



August 2024 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

Back to School Resources

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SAMHSA

August is back to school time! Being ready for Back-to-School means more than backpacks, binders, and bus schedules. It also means supporting students experiencing housing instability, substance use, or serious mental illness. SAMHSA works daily to promote health and wellness, including recognizing the impacts that homelessness and other adverse childhood experiences can have on students.

Learn more about supporting students:

- SAMHSA Fact Sheet: [Social Media, Online Safety, and Youth Mental Health Fact Sheet](#)
- SAMHSA Blog: [Back to School and Mental Health: Supporting Our Children for a Successful Year Ahead](#)
- HHRC Article: [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)
- Webinar: [Understanding Doubled-Up](#)
- Webinar: [McKinney-Vento 101: Understanding the Rights of Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)
- Webinar: [Reducing Youth Substance Misuse by Implementing Mental Health Initiatives](#)

Resource Preview!

Webinar with SAMHSA's Office of Recovery

September 12, 1:00-2:00pm Eastern Time
(10:00am-11:00am Pacific Time)

Join Jen Elder, HHRC Director, at the upcoming “Celebrating Recovery Residences in Recovery Month” webinar hosted by SAMHSA’s Office of Recovery. She’ll present information about a forthcoming HHRC issue brief, *Recovery Housing: Expanding Access and Supporting Choice*.



This webinar will define recovery housing, clarify the different housing types, and identify who it serves. Panelists include experts who operate recovery residences and have lived experience in recovery. The webinar will also explain how recovery housing can be an important resource within the homeless response system.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Partner Resources

Funding Opportunities

HUD: Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds

The Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBUILDS) NOFO targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCBUILDS awards under the CoC Program. Funding of approximately \$175,000,000 is available and HUD expects to make approximately 25 awards.

Applications are due November 21, 2024. [Learn more and apply.](#)

New Releases

NLIHC: Four New Tenant Protection Toolkits

NLIHC’s State and Local Innovation project released a [set of toolkits](#) highlighting four key tenant protections: just cause eviction laws, rent stabilization policies, code enforcement procedures and habitability standards, and measures limiting rental junk fees. Each toolkit overviews a major tenant protection, details its common components, summarizes state and local examples of the protection, and highlights complementary policies.

Health x Housing Lab: Speakers Bureau and Peer Network

The Health x Housing Lab has launched its [Speakers Bureau and Peer Network](#), a group of ten members with experience navigating homelessness and expertise on critical issues at the intersection of health and housing. The Speakers Bureau and Peer Network will serve as a resource for researchers, healthcare professionals, journalists, and policymakers seeking to understand and improve systems of care for those experiencing homelessness. The group has

subject matter expertise in many areas, including mental health crisis response, incarceration, and the impact of homelessness on families, young people, and older adults.

USICH: Older Adults and Homelessness: How Continuums of Care and Area Agencies on Aging Can Collaborate

The fastest-growing group of people experiencing homelessness in the United States are those aged 50 and older. Unless our nation's systems to prevent and respond to homelessness become "aging-capable"—meaning they reliably provide effective support tailored for older adults—we can expect that number to triple by 2030. In [this blog](#), USAging's CEO writes about how we can work together to stop the rise in homelessness among older adults.

SAMHSA SOAR TA Center: SOAR Integration in Continuums of Care (CoCs)

CoC programs are pivotal in addressing homelessness and housing instability across communities and states. Including Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) in local CoC planning and projects is a viable strategy for connecting individuals to long-term stable income and improving CoC system performance. This [article](#) provides examples from CoCs nationwide who have included SOAR in their local homeless response systems.

SAMHSA LGBTQ+ Center of Excellence: Minority Stress & Copings for LGBTQ+ Adolescent Health

This [tool](#) provides concrete conversation starters to help clinicians explore various minority stressors with LGBTQ+ adolescents. The strategies are pulled from [Proud & Empowered](#), an evidence-informed support intervention for LGBTQ+ youth.

Partner Webinars

- Webinar: [Behavioral Treatments for Alcohol Use Disorder: Using Harm Reduction as a Path Forward](#)
August 22, 1:00pm ET. National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- Webinar: [What Now: Xylazine in the Age of Opioid Use Disorder](#)
August 27, 1:00pm ET. National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- Webinar: [The FY24/25 NOFO: Creating a Roadmap to an Effective, Efficient & Equitable Homeless Response System](#)
August 28, 12:00pm ET. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Webinar: [2024 VAWA and Survivor Housing Community Conversations: Informed Consent and System Access](#)
August 29, 1:00pm ET. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Webinar: [Equity in Roadway Safety Webinar Series: Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)
September 4, 1:00pm ET. U.S. Department of Transportation
- Webinar: [Introduction to Diversifying Funding & Grant Writing for Peer-Run Organizations](#)
September 11, 11:00am ET. SAMHSA Mental Health Technology Transfer Center
- Webinar: [The Role of Legal Assistance in Enhancing Housing Stability](#)
September 12, 3:00pm ET. Administration for Community Living

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