



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

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

Funding Opportunity for New Continuum of Care Programming for FY2021



The Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) will

be holding an informational webinar on **Wednesday, May 19, at 9:30 am** for agencies interested in applying for new Continuum of Care (CoC) project funding. Agencies interested in applying for new Continuum of Care (CoC) funding are strongly encouraged to attend this webinar. A recording of this webinar, along with additional application materials will be posted to HAND's [website](#).

Registration for this webinar is [here](#).

The CoC will be considering applications for new project funding for the following types of projects: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only (CE-SSO).

The CoC will also consider applications for new RRH projects specifically targeted to persons fleeing Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking. More information on these opportunities will be available in the coming days and will be posted to HAND's [website](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Amanda Sternberg at amanda@handetroit.org.

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Office Hours



Homeless Preference HCV meetings with MSHA Housing agents will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00pm-2:30pm via zoom. These meetings are to give service providers working with consumers in the HCV process an opportunity to ask specific questions, get clarification on next steps, and information for clients having significant challenges obtaining their HCV.

As time is limited, please plan to only have **one person from your agency attend**. Providers needing an invite can get the link from Jasmine Morgan, jasmine@handetroit.org.

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

COVID-19 Assistance Resources

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) funding is available for residents in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. Read more about eligibility requirements [here](#) & 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, has created a 2 ½ minute screencast to learn more about the protections under the CDC Eviction Moratorium.

You can view the video [here](#)

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

Accessing the Child Tax Credit

- Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan has created a website to help with accessing child tax credit [here](#) and the stimulus [here](#).
- For those experiencing homelessness, you learn how to access the expanded child tax credit and stimulus payment [here](#).
- Read more from the IRS about receiving receiving stimulus payment while homeless [here](#).
- View a pdf of free filing resources [here](#).
- **The filing deadline is May 17.**

*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](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Good Neighbor Program

The City of Detroit recently announced a new program to help people access vaccination sites. Those who transport a person to a site receive a \$50 pre-paid card. In order to qualify as a "Good Neighbor" you have to register and schedule an appointment. Call **313-230-0505** to schedule.

More information [here](#)



**Get \$50
to save a life.**

**Get your neighbors
vaccinated.**

Register as a Good Neighbor,
Call 313.230.0505



Detroit Vaccine Appointments

Detroit residents aged 16+ and those working onsite in the city are eligible for vaccines. Now, walk-ins are welcome at every site. 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)

More information available [here](#)

Talking About Vaccines

HUD issued [guidance](#) to homeless service providers to address clients' concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Access the CoC google drive for printable infographics [here](#).

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 Webinars & Trainings

4th Annual HIV & Housing Summit



June 3, 2021
9:00am - 4:00pm

The 4th Annual HIV & Housing Summit brings together Ryan White and housing/homeless service providers, as well as other interested participants, to focus on housing issues for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). This event prioritizes the impact of housing on an individual's ability to achieve and sustain positive health outcomes. Workshop topics are targeted to both housing case workers and HIV service workers, in an effort to build shared knowledge and provide opportunities for networking and relationship building.

Register [here](#)

Neurobiology of Trauma

Friday, May 7 | 1:00-2:30pm

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Presented by Hosted by

This training is aimed at Homeless Service Providers who are administering the VI-SPDAT, but all are welcome. The goal of this training is that the surveyor understands the causes and effects of trauma and how to best work with an individual experiencing homelessness through this lens to avoid retraumatization and remain client-centered.

Register [here](#)

NOW HIRING

Administrative Assistant

HAND is seeking an administrative assistant to start *as soon as possible*. More details are

HMIS Manager

HAND is accepting applications for the position of HMIS Manager. The HMIS

available [here](#).

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

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:

- Program Analyst - Detroit is looking for two Program Analysts to join their team. Positions are for approximately a year. Please see job description ([link](#)) for more details.
- Interested candidates should email linznert@detroitmi.gov, subject line: PA II Candidate

Central City Integrated Health is seeking a Homeless Outreach Treatment Case Manager

- Read the full description [here](#) and call 313-831-3160 for more information

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



Access DWIHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues [\(800\) 241-4949](tel:(800)241-4949)

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

Legislative Action Committee

Join MCAH's [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding.

Register for June's [here](#).



To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-

related information for the upcoming newsletter click [here](#) to access a submission form.

CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinar Date Change

The Detroit CoC-Wide COVID-19 webinars are moving from biweekly to monthly. These webinars provide important community and stakeholder updates, resources and guidance, problem solving, and coordination.

- Register for upcoming webinars [here](#).
- Access webinar materials [here](#).
- Sign up to receive monthly situation reports [here](#).
- View recordings of past webinars [here](#).
- Access the CoC's COVID-19 page [here](#).

More COVID-19 Resources

- Michigan - [link](#)
- MCTEH - [link](#)
- HUD - [link](#)

Visit HAND's Website