

COHHIO Updates

Your Help is Needed...

COHHIO is advocating with the Governor's Office regarding Lifting the Cap on the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Given the current economic status, there would be no new funds available by lifting the cap however, once the real estate market turns around – we hope that additional funds would be available. To make our case with the Governor, we would like to know what increases in homeless services requests that you are seeing at your agency. If you have compiled your statistics from 2008, we would appreciate seeing how many more persons you served in 2008 as compared to 2007. Please send that information to me at jondaclemings@cohhio.org

Training Updates

2009 Lunch and Learn Series Case Management for Supportive Housing January 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- To watch the training, please register your seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/304159706>
- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on January 15th by 1:00 p.m. and enter conference code 9794328

The first session in this series is entitled the **Role of Case Manager & Who is Homeless**. This session will give an overview of the lunch and learn series, discuss who is homeless per HUD's definition and review the role of a case manager working with individuals and families that are homeless or previously homeless.

The **National Alliance to End Homelessness' 2009 National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness** will be February 12 & 13 in San Diego, CA. Registration will close on January 26, 2009 in order to receive the regular registration rate of \$400. See their website at www.naeh.org

Legislative Updates

Both the State and Federal Legislators are back in session this week. Just a reminder, it is a good time to contact your legislators and introduce them to your programs if they are new or remind them about all the good work you do.

Funding Opportunities

Department of Justice announced that it plans to release solicitations for grants under the Second Chance Act early this year. The legislation authorizes grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide supportive services to help reduce the rate of re-offending and probation and parole violations. The Council of State Governments Justice Cent has created a fact sheet for Section 101 (for local/state governments) and Section 211 (nonprofit organizations) go to their website at www.justicecenter.csg.org

New Reports

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation, & United States Department of Labor have released a new report "Mentoring Formerly Incarcerated Adults: Insights From the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative" – report can be found at

http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/pubhub_item.jhtml?id=fdc72700008