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making homelessness history

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Upcoming Events

Continuum of Care Orientation

New to the CoC or just need a refresher on all those acronyms? Learn more about the structure and committees of the CoC, and get an overview of the HUD CoC funding process at this orientation session.

When: Monday, April 24
9:30am - 11:30am

Where: [All Chicago, 651 W. Washington, Suite 504](#)

[Register here.](#)

Rent Reporting for Credit Building Convening

Rent Reporting for Credit Building is a powerful strategy for affordable housing providers to help their residents strengthen their financial capacity and resiliency. Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase's Office of Nonprofit Engagement, and organized locally by All Chicago, Mercy Housing, Northwest Side Housing Center, and Housing Action IL, this convening will give you the tools to start a Rent Reporting initiative at your organization.

When: Monday, May 15
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Where: Chase Tower Conference Center, 57th Floor
[10 S. Dearborn St.](#)

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Handbags for Homes

A Note from Nonie

Dear Community Members,

As you may know, President Trump released a budget blueprint a few weeks ago that proposed deep cuts to programs that help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. If enacted, the budget would slash HUD's budget by 13 percent in Fiscal Year 2018 and eliminate the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Community Development Block Grants, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and other programs that prevent homelessness. You can read more about the proposed budget's impact on housing programs [here](#). All Chicago strongly opposes this proposed budget and believes these cuts would be devastating to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

While these budget cuts pose a serious threat to our community's efforts to end homelessness in Chicago, the budget has yet to be passed by Congress and there are still many details we don't know. In the coming months, speaking out about the importance of funding for housing programs will be more important than ever. All Chicago has a renewed focus on providing you with relevant policy updates and opportunities to advocate for programs that are vital to our community's work. We plan to roll out easier ways to help you get involved in the months ahead. No matter the outcome of this budget decision, we will be a resource for you during these uncertain times and remain committed to bringing our community together to end homelessness in Chicago.

Sincerely,



Nonie Brennan
CEO, All Chicago

News from All Chicago

All Chicago is pleased to announce that we are embarking on an exciting period of organizational expansion. As you may know, in September 2016 All Chicago was awarded a significant CoC Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to help us build internal capacity and hire additional staff to better serve the CoC.



Join All Chicago for a night of fashion, food, and friends, while preventing and ending homelessness in Chicago. Handbags for Homes is an All Chicago signature event that showcases designer purses that guests can win by buying raffle tickets.

When: June 22 at 6pm

Where: [Women's Athletic Club, 626 N. Michigan Ave.](#)

[Buy tickets here.](#)

All Chicago's Program eNewsletter (including Continuum of Care news!) goes out on the 15th of each month.

Do you have news or updates to share in the eNewsletter? [Send us an email!](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

All Chicago effectively combines immediate resources with long term strategies to address the complex issue of homelessness. Learn more at allchicago.org

Thanks to this grant, All Chicago will bring on eight new staff members and has divided our Programs team into two new units: Community Partnerships and Strategy and Innovation.

[Read more about our expansion.](#)

Continuum of Care Updates

Plan 2.0 Progress Report Now Available

Launched in 2012, "Chicago's Plan 2.0: A Home for Everyone" guides Chicago's collaborative efforts to end homelessness. [Download the latest Plan 2.0 Progress Report](#) to learn more about the strides Chicago has made during the past year.

Coordinated Entry News

Get the latest updates on the rollout of Coordinated Entry in Chicago by signing up for CSH's new monthly Coordinated Entry newsletter. [Check out their first newsletter here](#), and [sign up for future newsletters here](#).

New HMIS Client Consent Form

On May 1, HMIS users will be required to use a new Client Consent for Data Sharing and Privacy Practices Notice. The new form will replace all existing HMIS consent forms.

All active users of HMIS will be required to participate in one webinar training on this new form. [Register here for training sessions on April 19 or April 25](#). Additional webinar dates will be announced soon. Please email HMIS@allchicago.org with any questions.

Join the CoC

The new CoC membership year began on April 1, and we're excited to announce that becoming a member is easier than ever. Simply [go to the CoC website](#) to fill out a membership application and pay your dues online. If you'd like to mail a paper application, [download one here](#). Have feedback on the new application process? [Send us an email!](#)

All CoC Meeting Survey

At the next All CoC Meeting in June, the CoC Membership Committee would like to coordinate breakout sessions on topics that are of interest to CoC Memberships. [Complete this survey](#) to help the Membership Committee put together a valuable selection of trainings.

Compliance Corner: Violence Against Women Act Update

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development published a [final rule](#) regarding the implementation of housing protections authorized in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). The rule impacts victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. New housing protections in VAWA include the requirement that each appropriate agency develop a [Notice of Rights](#) under VAWA for tenants. Compliance with the rule with respect to completing an emergency transfer plan and providing emergency transfers, and associated

recordkeeping and reporting requirements, is required no later than May 15, 2017.

Email CoCPrograms@allchicago.org with any questions.



Opening Doors to Fair Housing Training

Do you assist people experiencing or at risk of homelessness secure safe and accessible rental housing? Are doors slammed in your faces because of the family's race, ethnicity, gender status, disability, presence of children, or housing choice voucher status? This two-hour training will provide important information on their housing rights and what landlords or real estate professionals can and cannot do.

Speakers include:

Abdi Maya: Community Relations Officer at the Fair Housing Division of the Illinois Department of Human Rights

Betsy Shuman-Moore: Director of the Fair Housing and Hate Crimes Projects with the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

When: Wednesday, April 26, 12pm - 2pm

Where: All Chicago ([651 W. Washington Blvd., Ste 504](#))

[Register here.](#)

"What Does Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation Have To Do With Ending Homelessness?"

Fact: Blacks or African Americans comprised 75% of all persons experiencing homelessness in Chicago from 2015-2016.

Fact: Nationally, 40% of youth who are homeless identify as LGBTQ.

Solution: All Chicago and Pride Action Tank invite you to participate in an On the Table Conversation entitled: "**What Does Race, Gender and Sexual Orientation Have to Do with Ending Homelessness in the City of Chicago?**" An Initiative of the Chicago Community Trust, On the Table is an annual forum designed to elevate civic conversation, foster new relationships, and inspire collaborative action across the region.

When: Tuesday, May 16 from 3pm to 5pm

Where: All Chicago ([651 W. Washington Blvd., Ste 504](#))

[Register here.](#)



State Homeless Prevention Funds Still Available

The State Homeless Prevention Program provides assistance for rent/mortgages, security deposits, and utilities, as well as approved case management and supportive services for Chicago residents who are experiencing homeless or are in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure. The households must document **a temporary economic crisis** beyond household control, by giving evidence of at least one of the following conditions:

- loss of employment
- medical disability or emergency
- loss or delay of some form of public benefit
- natural disaster
- substantial change in household composition
- victimization by criminal activity
- illegal action by a landlord
- displacement by a government or private action, or some other condition that constitutes a hardship comparable to the conditions described above.

The household must also be able to demonstrate an ability to meet prospective rental/utility obligations or mortgage payments after assistance has been granted based on current or anticipated income. Payments for Homeless Prevention services must be made to a landlord, utility company or other vendor that provides housing or other services on behalf of an applicant.

Individuals and families seeking assistance should **call "311" and ask for "short-term help"** to be assessed and referred to funds.

Take Action

Illinois Women March on Springfield

Join more than 80 partner organizations at the Illinois Women March on Springfield on April 25. The day will include advocacy, lobbying, and a large rally in support of a range of issues, including a responsible budget.

Organizations or individuals interested in joining the March can sign up [here](#). For more information on the march, go to [their website](#).



March organizers are focused on advocating for specific legislation under consideration in the Spring 2017 Illinois legislative session, including four bills that touch on homelessness. These bills include:

HB3212: This bill would enable unaccompanied homeless 16- and 17-year-olds to access licensed transitional housing, social services, and life skills training without parental consent (after having gone through appropriate vetting processes). See this [fact sheet](#) from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) for more information.

HB3211: This bill would provide access to food stamps for income-eligible community college students. Currently, full-time students can only receive food stamps if they are caring for small children or working.

HB3709: This bill would allow children ages 12-17 to access up to 8 (instead of the currently allowed 5) counseling and talk therapy sessions without parental consent. See CCH's [fact sheet](#) for more information.

HB261: This bill would allow school districts to provide direct rental or mortgage assistance through a homeless provider agency to a student's family if that housing assistance is more cost-effective than transportation help.

All Chicago has signed on in support of the above bills, and we encourage your organization to do the same. To support the first three bills (HB3212, HB3211, HB3709), contact Niya Kelly from CCH at niya@chicagohomeless.org.

Partner Announcements

Mercy Housing Wait List Open

The Wait List for three and four-bedroom apartments at Washington Courts (5424 W. Washington Blvd.) is now open. For more information on picking up pre-applications, [see this flyer](#).

Computer User Support Training

The Center for Changing Lives is now accepting applications for their Bridge and CompTIA A+ Training programs. For more information, [go to their website](#).

RFP Reviewers Wanted

The Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago is seeking volunteer reviewers for proposals submitted in response to the Expansion and Enhancement of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Chicago Request for Proposals (RFP). If you'd like to be a reviewer, [click here](#).

Asset Building Course Catalog

Check out [Heartland Alliance's Asset Building Course Catalog for April](#), which contains a wide variety of classes that aim to help people work toward economic security.

Youth Summer Employment Opportunities

[One Summer Chicago](#) will offer more than 31,000 summer employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24. Youth can apply through May 15. [See this flyer](#) for more details.

Coding Camp Scholarship for Girls

Kode with Klossy, a coding summer camp for girls age 13-18, is offering scholarships for their two-week Chicago camp from July 24-August 4. No prior coding experience required. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Employment Opportunities

All Chicago is hiring for multiple positions, including:

[Applied Research Analyst](#)

[CoC Program Coordinator](#)

[Director of CoC Programs](#)

Go to [our website](#) for more information on joining the All Chicago team!

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