



## New Hours for CAM



### New hours of operation effective October 10, 2020

- Mon-Fri: 9:00am-6:00pm
- Sat: 10:00am-3:00pm
- Sun: Closed

### Notes:

1) hours for COVID-specific line are still being determined, but will be communicated once finalized;

2) we will continue to monitor data and adjust hours and staffing as necessary, in particular for the COVID-specific phone line (ie. if there is a surge of COVID cases in coming weeks/months)

## Request for Proposals for Family Self-Sufficiency Services

Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Family Self-Sufficiency Services for SELECT COUNTIES ONLY - Shiawassee, Genesee, and Lapeer



MSHDA is looking for independent contractors to provide case management services for current and income Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants for program years 2021-2022 for select counties.

Please review attached and consider applying.

Note that the due date is **October 7, 2020**.

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](http://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



## MIBridges Community Partner Trainings Available 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](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](mailto:lburchfield@mihomeless.org).

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



## Homeless Awareness Month

November 2020

### 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**

## 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 leau of the in-person 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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#### **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](mailto:abroffman@community.solutions))

[Job Description: Senior Manager Catalytics](#)

[Job Description: Data Solutions Manager](#)

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#### **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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[Visit our Website](#)



## RFP for New or Expansion Projects

The Detroit Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to release a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for agencies interested in applying for new or expansion CoC funding. Agencies interested in applying should review the RFP carefully. Applications are due to HAND by 12:00 PM on January 8, 2021. Applications will be considered for the following types of projects:

- New or Expansion Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- New or Expansion Rapid Rehousing (RRH), including RRH targeted to persons fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking
- New or Expansion Coordinated Entry Supportive Services only (CE-SSO)

### Informational webinar

Prospective applicants are *strongly encouraged* to attend an informational webinar about the RFP from 2:00 – 4:00 PM on November 16. Registration for this webinar is [here](#).

Additional details on this RFP, and the application forms, made be found on HAND's website [here](#). For more information, please contact Amanda Sternberg at [amanda@handetroit.org](mailto:amanda@handetroit.org) or 313-969-1882.



### Detroit CoC Board Elections

The Detroit Continuum of Care **Board Elections** are coming up! They are taking place next *Tuesday 11/17* at 1:30pm at the CoC General Membership meeting. View the board candidates [here](#)

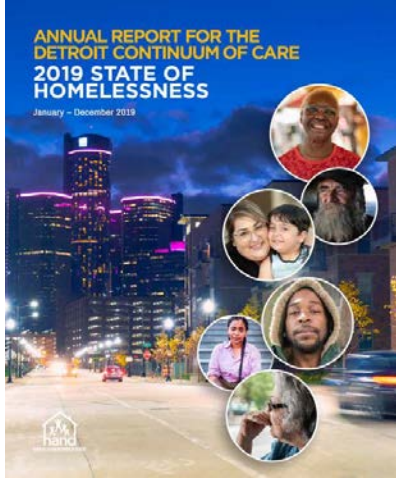
[REGISTER HERE](#)

## 2019 State of Homelessness Report

*Annual Report for the Detroit Continuum of Care*

*"Amidst challenges, we continue to make progress in the Detroit Continuum of Care (CoC) towards our vision" - Tasha Gray, HAND Executive Director*





Report Version 1

Report Version  
2\*

\* Same data, slightly different layout online\*

[Access Past Reports\\*](#)

Due to COVID-19, we had a delay in the publication of the 2019 annual report. Today we are proud to present the 2019 [State of Homelessness Report](#).

The report paints a picture of homelessness in our CoC and helps to inform our future decision-making as collaborative partners.

This vital document is a result of the hard work of HAND's staff, as well as our community contributors.

Comments and/or questions should be sent to [hmisinfo@handetroit.org](mailto:hmisinfo@handetroit.org)

## Special Convening:

*Elevating the Voices of People with Lived Expertise*

**Tuesday, November 17 10:00-11:30am**

[CAM Detroit](#) and [Detroit at Work](#) in partnership with [Heartland Alliance](#) are excited to host this convening featuring a panel of three Detroiters with lived expertise of homelessness who work for local nonprofit homeless services organizations. Based on their own experiences as working professionals, these experts will offer valuable insight into how the homeless services system and the public workforce system can better support people with lived expertise of homelessness as they seek to enter the workforce and advance their careers. This will include recommendations about how these systems can optimize their outreach, recruitment, hiring, management, training, promotions, and retention practices.

**REGISTER  
HERE**

## Detroit Voters' Registration Drive

In October, HAND held six registration drives at various drop-in centers and shelters to register people to vote. Through these efforts, over 100 people were registered to vote.

Check out this [link](#) to the Detroit Free Press Article, which provides more information about statewide efforts to register residents of shelter and homeless programs to vote.



## Pet Pantry



The Michigan Humane Society is offering free dog and cat food along with other pet supplies. Clients can return every two weeks. Clients are strongly encouraged to bring ID if they have it. No proof of income or others means testing required for pickup. Pets must be owned

The Pet Pantry Program serves 2,000+ households per month and have distributed nearly 1 million pounds of free pet food so far this year.

*\*Clients are **ineligible** for this program if they are breeding animals or solely feeding community cats/outdoor cats.*

[APPLY HERE](#)

## Pets for Life

The Michigan Humane Society offers a full range of free services including pet food, virtually all vet care, transportation to and from our clinic for client and pet, home deliveries of supplies/resources, any other animal needs (ex: paying pet deposit on apartment, repairing fence where dog is frequently escaping).

No limitations for this program.

We may consider others who are unsheltered or who reside outside of our target zip codes on a case by case basis. We can definitely include anyone unsheltered with a pet in this program.



*Limited to zip codes 48211 and 48202\*\**

*\*\*If you live in the zip code, you're automatically eligible.*

**Coming soon:** pet fostering and support programs for clients facing eviction

## More News and Resources

### Project Clean Slate

If you have not applied, you can sign up using the button below.

YOU may be eligible for a free expungement!

Due to COVID-19, the team will not be present in the Detroit at Work Centers but hope to resume in-person services soon after the Stay at Home Order is lifted.

Visit [www.detroitmi.gov/projectcleanslate](http://www.detroitmi.gov/projectcleanslate) for





more information.

If you have any questions, please contact [projectcleanslate@detroitmi.gov](mailto:projectcleanslate@detroitmi.gov), or call 313-237-3024 and leave a voicemail.

We hope you will help us spread the word."

[REGISTER HERE](#)

"New expungement legislation will take effect in *Spring 2021* and will double the number of Detroiters eligible for the program. If you have previously applied and were told you did not qualify for expungement, the Project Clean Slate team will contact you about next steps.



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

**Send a message to Michigan state elected officials:** We need state funding to keep Michiganders in their homes in 2021!

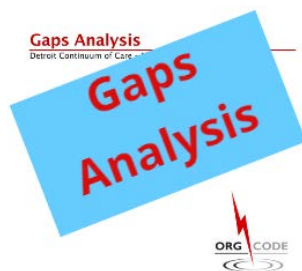
Ask your organization to sign on today. The **deadline** is 5pm today!

-----> [Petition](#) <-----



Join MCAH's [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for webinars and advocacy opportunities.

## Gaps Analysis



The **Detroit CoC** is pleased to present the final 2020 Gaps Analysis, conducted with [OrgCode Consulting](#). The gaps analysis will help shape future CoC strategic planning conversations, resource allocation discussions, and policy decisions. The gaps analysis may be accessed [here](#). For questions about the gaps analysis, please contact Amanda Sternberg at [amanda@handetroit.org](mailto:amanda@handetroit.org).

Click the above image to read the full report.

## COVID-19

As positive case rates of COVID-19 continue to rise throughout Metro Detroit, The Detroit Department of Health (DHD) is actively working with the CoC to test and educate shelter residents.

At the CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinar on December 4th, Renata Polk and Japari Gadzama from DHD presented information regarding new positive cases in Detroit and recent CDC quarantine updates. Additionally, they gave guidance on quarantine and isolation.

If you are a Detroit homelessness service provider and want to host an educational session with

# Coronavirus Prevention

Take steps to protect yourself

DHD, contact Elise Grongstad at [Elise.Grongstad@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Elise.Grongstad@detroitmi.gov)

DHD COVID-19 Page - [link](#)  
Michigan's COVID-19 Page - [link](#)  
CDC's Holiday Guidance - [link](#)  
The Detroit CoC's COVID-19 Site - [link](#)  
Register for Upcoming Webinars [here](#)



Avoid close contact



Clean your hands often



Stay at home



Cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a facemask if you are sick



Clean and disinfect

## News and Resources

### FREE OFFICE FURNITURE

CORT is offering free office furniture to Detroit homeless service providers.



For more information, contact Ingrid Weihs-Ferguson, [Ingrid.Weihs-Ferguson@cort.com](mailto:Ingrid.Weihs-Ferguson@cort.com)

### RFP Reminder

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### MIHP Seeks Survey Responses From Telehealth Providers

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' Maternal and Infant Health Program (MIHP) and Medicaid Policy staff, are exploring the potential option of extending telehealth visits at the conclusion of the public health emergency. They are interested in receiving feedback from those provisioning services about their experiences with telehealth. We encourage you to share the survey with your grantees and network service providers as input will guide future policy decisions.

Survey responses are due by **COB Friday, December 18**. The survey can be found [HERE](#).

### Other Information

### Extend the Federal Eviction Moratorium

- ▶ The 2019 State of the Homelessness Report - [link](#)
- ▶ Project Clean Slate - Expungement [link](#)
- ▶ Pet Pantry & Pets for Life - [link](#)
- ▶ The Detroit CoC's COVID-19 Site - [link](#)
- ▶ Providers, Schools, and Other Stakeholder Survey - [link](#),
- ▶ Unaccompanied Youth Survey - [link](#)

Urge your organization to sign on to the CDC to extend the Federal Eviction Moratorium!

----> [link to petition](#) <-----



□ **Kudos Corner** □

Congratulations to United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC) Executive Director and Detroit CoC Board Member, Ted Phillips, for his well-deserved Angelo Henderson Award!

He has fought for over 30 years to ensure that people of Detroit stay in their homes.

[Click](#) for the Detroit News Story.

*For Eviction Prevention Services, call the Eviction Prevention Helpline (866) 313-2520*

**Access DWIHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues (800) 241-4949**

How to Obtain Emergency & After Hours Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

Access Routine Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)



**CAM** (313)305-0311

**Hours:** M-F 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun Closed

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To submit an item for the December 22nd CoC newsletter go [here](#) to access a submission form.

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

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

### Farewell to our Colleague and Friend, Selwin O'Neal

To many of us, Selwin O'Neal's name is synonymous with HMIS in Detroit. That's because Selwin and the now-retired Andrea Kuhn were responsible for the initial implementation of HMIS in Detroit. It was, thus, bittersweet, when Selwin submitted his resignation in November after 17 years with HAND. We wish Selwin the best as he takes this time to focus on his health.

Ever modest, Selwin did not want a farewell party. Nevertheless, we know that many of you would like to share accolades and appreciation for Selwin. You can send electronic acknowledgments to [admin@handetroit.org](mailto:admin@handetroit.org) through January 22<sup>nd</sup>. All acknowledgments will be packaged in a keepsake book to be given to Selwin.



### PIT Count Update

The PIT Planning Team, with the CoC Board's approval, has cancelled the unsheltered count for 2021 due to challenges presented by COVID-19. The team submitted a waiver request to HUD and the request was granted due to the extraordinary circumstances.

The sheltered count and HIC is still taking place as scheduled. Street Outreach is also continuing regular engagement of unsheltered homeless populations.



### Thank You to the United Way of Southeastern Michigan!



**United Way  
for Southeastern Michigan**

HAND received a generous donation of \$100K from the United Way of Southeastern Michigan to help with COVID-19 and winter needs for permanent housing (PH) providers. PH providers will have access to resources to assist their clients to move into permanent housing including furniture and utility assistance. Through the grant, COVID-19 pay will also be available for PH staff. Assistance through the grant is expected to begin in January. HAND will share more details when available.

*HAND and the Detroit CoC extend our deepest appreciation to UWSEM.*



## Personal Protection Equipment (Masks for Staff and Clients)



Through generous donations from Joel Drazin and the Department of Health and Human Services, HAND has masks available for staff and clients of homeless programs. Since the City of Detroit is making PPE available to homeless shelters, our priority is to supply permanent housing programs. Please complete this [form](#) to request your masks.

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## Detroit Department of Health Education

The Detroit Department of Health (DHD) is providing COVID-19 safety education to Detroit shelter clients. If you would like to host a session with the DHD contact, Elise Grongstad at [Elise.Grongstad@detroitmi.gov](mailto:Elise.Grongstad@detroitmi.gov) for more details.

DHD COVID-19 Page - [link](#)

You can register for upcoming CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinars [here](#). With other system partners, the health department presents information and any recent developments.

## Is it allergies, a cold, the flu, or COVID-19?

Not feeling well? This chart shows common symptoms/signs of allergies, colds, the flu, and COVID-19. A checkmark means that symptom is common.

### IMPORTANT INFO

- Symptoms can be different from person to person.
- You don't need to have every symptom listed below to have that illness.
- It is possible to have more than one of these illnesses at the same time.
- It's best to call or visit a health care provider if you feel sick.
- If you are sick, **STAY HOME** (except to seek medical care) to avoid spreading illness to others.
- Someone with COVID-19 may have no symptoms or very mild symptoms. If you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you should follow quarantine procedures. If you have COVID-19 symptoms and are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you should get tested.

Symptoms & Signs	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		sometimes	✓	✓
Chills			✓	✓
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	sometimes	✓	✓
Fever		rare	✓	✓
Headache	sometimes	rare	✓	✓
Itchy eyes	✓			
New loss of taste/smell				✓
Nasal congestion/stuffy nose	✓	✓	sometimes	✓
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	✓
Runny nose	✓	✓	sometimes	✓
Sneezing	✓	✓	sometimes	✓
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Shortness of breath		rare	sometimes	✓

This chart is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be used for self-diagnosis or to self-treat. For more information contact your health care provider or visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).



Detroit Health Department - [detroitmi.gov/departments/health](https://detroitmi.gov/departments/health) - Revised 12/2020

## Racial Equity Learning Series

This month, [The National Alliance to End Homelessness \(NAEH\)](#) launched an educational program for homeless service agencies with the goal of providing historical context to current racial disparities in the homelessness systems. The course covers:

- Understanding How We Got Here: How Historic and Ongoing Structural Racism Create Racial Disparities in Homelessness
- Using Data to Analyze Racial Disparities in

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the Homelessness System

- Action Steps to Address Racial Disparities in Homelessness Systems and Programs

Register [here](#)

Click [here](#) to access other racial equity resources from the Alliance.

## Advocacy

Join the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness's (MCAH) [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding. Through your participation, you will be given the tools to advocate and help shape policies.

### Election Engagement Survey

MCAH is asking agencies that engaged in voter engagement work to fill out this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZW66LNK>

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## Office Closure

In observance of Christmas and New Year's Day, HAND will be closed from *December 24th through January 1st*.

The HMIS helpdesk will still respond to tickets submitted during this time, though emergency tickets may be prioritized at HAND's sole discretion. We hope that your holidays are restful. We look forward to working with you in 2021.

## More Information

- ▶ The 2019 State of the Homelessness Report - [link](#)
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## COVID-19 Relief

*Update courtesy of Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH)*

Yesterday Congress Passed the long-awaited \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill with \$25 million slated for rental assistance and an extension of the CDC Eviction Moratorium. Read a summary of housing-related provisions from the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) [here](#).

The Michigan legislature passed a relief bill as well. The bill is expected to be approved by Governor Whitmer after some minor adjustments. Read more about it [here](#).



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