



# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

**CAM** (313) 305-0311 **Hours:** M-F 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun Closed

## Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Office Hours

Starting Thursday, April 29 from 1-2:00pm



**With 503 Detroiters** pulled from the HP HCV waitlist in 2021, and more expected, MSHDA Agents with HAND, City of Detroit and CAM will be

providing “office hours” to give service providers working with consumers in the HCV process an opportunity to ask specific questions about clients, get clarification on next steps, etc. This is not an opportunity to talk about all clients on your caseload, but specifically clients who are having significant challenges obtaining their HCV.

Time is limited, so please plan to only have **one person from your agency attend** (preferably the HCV point of contact that has been identified).

The plan is to hold these sessions *monthly* starting April 29th. Please check with your agency for the calendar invite to the meeting. If you believe that you have not received one, please contact Catherine Distelrath [cdistelrath@swsol.org](mailto:cdistelrath@swsol.org).

*Note:* MSHDA has updated the ROI in order to discuss clients in this setting, please see attached. Please begin to use this [document](#) immediately.

## COVID-19 Assistance Resources

### Rent and Utility Assistance

FOR HIGHLAND PARK, HAMTRAMCK & DETROIT RESIDENTS

The COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program provides rental and utility assistance for residents who fell behind to COVID-19.

LEARN MORE:

Visit [bit.ly/MICERA](https://bit.ly/MICERA) or call **866-313-2520**



**COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)** funding is available for residents in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. Read more about eligibility requirements [here](#).

Residents needing rental or utility assistance can now apply [here](#). For assistance navigating the application, call **(866) 313-2520**.

### Protection under the CDC Eviction Moratorium in Michigan

Lakeshore Legal Aid, to help Michigan families potentially at risk of eviction, created a 2 ½ minute screencast to learn more about the protections under the CDC Eviction Moratorium.

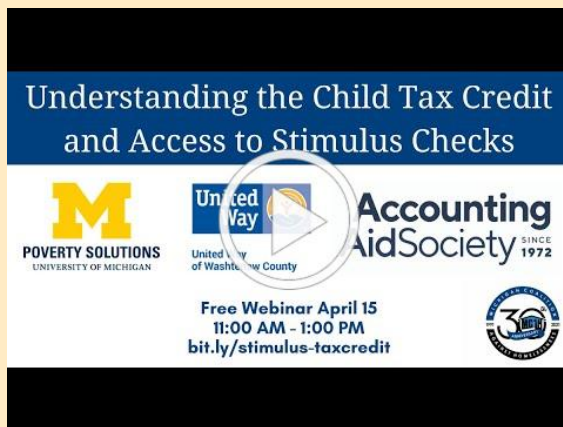
## COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

If you paid for funeral expenses after January 20, 2020, for an individual whose death may have been caused by or was likely the result of COVID-19 you can apply for up to \$9,000 for funeral assistance.

Start the application process by calling FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line at 844- 684-6333; TTY 800-462-7585, Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 9 PM ET. No online applications will be accepted. Multilingual services are available.

For more information please go to this [link](#)

## Stimulus Payment & Child Tax Credit



The University of Michigan, the Accounting Aid Society, and the United Way of Washtenaw County discussed accessing the expanded child tax credit and stimulus checks for individuals experiencing homelessness. *Click the image to access the webinar.*

View a pdf of free filing resources [here](#)

**Help families file their taxes.** Filing taxes makes them eligible for the most recent stimulus check (worth more than more than \$4,000 for a family of three) and a monthly, per child allowance of \$250-\$300 through December.

Clients without a bank account can use a prepaid debit card to have money sent directly. (Helpful for those without a stable address).

Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan has created a website to help with commonly asked questions. [Link](#)

\*If you haven't received a previous stimulus payment, you may be eligible for a [Recovery Rebate Credit](#). To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. Details are available [here](#).

## Those experiencing homelessness can get Economic Impact Payments and other tax benefits; permanent address not required

*People can claim an Economic Impact Payment or other credits even if they don't have a permanent address. For example, someone experiencing homelessness may list the address of a friend, relative or trusted service provider, such as a shelter, drop-in day center or transitional housing program, on the return filed with the IRS. If they are unable to choose direct deposit, a check or debit card for the tax refund and the third Economic Impact Payment can then be mailed to this address.*

Read more from the IRS [here](#)

# COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

## Detroit Vaccine Appointments

Detroit residents aged 16+ and those working onsite in the city are eligible for vaccines. To find the nearest vaccine location text your address to [313-217-3732](tel:313-217-3732) for a list.

To schedule an appointment, call [313-230-0505](tel:313-230-0505), Monday - Friday, from 9am - 6pm. Those with an appointment needing transportation to the TCF Center can call [313-230-0505](tel:313-230-0505)

**V** Vaccinations are just one piece of controlling the virus.

Using all the tools we have will help us get our friends and family back together sooner.



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<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-planning-and-distribution/>

## Talking About Vaccines

HUD issued [guidance](#) to homeless service providers about addressing clients' concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Click [here](#) for the Spanish version.

Access the CoC google drive for printable infographics explaining vaccine prioritization for frontline workers and those experiencing homelessness [here](#).

### COVID-19 Resources

- Detroit Continuum of Care - [link](#)
- Michigan - [link](#)
- MCTEH - [link](#)
- HUD - [link](#)

## Masks for Staff & Clients

Through generous donations from Joel Drazin and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), HAND has masks available for staff and clients of **homeless programs**.

Please complete this [form](#) to request masks and we will contact you to schedule a pickup day and time.

## Upcoming Conferences & Webinars

**STAY WELL**  
Michigan.gov/StayWell

**Uplifting Direct Care Workers**  
Friday, April 30 | 12PM-1PM

Join Erin Wallace, CDP, Outreach Specialist and the Michigan Stay Well grant team for a free webinar designed for those who work with individuals in homeless services. You will learn:

- How to recognize and address normal

**CSH**

**Supportive Housing  
Property Management:  
Working with Supportive  
Housing Tenants**

April 22 & April 29 | 2PM-3:30PM

- symptoms of emotional distress,
- What is burnout, compassion fatigue, and how to reduce these symptoms,
- How to get free, confidential emotional support from trained crisis counselors,
- Where to find helpful brochures, videos, and other support services.

Register [here](#)

This two-part training gives a variety of approaches to help providers work with supportive housing residents who have unique challenges. The facilitators also focus on maintaining operations, effective communication, and necessary changes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).

View more upcoming CSH webinars [here](#).

## 2021 Building Michigan Communities Virtual Conference (BMCC)

May 4-5, 2021

"Because housing is a cornerstone of thriving communities, the BMCC attracts a wide range of attendees from elected officials and staff to housing service providers – for those across the housing continuum."

View the agenda [here](#)

Register [here](#)

## NOW HIRING

### Administrative Assistant

HAND is seeking an administrative assistant to start *as soon as possible*. More details are available [here](#).

**HAND** is hiring multiple positions for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program. Click [here](#) to learn more.

### HMIS Manager

HAND is accepting applications for the position of HMIS Manager. The HMIS Manager is charged with leveraging the history and chartering a more innovative future based on data. The ideal candidate is data-driven, strategic, and a fierce proponent of preventing and ending homelessness. Full description [here](#)

The City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Street Outreach and Data Input Specialist - [Apply here](#)
- Housing and Emergency Services Manager - [Apply here](#)
- Precariously Housed Case Manager - [Apply Here](#)

## Resources & Information

### Social Security & Supplemental Income

If you are aware of someone who is in a dire need situation, and has been unable to contact his or her local Social Security office, contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at **312-575-4050** or [chi.rpa@ssa.gov](mailto:chi.rpa@ssa.gov)

Access DWIHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues

### Legislative Action Committee

Join MCAH's [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding. Meetings are the first Monday of the Month from 12pm-1pm. You can register for May's [here](#). View previous [meetings](#)

- State ID Fee Waiver - [link](#)
- Birth Certificate Fee Waiver - [link](#)

Additional resources are available on



[\(800\) 241-4949](tel:(800)241-4949)

Take a Self Mental Health Screening [here](#)

## CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinars

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The Detroit CoC biweekly webinars provide important community and stakeholder updates, resources and guidance, problem solving, and coordination.

- Register for upcoming webinars [here](#).
- Access past and future webinar materials [here](#).
- Sign up to receive monthly situation reports [here](#).



To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-related information for the upcoming newsletter click [here](#) to access a submission form.

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