

# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the Detroit Continuum of Care

CAM (313) 305-0311 Hours: M-F 9:00am - 6:00pm, Sat 10:00am-3:00pm, Sun Closed

#### 2021 HIC & PIT Reports Available

The most recent Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) reports are now available on HAND's website *here*.

# Upcoming Webinars & Trainings



### Affirming LGBTQ+ Tenants in Supportive Housing

Thursday, June 17, 2021 | 2pm-3:30pm

Working with LGBTQ+ supportive housing tenants requires a nuance of specific approaches and expertise, including awareness around gender identity and sexuality, understanding of the challenges faced, and inclusive environments and support. After this webinar, you will understand these core concepts, how to create inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ people, and how to effectively support these tenants to thrive in supportive housing.

Register <u>here</u>



Maximizing Homelessness Resources with **Progressive Engagement** 

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 | 2pm-3:30pm

COVID-19 Assistance Resources

#### COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)

Rental and Utility Assistance 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. Landlords can also apply.

# Stimulus Payment & Child Tax Credit

- You can help those experiencing homelessness access the expanded child tax credit and stimulus payment here.
- View a pdf of free filing resources <u>here</u>.
- Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan created a website to help with accessing child tax credit <u>here</u> and the stimulus <u>here</u>.
- \*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

This webinar will provide an overview of the progressive engagement approach. Progressive engagement allows communities and programs to use homelessness resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. It ensures households who can get by with lighter-touch interventions receive them so that the most expensive and intensive interventions are available for households who cannot exit homelessness without them.

Register here



### Reaching Americans Experiencing Homelessness: Economic Impact Payment [EIP] and IRS Free File

Thursday, Jun 10, 2021 | 3:00-4:30 PM

People experiencing homelessness often lack a permanent address and a bank account, which makes it difficult for them to receive the payments the main ways the government sends them: through the mail and by direct deposit.

Fortunately, it's not too late to help people experiencing homelessness claim their payments. They can still get a "Recovery Rebate Credit."

Participants will learn:

- How to help people experiencing homelessness access their EIPs;
- How to become a "trusted IRS partner" to receive rebate checks on behalf of people experiencing homelessness;
- How to navigate the <u>FreeFile</u> program to help clients file a 2020 Tax Return; and
- How to access the most up-to-date information regarding Economic Impact Payments.

Register **here** 

USICH FAQ on Stimulus payments - link

here.

#### **Funeral Assistance**

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

Start the process by calling FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line at **844-684-633**; TTY 800-462-7585, Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 9 PM ET. No online applications accepted. Multilingual services available.

For more information please go to this *link* 

Funding
Opportunity for
New CoC
Programming for
FY2021

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is accepting applications for new project funding in the upcoming FY2021 competition. The full RFP and application forms along with the webinars are posted to HAND's website here.

New project applications are due by 12:00 PM on June 25, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Sternberg at amanda@handetroit.org.

## CoC Provider Spotlight

Sonya Gregory: 20 Years of CoC Service with Travelers Aid Society



"As a valued member of our team, TASMD wants to take this opportunity to thank you for 20 years of hard work and dedication. Throughout the years we have had the opportunity to work with many people, however, you stand out as an employee who has never wavered in your commitment to excellence. Employees like you make work all the more rewarding and enjoyable. Again, thank you for all you do as part of Travelers Aid Society and Continuum of Care.

Happy Anniversary."

If there's a special person working in the Detroit CoC you want to spotlight, contact <u>kimberly@handetroit.org</u> with the subject line: "Provider Spotlight".

### Vaccine & Mask Resources

#### **Vaccines**

Detroit residents aged 12+\* and those who work onsite in the city are eligible for free vaccines. Walk-ins are welcome at every location. To find the nearest vaccine location text your address to 313-217-3732. To schedule an appointment, call 313-230-0505, Monday - Friday, from 9AM - 6PM. Those 18+ need some form of ID to qualify.

Those with an appointment needing transportation can call **313-230-0505**. Those who transport a person to a vaccine site will receive a \$50 pre-paid card. To register, call **313-230-0505** and schedule an appointment.

DHD has a helpline for questions regarding the vaccine **313-876-4000**.

More information here.

Those outside of Detroit can find COVID vaccine locations using this <u>site</u>.

\*Ages 12-17 are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine and must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Updated CDC Mask Guidance

Recently, the CDC issued new mask guidance. Those who are fully vaccinated, in many situations, no longer have to wear face masks indoors or outdoors. However, those partially vaccinated, unvaccinated, or immunocompromised, must still wear masks. To find out more about these changes, click this *link*.

#### Masks for Staff & Clients



HAND has masks available for clients and staff in homeless services-related programs. Please complete this *form* to request masks

and we will contact you to schedule a pickup day and time.

### NOW HIRING

#### CAM is hiring!

We are currently searching for an **Eligibility Specialist** who will be responsible for interviewing individuals and families seeking shelter and housing resources. The position will identify, assess, and complete initial screening, intake and



data entry for individuals and families in order to make the appropriate referrals to community resources, as well as assist with housing applications and collection of vital documents, when necessary.

You can learn more and apply here.

# The City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department

HRD is accepting applications for the following:

- Program Analyst positions are for approximately one year. Please see job description -<u>link</u> for more details.
- Interested candidates should email <u>linznert@detroitmi.gov</u>, subject line: PA II Candidate

# Central City Integrated Health

The Case Manager accomplishes treatment needs by developing, monitoring, and evaluating treatment plans and progress; facilitating interdisciplinary approaches and monitoring and addressing social determinants of health. Successful completion of an accredited Master's or Bachelor's Degree in Social Work program or other human services field. Experience working with patients exhibiting severe and persistent mental illness. Read the full description and apply here.

### **More Resources & Information**

### **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program**

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Click here to check your eligibility and to apply



Detroit-Wayne
Integrated Health
Network's (DWIHN)
24-Hour Helpline
(800) 241-4949

Take a Self Mental Health Screening here

State of Michigan <u>resources</u>

Legislative Action Committee

2021 Skills-Based Volunteer Program with [Michigan Community Resources] and General Motors

The goal of this Skills-Based Volunteer Program is to connect volunteers who will leverage their specialized skills, and talents with nonprofits to strengthen their infrastructure and help them successfully achieve their mission. If accepted, you will be paired with a volunteer from General Motors for up to three months.

Join MCAH's <u>Legislative Action</u>
<u>Committee (LAC)</u> for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding. Register for June's meeting <u>here</u>.

# 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 <a href="mailto:chi.rpa@ssa.gov">chi.rpa@ssa.gov</a>

Specialized skills offered through this program include:

- Finance
- IT
- Marketing
- Engineering
- Logistics & Purchasing
- Human Resources

Applications are open now and will be accepted through June 30, 2021.

**Apply Here** 

# Visit HAND's Website



To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-related information for the upcoming newsletter click <u>here</u> to access a submission form.

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