



March 2026 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

Celebrating National Social Work Month



Every March, we highlight and celebrate social workers. This year's theme, "[Uplift. Defend. Transform.](#)," honors the prime mission of the Social Work profession – to enhance human well-being, empower vulnerable people, and meet the basic needs of all.

HHRC strives to support social workers by providing free, easily accessible training and resources. On our [website](#), you can learn more about substance use and serious mental illness, identify strategies to combat compassion fatigue and burnout among supervisees, assess your Motivational Interviewing skills, and more!



Guide to Resource Mapping and Assessing Community Needs

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INTRODUCTION: Resource mapping and assessing community needs are essential for organizations aiming to build a comprehensive system of care for people experiencing homelessness. Analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data enables these organizations to better understand the community's needs and identify service gaps. By leveraging data sources and engaging in strategic partnerships, organizations can work toward building a more robust and supportive system of care.

What Is Resource Mapping?

Resource mapping is an activity your organization and partners can engage in to identify existing resources and funding streams and to map out what additional support is needed to build a whole-person system of care. The necessary collaborative partners will vary and may change over time based on the goals and the focus organizations you intend to serve. Collaboration is vital because it is unlikely that a single organization will offer every service that people experiencing homelessness need.

Resource Rewind

A rich, well-rounded community of partnerships is a key tool in every social worker's toolbox. HHRC's [Guide to Resource Mapping and Assessing Community Needs](#) helps organizations assess service gaps and identify key partnerships to ensure those needs are met.

HHRC Job Board

Is your agency currently hiring for a position serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness? Are you looking for your next role? We invite agencies to submit open job listings for advertising on the HHRC website!

Positions **must relate** to supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have SMI, SUD, or COD. HHRC staff will review incoming listings for appropriateness and contact agencies with any questions.

HHRC does not charge fees to advertise or view job listings.

[View and Submit Open Roles](#)

Partner Resources

Expanding Behavioral Health Teams in Care Deserts With Community Health Workers and Peer Support Specialists

SAMHSA

This [SAMHSA advisory](#) explores innovative, community-driven solutions to close these gaps and improve access to life-saving behavioral health services by adding more community health workers and peer support specialists.

The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes

National Low Income Housing Coalition

This [annual report](#) assesses the affordability and availability of rental housing across income groups, provides data on the prevalence of housing cost burden, and examines characteristics of extremely low-income households to help readers understand who is most affected by the national shortage of affordable, available rental homes.

Removing Barriers, Building Futures: Data-Informed Policies to Support College Students Experiencing Homelessness

SchoolHouse Connection

This [policy brief](#) analyzes data from the Trellis Strategies Fall [2024 Student Financial Wellness Survey](#) to examine the impact of homelessness on college students.

Key Concepts and Resource List, Doors to Housing for Older Adults

US Aging

This [resource guide](#) provides a starting place for the local leaders addressing the needs of older adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness: Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and homeless Continuums of Care (CoCs). Readers can learn about each system, ways to partner, and options to address homelessness among older adults.

Integrating Substance Use Disorder Services into Primary Care: Spotlight on Kentucky

National Academy for State Health Policy

This [blog post](#) from the National Academy for State Health Policy describes how Kentucky is integrating SUD services into primary care by embedding peer support specialists, expanding provider training, and using flexible funding to build a practical, stigma-reducing model for delivering evidence-based addiction care.

Partner Events

- [Webinar](#): Trusted Messengers: Faith Community Partnerships to Strengthen the 988 Crisis System
March 31, 2:00pm ET. SAMHSA 988 Crisis Systems Response TTA Center
- [Webinar](#): Flipping the Script: A Teach-In for Healthcare Workers on Youth Homelessness
April 14, 11:30am ET. NYU Health x Housing Lab and The Health and Housing Consortium
- [Webinar](#): How Trauma Impacts SUD and Subsequent Treatment Efforts
April 16, 11:30am ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center
- [Webinar](#): DV Beds: Empowering Advocates with Real-Time Shelter Availability
April 16, 3:00pm ET. National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- [Webinar](#): No Address on the Chart: Hospital Experiences of Patients Without Housing and the Teams Who Care for Them
April 29, 3:00pm ET. National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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