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# 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

#### HAND's COVID-19 Resource Page

#### **CAM Location Update**

# Are you homeless and need a safe place to stay tonight?



CAM can help by referring you to a local shelter program based on your needs. Go to any of the locations listed below to get started. If possible, go to the one that best applies to you.

> Masks are required at all locations. Masks will be provided for free if needed.

INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND YOUTH

Southwest Solutions Housing Resource Center

1600 Porter St, Detroit, MI 48216 Monday-Friday 9am-6pm

DDOT Route 1, Trumbull/Porter Stop

#### VETERANS

#### Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

4646 John R. St, Red Tower 2nd Floor, Detroit, MI, 48201 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm DDOT Route 4, Woodward/Adams Stop

For questions, updates on your case and assistance on Saturdays please use the CAM Phone Line: **313-305-0311** Staff available Monday-Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday 10am-3pm

# Please call 313-305-0311 for assistance.

**CAM** began seeing clients in-person again on August 2nd at *Southwest Solutions' Housing Resource Center (HRC)* and *Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)*. It had been previously announced that CAM would be further expanding these in-person services to the NOAH Project on August 9th, however due to unforeseen staffing challenges CAM will <u>not</u> be offering in-person services at the NOAH Project at this time.

Please continue to direct anyone (individuals, families, youth, veterans) in need of shelter to the HRC for assistance.

Additionally, Veterans may also access services at HCHV. Please see the chart below for details on locations and hours. CAM will also continue to operate the CAM Phone Line for additional access.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact CAM at <u>camdetroit@swsol.org.</u>

# Veteran Flex Fund Results

"It has been a little over a year since we made the first transaction in the Veteran Flex Funds. Thank you so much for the work that you have done with the Veterans of Detroit. To date, we have been able to serve **93 veterans** and we wanted to announce that we have spent 100% of the funds as of 8/18/21.



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# **Narrative Consensus**

Veteran Flex Funds

2020 - 2021

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The final narrative consensus will describe how the funds were spent. Be on the watch for more data information to be shared in the coming weeks regarding the demographics of the veterans that we served.

It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of the case managers providing support to Veterans. Thank you for everything that you have done to support and make Veteran Flex Fund a success."

-Jasmine Morgan

(Click the image to view the full report)

# Upcoming Conferences & Webinars

#### National Virtual Conference on Ending Homelessness September 21-24, 2021

Register today for the National Alliance to End Homelessness's (NAEH) National Virtual Conference on Ending Homelessness. The virtual conference will cover best and innovative practices in



the field, address emerging challenges, and explore how to adapt to the increase in funding now and in the future. The four-day conference will include plenary sessions, networking, and workshops covering a range of topics including homelessness, housing, healthcare, and how to advance racial equity.

For more information and to register, click *here.* 

### Narcan Drive-Thru Pick-Up

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 | 12pm - 4pm

**The Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network** is giving away NARCAN kits at 707 West Milwaukee Avenue, Lot B, Detroit, MI, 48202.

Click the image to view the printable flyer.

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

- Take a Self Mental Health Screening <u>here</u>
- State of Michigan Mental Health
   <u>resources</u>
- Virtual Support Groups <u>link</u>



# **Resources & Information**

#### COVID-19 Resources

(These will be posted on the resources page)

In the interest of public safety, the CDC extended the Eviction Moratorium's expiration to **October 3rd for areas with a substantial or high risk of community transmission of COVID-19.** *Please note that if the community's transmission drops below substantial for more the 14 consecutive days, the Order will no longer apply.* To check your county's eligibility for the extension, click <u>here</u>. Read the CDC's full press release <u>here.</u>

### COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)

Rental and Utility Assistance is available for residents in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. Read more about eligibility requirements <u>here</u> & apply <u>here</u>. For assistance navigating the application, call 866-313-2520. Landlords can also apply.

### 2021 Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

File your tax return as soon as possible. You may qualify for the Advance Child Tax Credit & Economic Impact Payments. For people not required to file a tax return and who didn't file in 2019 or 2020, quickly register using the IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool.

Wayne Metro offers free virtual tax preparation assistance. *Link* 

#### **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 **844-684-6333**; 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

## Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

The American Rescue Plan allocated \$5 billion to target specific populations to allow individuals and families to choose and lease safe, decent, and affordable

- Help those experiencing homelessness access the advance child tax credit using the IRS Toolkit <u>here</u>
- View a pdf of free filing resources <u>here</u>.
- Poverty Solutions at UofM created a website to learn about accessing child tax credit <u>here</u> and the stimulus <u>here</u>.
- IRS.gov <u>guide</u> for using the IRS Non-filer Sign-up Tool
  - Frequently Asked Questions

     <u>link</u>

\*If you haven't received a previous stimulus payment, you may be eligible for a <u>Recovery</u> <u>Rebate Credit</u>. To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. Details are available <u>here</u>.

#### Masks for Homeless Service Providers & Clients request<u>form</u>

HAND Reports - available *here*.

Check for more updates on HAND's *news page.* 

housing. It is expected that individuals are housed quickly. Detroit CoC was awarded 160 vouchers from MSHDA and DHC. For information about Detroit's EHV program, please click <u>here</u>.

## Emergency Broadband Assistance

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. Eligible households receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if household 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)

#### More information *here*



To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-related information for the upcoming newsletter click <u>here</u> to access a submission form. For general feedback, contact kimberly@handetroit.org. View past newsletters <u>here.</u>

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