



On July 7 and July 8, the staff from Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will be hosting a webinar intended for homeless shelter staff.

These two webinars will take place July 7 at 11:00 and July 8 at 3:00. The topic is: **Protecting your Clients, Protecting Yourself: Increasing Your Knowledge of COVID -19 Transmission, Mitigation, and Control**

Please register for the date of your choice by visiting one of the two links provided below.

Please register for Homeless Shelter Staff and Client Education on Jul 7, 2020 11:00 AM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8120599665247934988>

or

Please register for Homeless Shelter Staff and Client Education on Jul 8, 2020 3:00 PM EDT at:

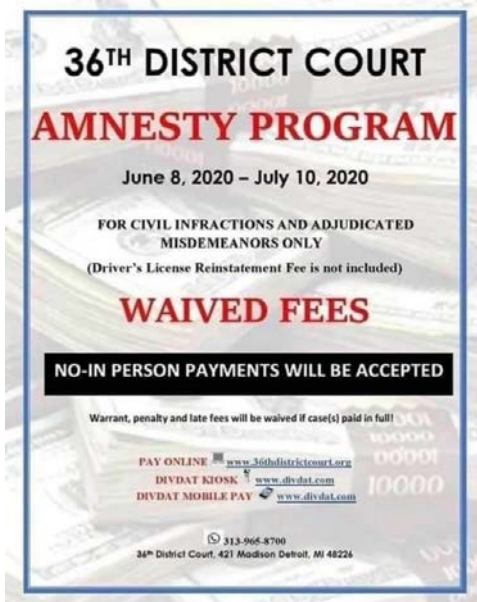
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2275271496060538636>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The 36th District Count Amnesty Program is scheduled for:

June 8, 2020 - July 10, 2020.

This program is for civil infractions and adjudicated misdemeanors ONLY. No-In



person payments will accepted, for additional information see flyer attached

Link in the attached to flyer

June 12, 2020 - In light of the on-going efforts to address COVID-19, the U.S. Census Bureau has announced they will conduct the count of people experiencing homelessness between September 22-24.



Area Census Offices will contact service-based locations in August and September to re-schedule the enumeration of facilities.

Link provided in photo on the right

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NEXT SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER(S):

JULY 15, 2020, JULY 29, 2020, AUGUST 12, 2020, AUGUST 26, 2020

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHERS CAN BE SENT FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW - Thanks**





Changes in CoC Communication

We have been working hard as a CoC to keep communication outlets strong during the pandemic. We want to continue to provide updates to everyone, but we also want to be mindful of not overwhelming everyone with too frequent of communications.

Due to the abatement of the immediate crisis of the pandemic, we have made the following adjustments to our communications:

- **We have decreased the frequency of our CoC-Wide Webinars to every other week.** The next meeting is scheduled for this Friday, August 7th.
 - We ask that staff from all programs in our Continuum attend – from street outreach to emergency shelter to our housing programs and everywhere in between. The content of the webinars will remain focused on the following:
 - Important community and stakeholder updates,
 - Resources and guidance,
 - Problem solving, and
 - Coordination
- **We have decreased the frequency of our emailed Situation Reports to once per month.** We are hoping to send the next report out during the 3rd week of August if we can get everything together in time.
 - We are also changing the formatting of these reports to incorporate a more robust focus on data.

If our community faces an increase in COVID-19 cases or the landscape changes, we may adjust the schedule up or down as needed. As we've said on many occasions before, we appreciate your flexibility and perseverance during these ever-changing times. We truly do.

You can access past and future webinar recordings, slides, and webinar materials by [clicking here](#).

You can register for the CoC-Wide webinars by [clicking here](#).

You can sign up to receive our monthly Situation Reports by [clicking here](#).

Lastly, the inter-agency communications planning group that was developed in response to COVID-19 and is comprised of staff from HAND, the City of Detroit, and CAM is continuing to meet and identify ways to improve and streamline communication efforts. Your feedback is always welcome! We've created this form where you can let us know

your thoughts at any time. The survey will remain open and will be regularly reviewed by our team. You can access the form by [clicking here](#).

Employment for People Experiencing Homelessness: What Providers Can Do Now



CAM and Detroit at Work are excited to host a free online training by Heartland Alliance on **Tuesday, August 11 from 3:00 - 4:30pm.**

The training is targeted toward housing/homelessness and workforce service providers and will focus on actionable steps providers can take right now to support homeless job seekers in obtaining employment.

Click this link to register for the training: [Training Registration Link](#)

This training kicks off a series of trainings focused on homelessness and employment - stay tuned for more details on future trainings!



While Social Security Administration offices are not providing service to walk-in visitors at this time due to COVID-19, SSA remains committed to providing ongoing benefits and vital services **online and by phone.**

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/>

Phone:

If you cannot handle your business through our automated services, you can speak to a Social Security representative by calling toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) between 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. Monday through Friday.

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Changes to the Equal Access Rule from the Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is proposing changes to the Equal Access rule which would harm transgender people experiencing homelessness.

The rule change would remove protections meant to ensure their ability to safely access shelter and other HUD funded programs.

The CoC and City are committed to protecting equal access for transgender people and we are asking and encouraging all providers in our CoC to submit a public comment in opposition to the proposal. You can find additional information as well as a portal to submit comments at www.housingsaveslives.org.

Please click the button below to see the Detroit CoC Board's stance on the proposed changes. If you'd like to edit this letter and utilize it in your public comments submission, an editable word document is also included below. The word version of the letter can be placed on your agency's letterhead and directly uploaded into the public comments portal.

Important:

Comments are due online before the September 22 deadline.

Post your public comments here: <https://beta.regulations.gov/document/HUD-2020-0047-0001>



Equal Access Letter (Word Doc)

Equal Access Letter.pdf



Next Day Appointments for State IDs

The Michigan Secretary of State is making available next day appointments for individuals needing in-person appointments to secure their state ID.

Appointments become available 24 hours in advance and are set between 8:00 am - 12:00 pm each weekday. You can book a next day or advance appointment [online](#).

Fee waivers are available for individuals experiencing literal homelessness if accompanied with the correct documentation.

Read more about the fee waiver at the MCAH [website](#) (scroll down to State IDs, Michigan Secretary of State Fee Waiver Program for important resources and information)

The State ID Taskforce is gathering information and best practices around document allocation during COVID-19 in order to build new reference documents for providers - help us understand how your community is responding by filling out our [online survey](#)



CoC 101 Training September 29th from 9am-11am

We want to extend an invitation for you to attend an information session that will explain how individuals experiencing homelessness in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park can get connected to supportive resources.

This session is intended to provide information on how the homeless response system functions and engages with the community.

Staff new to the CoC, those who need a refresher, newly funded agencies, or community partners interested in deeper collaboration are all encouraged to attend.

This session is being put together by the Detroit CoC's coordinated entry lead

– Coordinated Assessment Model (CAM), the Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND), The Detroit Department of Veteran Affairs, and the City of Detroit’s Homelessness Solutions team. While we would love to see you in person, the session will take place virtually due to the ongoing pandemic.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by RSVP’ing here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUofu2vqjIoGtbzH4NNQS0HMSpUpH7v-QAp>

HAND Job Postings

HAND is looking for data nerds and administrative geeks to join our team.

If that is you, please check out our HMIS System Administrator or Program Assistant employment opportunities. (linked below)

Apply no later than September 18th.

Please submit cover letter and resume as one PDF by to: Hand.employment@gmail.com.
Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



HMIS System Administrator - ESG

ESG Program Assistant

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Please see this message from our partner at the city about a new opportunity for expungement for Detroiters:

Project Clean Slate

Good afternoon!

We've just received news that the package of expungement bills that will **MORE THAN DOUBLE** the number of Detroiters eligible for expungement passed the Michigan State Senate this afternoon.

This isn't the last step in the process-there must be concurrence in the State House and the Governor needs to sign-but this is a major step forward for Project Clean Slate and our clients.

There is a six month implementation period and during that time we will be working tirelessly to spread the word to everyone who might be eligible. We are encouraging people to sign up **NOW** so that even if they aren't eligible today we can get them in our pipeline.

Signing up is easy-folks just need to visit our website at www.detroitmi.gov/projectcleanslate and fill out [this form](#). We hope you will help us spread the word.

After being shut down for a couple of months, our team is back to functioning at a pre-pandemic level and are on track to meet (or beat) the number of expungements we received last year. We'll be back in touch soon with more information on how this new legislation will impact Detroiters.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
Carrie Jones
Senior Advisor to Mayor Mike Duggan
313-224-6384 office
517-282-6241 cell





Online

The Michigan Department of Health & Human Services is providing MI Bridges training

for Access, Navigation and Referral partners.

Please see the link below:

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_82637_82640---.00.html



Michigan Homeless Awareness Month

Each year MCAH holds a poster contest for Michigan Homeless Awareness Month. It is open to all ages and abilities.

This years theme is "**HOME IS ESSENTIAL**" Help us raise awareness on Michigan homelessness and the amazing work being done by our homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Submitted posters must be based on this year's theme: "**Home is essential**"

- [2020 Poster Contest Rules and Entry Form](#) – due Oct. 7, 2020
- [Homeless Awareness Month](#) - website

All submissions must be emailed to Laurel Burchfield at lburchfield@mihomeless.org.

All entries must be received by **5:00 pm** on **Wednesday, October 7th**.



Homeless Awareness Month

November 2020



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New Training Around Supporting Homeless Job Seekers



CAM and Detroit at Work are pleased to announce additional trainings in partnership with Heartland Alliance focused on employment and homelessness. The goal of these trainings is to develop the capacity of the homeless services and public workforce systems to support homeless jobseekers, and to further partnership and collaboration between our systems.

Our next training will be:

"Using Clinical Methods to Support Employment Outcomes for Homeless Jobseekers"

Thursday, October 8 | 10-11:30am | [Register Here](#)

A number of interventions and techniques with origins in mental health and substance use treatment have been successfully adapted and applied in the context of employment. This training will discuss the ways in which employment service providers serving homeless jobseekers have found success in using clinical or therapeutic models. We will give an overview of the basics of the Stages of Change, Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Care, and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, and discuss how each can be applied in an employment service context—not in the treatment of a disorder or pathology, but as means to build confidence, mitigate barriers, and address ambivalence related to seeking and keeping employment.

Additional upcoming trainings include:

Systems Work Better Together: Enhancing Coordination Among Public Systems to Support Homeless Jobseekers

Thursday, October 29, 3-4:30pm,
[Register here](#)

Special Convening: Elevating the Voices of People with Lived Expertise

Tuesday, November 17, 10-11:30am
[Register Here](#)

Advancing Racial Equity in Employment Services and Outcomes

Tuesday, December 8, 3-4:30pm,
[Register here](#)

Point Source Youth Annual Symposium!

The 4th Annual National Symposium features two days of intersectional, community-driven programming. Sessions include:

- Taking Steps Towards Creating an Anti-Racist Organization

- Advocacy and Liberation: Prioritizing Indigenous Leadership in Ending the Youth Homelessness Crisis
- Host Homes During COVID-19
- Rapid Re-Housing During COVID-19
- Direct Cash Transfers 101
- Creating Trauma-Informed Organizations and Communities



Click below to explore the agenda and tweet at us with #PSYSymposium2020 to let us know what you're looking forward to most!

Explore the Agenda



HIV & Housing Virtual Summit Hosted by MDHHS

Registration is Now Available!

The MDHHS Division of Housing and Homeless Services, in conjunction with the Division of HIV and STD Programs, is offering a virtual HIV & Housing event on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020** from **9:30 am to 11:00 am**.

Log-in begins at 9:15 a.m.

This will be in lieu of the in-person 4th Annual HIV & Housing Summit originally scheduled for this date, which has been postponed to June 3, 2021.

This webinar will feature Dr. Keith Green, a native Chicagoan with strong community roots and an extensive history as an organizer, educator, researcher, and advocate. Dr. Green will present on resiliency and finding encouragement in the essential work that continues through these unprecedented times. We will also have presentations on the intersection of HIV and COVID-19, as well as our response from within!

If you work for a housing or homeless service provider, an HIV/AIDS service organization, or anywhere else... whether a direct service worker, a program and policy designer, or just in need of an engaging learning opportunity, we invite you to join us for this uplifting webinar as we all strive to continue serving residents all across Michigan!

Ready to Register?

You may register by clicking "**REGISTER**" here. After submitting your registration, an email will be sent with further instructions to reserve your seat in the Zoom online platform. Please watch your email box for these important instructions.

So, register NOW for this informative event!

We look forward to your attendance at the HIV & Housing Summit: Virtual Edition on Wednesday, November 4, 2020!



Job Openings: Community Solutions

We're hiring! Please see the link below for the

Senior Manager, Catalytic Projects and Data Solutions job descriptions.

Contact the hiring manager if you're interested in applying for this position.

Hiring Manager: Andi Broffman (abroffman@community.solutions)

Job Description: Senior Manager Catalytics

Job Description: Data Solutions Manager

Job Opening: City of Detroit

City of Detroit is accepting applications for the Housing Coordinator position.

All interested and qualified parties should apply on the City of Detroit website by searching for the position title or by following the link below.

Please feel free to share with your networks.

Thanks!

Housing Coordinator

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