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In honor of Homelessness Awareness week, I wish to thank each of you for all that you do.

I will be away from the office the week of November 21-25 for vacation and the holiday. Enjoy the holiday - Jonda



The COHHIO staff wishes you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Our office will be closed November 24 & 25 so that we can spend time with our families.

Save The Date January 11, 2012

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCO) Transitional Housing Program providers should plan to attend a webinar on January 11, 2012 from 10 a.m. to Noon. This webinar will discuss an analysis of transitional housing programs that will be completed in preparation for HEARTH. All BOSCO transitional housing programs funded by federal, state (including those programs funded under Supportive Housing), and/or local private/public monies should plan to attend this webinar. To register for this webinar, go to:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/676288954>

Questions can be directed to Erica Mulryan, the Continuum of Care Coordinator, at ericamulryan@cohhio.org

FY12 HUD Funding Bill Released. Congress has finalized the FY12 HUD funding bill. The budget includes \$1.901 billion for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants – including \$250 million for the Emergency Solutions Program; \$18.91 billion for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; \$9.3 billion for Project-Based Rental Assistance; \$75 million for new HUD-VASH; \$2.95 billion for Community Development Block Grants; \$3.96 for Public Housing Operating Fund; \$1.88 billion for Public Housing Capital Fund; \$1 billion for the HOME program.



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Upcoming Trainings

HUD has announced the next several **Ready, SET, Go!** webinar topics.

- November 22 – Overview of ConPlan/Preparation of Substantial Amendments
- November 29 – ESG Eligible Activities
- December 6 – Using IDIS Online for ESG
- December 13 – Determining and Documenting Homeless and At-Risk Status, Income, and Disability (for ESG, SHP and S+C)
- TBD – ESG General Administrative and Program Requirements

You can register for the trainings at the HUDHRE calendar at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewCalendar>. Also if you have missed a Ready, SET, Go! Webinar and would like to view it now, you can see the archives and/or the presentation slides at <http://www.hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewReadySETGo>

National Alliance to End Homelessness plans a training on November 29th from 1-2:30 p.m. on the new ESG rules and lessons learned from HPRP that can be applied to the new ESG program. To register for the webinar, go to:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/169707802>

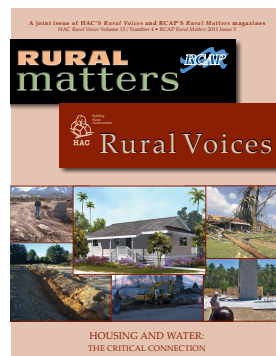
Rural Assistance Center is presenting The Affordable Care Act: An update from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services on December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. (EST). This webinar will focus on the effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on rural areas. To register for the training, please go to:

<http://www.raconline.org/contact/register.php>



Housing Assistance Council has released their Fall 2011 *Rural Voices & Rural Matters*. This joint issue discusses the critical connection between housing and water including – bringing infrastructure to affordable housing projects; housing water projects; infrastructure challenges; keeping water flowing in Rural America; and much more. To read this issue, go to:

<http://www.ruralhome.org/storage/documents/rvfall2011.pdf>





***COHHIO's
Mission Statement***

COHHIO is a statewide advocacy group and service providers network dedicated to ending homelessness and ensuring that all Ohioans have decent, safe, fair, affordable housing, especially those with low-income and special needs.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), with its Customer Advisory Panels, has joined AARP Ohio to host five, free "**Managing your Utility Bills**" workshops throughout the state.

The presentations will include information about issues, such as:

- * Utility affordability and factors affecting bill increases
- * Payment assistance programs & options to avoid loss of services
- * Understanding electric and natural gas choice programs
- * Different conservation programs
- * How to network and find grass-roots advocacy opportunities

Workshops are scheduled, as follows

- * Findlay - Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
OSU Extension - Hancock County
7868 County Rd. 140, Suite B
Findlay, OH 45840
- * Fairview Park - Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Fairview Park Senior Center
21220 Lorain Rd.
Fairview, Park OH 44126
- * Columbus - Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Martin Janis Senior Center
600 E. 11th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211
- * Athens - Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Athens Community Center
701 E. State Street
Athens, OH 45701
- * Cincinnati - Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011 - 9:30 a.m. - Noon
Cincinnati-Hamilton County
Community Action Agency
1740 Langdon Farm Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45237

Seating is limited for each event. To register, please call AARP-Ohio toll-free, 877-926-8300.



**GuideStar November 2011:
Food and Shelter
Campaign**

GuideStar's November campaign can assist those who serve the homeless and the hungry by joining the GreatNonprofits Food and Shelter Campaign. Any food or shelter nonprofit that gathers ten or more positive reviews by December 7th will qualify as a top-rated food and shelter nonprofit. A positive review could reach thousands of grantmakers once it's posted to the organization's GuideStar profile. The reviews will show up on both GuideStar and GreatNonprofits. To write a nonprofit review, search GuideStar's database for the organization you want to review, click the Write a Review, and fill in and submit the review form. Employees of the organization are not eligible to complete a review - however volunteers, board members and those that have benefitted from your services can... To get started on a review, go to: <http://greatnonprofits.org/issues/food-and-shelter-2011>

HUD Announces Section 202 & Section 811 Grantees

Once again, Ohio did a wonderful job at securing Section 202 and Section 811 Grants for the development of affordable housing. These grants will help non-profit organization develop affordable housing, offer rental assistance, and provide supportive services. Section 202 funds senior housing, while Section 811 funds housing for persons with disabilities. Congratulations to the following organizations that received funding:

- The Salvation Army, A New York Corporation – Section 202 for 96 units in Cincinnati (Hamilton).
- Over-The-Rhine Community Housing – Section 202 for 15 units in Cincinnati (Hamilton).
- St. Mary Development Corporation – Section 202 for 40 units in Dayton (Montgomery).
- Trumbull Housing Development Corporation & Paragon Residential Solutions Corporation – Section 202 for 34 units in Hubbard (Trumbull).
- Cleveland Housing Network, Inc. – Section 202 for 38 units in Maple Heights (Cuyahoga).
- Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc. – Section 202 for 32 units in Whitehall (Franklin)
- Housing Service Alliance & Residential Administrators, Inc. – Section 811 for 13 units in Bellefontaine (Logan).
- Luther Home of Mercy – Section 811 – 12 units in Toledo (Lucas)
- Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Inc. – Section 811 – 8 units in Fulton County and 4 units in Henry County

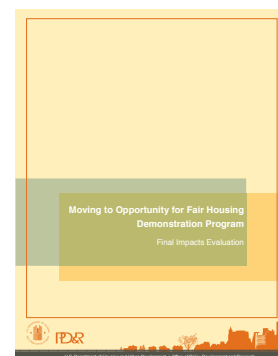
Congratulations



Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing Demonstration Program – Final Impacts

Evaluation report was released. This report presents the long-term impact of the Moving to Opportunity project, which tested whether offering housing vouchers to families living in public housing projects could improve their lives. To read the report, go to:

http://www.huduser.org/publications/pdf/MTOFHD_fullreport.pdf





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In The News

- You Tube – November 16 Homeless in Ohio – press conference on budget issues affecting programs that help the homeless
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZzn2EEnxuQ>
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lBBt8ikq-M&feature=player_embedded
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ojuIbH8TsU&feature=player_embedded#!
- Advocates predict Ohio homelessness will worsen - <http://www.wyso.org/post/advocates-predict-ohio-homelessness-will-worsen>
- Homeless shelter in Ironton closed until further notice - http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/City_Welfare_Missions_Overnight_Homeless_Shelter_In_Ironton_Closed_Until_Further_Notice_133652223.html
- Walk meant to raise funds, awareness for homeless vets - <http://www.chillicothe Gazette.com/article/20111113/NEWS01/111130303/Walk-meant-raise-funds-awareness-homeless-vets>
- Ohio State students give the homeless an identity in 'The Naming Project' - <http://www.thelantern.com/multimedia/ohio-state-students-give-the-homeless-an-identity-in-the-naming-project-1.2698089#.TsUTf81uB8Y>
- Dominion donates \$50,000 to aid Ohio homeless veterans - <http://www.istockanalyst.com/business/news/5536124/dominion-donates-50-000-to-aid-ohio-homeless-veterans>
- Chapman Learning Community updates homeless shelter - http://www.bgnews.com/campus/chapman-learning-community-updates-homeless-shelter/article_38c96680-1010-11e1-b1ee-001cc4c002e0.html
- Poor and homeless invited to dinner today - <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20111116/NEWS01/111160302/Poor-homeless-invited-dinner-today>
- UD students promote homeless awareness week - http://fox.daytonnewsroom.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wkef_vid_3826.shtml?wap=0
- OSU College of Optometry aids homeless - <http://optometry.osu.edu/futurestudents/video/?v=7>
- NBA players support homeless - <http://www.daytondailynews.com/dayton-sports/nba-players-support-homeless-1285300.html>
- Students, supporters go homeless for a night - <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20111114/NEWS01/111140306/Students-supporters-go-homeless-night>
- Shawnee State University recognizes Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week - <http://www.shawnee.edu/off/com/nr/11.10.11.02.html>
- 20th-annual Home Run for the Homeless on Thanksgiving morning - <http://www.thesuburbanite.com/lifestyle/calendar/x1691082216/20th-annual-Home-Run-for-the-Homeless-on-Thanksgiving-morning>
- Federal program to help local homes stay out of foreclosure - <http://www.wlwt.com/money/29766272/detail.html>

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