: People Experiencing Homelessness and Heat](#)
February 29, 3:00pm ET. National Integrated Heat Health Information System
- Webinar: [Examining the Use of Braided Funding for Substance Use Disorder Services](#)
February 29, 3:30pm ET. SAMHSA Center for Financing Reform & Innovation
- Webinar: [How can we improve our data quality? \(Community Conversations on Harm Reduction Data\)](#)
February 29, 1:00pm ET. NASTAD
- Webinar: [Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness \(Equity in Roadway Safety Webinar Series\)](#)
July 24, 1:00pm ET. Department of Transportation

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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