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## Advocacy Efforts

### HUD Solicits Comments on Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) Formula

THE PERIOD FOR OPEN COMMENTS TO HUD'S PRELIMINARY PRO RATA NEED FORMULA WILL CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2016.

ALL CHICAGO URGES EVERYONE TO SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS TODAY OPPOSING ALL FOUR ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FORMULAS.

In developing your comments, All Chicago recommends an inclusion of the following language: "Any change to the current formula would result in a loss of between \$25,995,807 and \$22,436,373 to our homeless system and could reverse years of strategic efforts to end homelessness in the city of Chicago. Without a doubt this would be absolutely disastrous for our community and Continuum. But more importantly, these proposed formula changes would negatively impact homeless individuals and could potentially mean a loss of 1,162 dedicated beds and vital services. **Therefore, we vehemently oppose implementing any of the four alternative funding scenarios.**

The Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) Formula is the formula that HUD uses to establish a CoC's initial need amount, a part of determining a CoC's maximum award amount in a given fiscal year. As part of the HEARTH Act amendments, HUD was directed to codify the formula in the CoC Program regulation. HUD sought comment on that formula as part of the comment period for the interim rule and, after reviewing the comments received, has decided to re-open the PPRN Formula a second time for additional public comment.

The link to the document below shows how CoCs would do under the various formulas. Most, but not all, Illinois CoCs do best under the current formula. Chicago and Cook have the biggest formula reductions under all the

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### All Chicago

effectively combines immediate resources with long term strategies to address the complex issue of homelessness.

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

proposed alternatives.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5106/coc-pprn-proposed-formula-impacts-by-coc/>

To submit a formal comment, please go to the [federalregister.gov](http://federalregister.gov) webpage. **Comments are due September 23rd.**

## Make Room Campaign

Please join [Make Room](#), a campaign to end the rental housing crisis in America that seeks to send a million messages to Congress demanding attention and action on affordable housing issues by Election Day. Join us in this campaign!



### Here's what you can do:

1. Go to the [Make Room Campaign website](#)
2. Type in your zip code to find your Members of Congress
3. Tweet, email, or call your Members by following the links on the site and tailoring the template messages
  - Please include a specific message about the importance of funding **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants** at least at \$2.487 billion in the final FY 2017 HUD spending bill! See the templates below. You can also reference these talking points.
  - We also encourage you to add in local stories and data about the effective work of McKinney-funded programs in your community.

## Continuum of Care HMIS Sheltered Point-In-Time Count (pre-PIT) September 22nd, 2016

*(PARTICIPATING PROJECT TYPES: Emergency Shelter (including Interim Housing), Transitional Housing (including Interim Housing and PHwSS), Safe Havens)*

On behalf of the Chicago CoC and in collaboration with DFSS, the HMIS Team will be administering a **preliminary sheltered Point-In-Time-Count on September 22nd**. All projects that participate in the annual PIT count should plan to participate in the pre-PIT.

Do you have news or updates to share in the eNewsletter?

[Send us an email!](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

Training opportunities will be announced soon. In-person and webinar based trainings will be scheduled in the coming weeks and instruction guides will be provided.

For additional information, please check the [CoC Announcements and Updates webpage](#).

## 2016 Point-in-Time Count

The City released the results of the 2016 Point-in-Time count on Monday, and the results are very positive. Homelessness has dropped in Chicago by 13% since 2015, including decreases in homelessness among veterans, chronically homeless, youth, and families. This is the lowest count in the city in a decade, with 5,889 people still experiencing homelessness in shelters and on the streets. You can read the full report [here](#). We are pleased to have continuing proof that Chicago's collaborative system of housing and homeless services is becoming more effective at addressing homelessness.

## Notice of Funding Availability: Youth Homeless Demonstration Project

In late August 2016, HUD released a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Availability. The goal of the YHDP is to support up to 10 communities, at least 4 rural, in the development of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. The population to be served by this demonstration program is unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, including pregnant or parenting youth, who are under the age of 24.

The total amount for the demonstration project will be \$33 million, with project funding between \$1 million and \$15 million, based on each community's youth population and size.

Applications will be due by November 30, 2016. Only Collaborative Applicants can submit an application. More information can be found

at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/YHDP-NOFA.pdf>.

## Notice of Funding Opportunity: Transitional Housing

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is requesting applications for federal Victims of Crime Act grants to support transitional housing and services for Illinois victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Approximately \$2 million is available for this program. **Application deadline: September 30, 2016.**

For application materials, funding eligibility, and other information, go to: [www.icjia.state.il.us/vocanofo](http://www.icjia.state.il.us/vocanofo)

## Requests for Proposals:

## Collaborative Applicant

The City of Chicago's Continuum of Care (CoC) is announcing its request for proposals (RFP) for an organization to serve as the Collaborative Applicant to the Chicago CoC for grants related to the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) grant program. The Collaborative Applicant's duty is to manage the NOFA application process, submit the Collaborative Application to HUD, and collaborate with the stakeholders of the CoC to ensure it strengthens Chicago's community-wide planning and coordination of homeless programs in the City of Chicago.

For information on the RFP including minimum eligibility criteria and RFP response instructions, please visit: <https://chicagocac.wordpress.com/rfp/>. The deadline for submission of the RFP is December 12, 2016.

## Nominations for CoC Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee and the Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors are looking for individuals with potential interest in being a CoC Board Member. At this time, the Board vacancies are for alternate seats: one Key Stakeholder; one Private Funder; and one At-Large. The CoC Board of Directors provides oversight and accountability for all Chicago CoC responsibilities. The Board acts on behalf of the Chicago CoC to fulfill the regulatory duties of a continuum of care as set forth in 24 CFR § 578, or as otherwise articulated by HUD. The Board will be responsible for approval and implementation of all CoC policies and procedures and Chicago's Plan 2.0. The CoC Board meets every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at rotating locations.

To be eligible for a Board seat, Candidates must either:

- Be a currently enrolled member of the CoC with no outstanding dues; or
- Be a staff member at a non-HUD funded agency, if being nominated for a Key Stakeholder or AtLarge seat,

To nominate an individual please submit the [CoC Board Nomination Form](#). The Nominating Committee of the CoC will vet all nominations and present nominees to the CoC Board as needed when vacancies occur. For questions, please contact [Audrey Thomas](#).

## Chicago Continuum of Care Membership Registration

Are you committed to ending homelessness?

Do you want to be part of the efforts to ensure that everyone has a place to call home?

If so, **WE NEED YOU** to join the Chicago CoC!

The Chicago Continuum of Care (CoC) is inviting all stakeholders to join via the membership application.

[You can complete the membership application here.](#)

If you are unable to complete the application online, please email [CoCPrograms@allchicago.org](mailto:CoCPrograms@allchicago.org) to request a paper copy of the application.

## CoC Committee Webpage Access

Many of the CoC Committees are doing an awesome job with submitting their meeting agendas, materials and minutes for the CoC webpages. These webpages are an easy way to access the information - [check the pages out here](#). And remember that if you have items to submit for posting, please [use this online form](#) and your items will be posted the Friday following your submission.

## Employment Opportunities

All Chicago is hiring for several staff positions:

- Vice President of Finance and Administration
- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Manager Compliance and Coordinate Entry
- Director of Innovation and Impact
- *More positions coming soon!*

Review the complete job descriptions and application instructions [here!](#)

**Thresholds** is currently looking for a *Certified Housing Specialist Team Leader*.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for the management of a predetermined portfolio of residential properties which includes monitoring vacancies, delinquencies, certifications, and all aspects of asset management in accordance with all funding requirements, such as but not limited to CHAPRA, current release of the HUD 4350.3 Occupancy Handbook, Shelter Plus Care, Federal, State & City Fair Housing Laws and Thresholds policy and procedures. In addition, the Team Leader will supervise staff directly responsible for the assigned portfolio.
- Assisted Housing Manager (AHM) or Certified Occupancy Specialist (COS) preferred.
- Current Driver's license required.

Please click [here](#) to apply for the Housing Team Leader position and a complete description of duties, responsibilities, and skills/certification requirements.

## Other Announcements Housing Choice Vouchers (State Fact Sheets)

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities recently published

new state fact sheets on Housing Choice Vouchers, including a focus on how they help combat homelessness.

To view the national and state housing fact sheets & data click here to follow the link:

<http://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/national-and-state-housing-data-fact-sheets> (find the map in the middle of the page, hover over your state, and you'll see HCV Fact Sheets).

## Thresholds Substance Use Treatment

Thresholds provides **Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Services** that are person-centered, trauma-informed, holistic, and supported by strong research evidence. Thresholds Substance Use Treatment Program has launched **TWO treatment locations** serving South Chicago and South Suburban Communities as well as West Chicago and West Suburban Communities.

**South: 121st & Western**

**West: Menard & Lake**

Referrals can be made either by calling **1-888-828-5709**, or completing the referral form found at [www.thresholds.org/substance-use](http://www.thresholds.org/substance-use).



## How To's of Government Funding Beyond HUD Grants - Webinar

Members of the Chicago Continuum of Care are invited to learn strategies on getting notices and applying for funding from different government agencies; finding, including and writing a collaborative proposal; planning and asking for endorsement letters; and keeping the grant once funded. There will also be some instruction for grassroots organizations on questions to ponder before applying for funds and a checklist provided on how to get started.

Presenter: Alyson Parham Small, Partec Consulting Group

Please register for How To's of Government Funding Beyond HUD Grants on: **Tuesday, September 27, 2016 1:00-2:30 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6450908764706321668>

## Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Partner Agency User Training

**HMIS New User Training** (20 user capacity) Upcoming Training Dates:

*The September training sessions are now full, but October dates are available and open for registration.*

This training is intended for new users of the HMIS database. During this full-day training, users will have the opportunity to use the database in a training environment and walk through the steps of the HMIS data entry workflow.

For more information and to register users, please visit the HMIS Helpdesk ([New User Training Registration](#)) or send an email to [HMIS@allchicago.org](mailto:HMIS@allchicago.org).

## 2016 Illinois HUD Homeless Providers Peer-to-Peer Workshop

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will hold a Homeless Providers Peer-to-Peer Workshop on Tuesday & Wednesday **September 27 & 28, 2016**.

**Location:**

Wyndham Springfield City Centre  
700 East Adams Street  
Springfield, IL / 217-789-1530

**Also:** A CPD sponsored 'Start-Up' Training is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 28, & Thursday, Sept. 29 until 2 PM at the same location.

If you have questions, please contact Chicago HUD CPD Representative Donald D. Gardiner at: [Donald.D.Gardiner@hud.gov](mailto:Donald.D.Gardiner@hud.gov)

## Illinois Continuum of Care Discussion Group Upcoming CABHI webinars

The Great Lakes ATTC is offering three webinars in the next six weeks as part of the Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States (CABHI) grant. The webinars include an Introduction to a Recovery Oriented System of Care and Recovery Supportive Services, Introduction to Motivational Interviewing and Opiates and Medication Assisted Treatment. These webinars are specifically designed for administrators and staff who are interested in learning more about these topics and thinking about ways to integrate them into their agencies.

For registration and more information on the three upcoming webinars on: September 28 from 10-12, follow [this link](#) to get access. All three webinars are free!

**Midwest Harm Reduction Institute  
*Just Say Know* workshop is back, with  
more time for learning!**

### What is *Just Say Know*?

The Best Practices of participant-centered care and stage-based interventions may require detailed dialogue about minimizing the dangers and maximizing the benefits of substance use, which requires agility and extensive knowledge. This workshop will dissect some of the rationales and rituals, gear and goals of different substances, drug mixes, and consumption methods. Please plan for hands-on learning with drug consumption equipment and associated injury and infection prevention materials.

The *Just Say Know* track at this year's conference has been extended to 3 hours to allow attendees plenty of time to ask questions and learn all they can about safer drug use strategies.

Presenters Mathew Silver and Maya Doe-Simkins will be returning along with other experts in the field.

[Check out our conference information on our website to stay up to date!](#)

Registration is open! Registration rate: \$100

9 AM - 4 PM, Friday, September 23, 2016

UIC Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL



## Rental Assistance Program Resource

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Emergency Rental Assistance Program (RAP) provides financial assistance to Chicago residents directly related to the prevention of homelessness to eligible individuals and families who are in danger of eviction. The program is designed to stabilize individuals and families in their existing rental unit. Assistance may include payment of up to six months of rent arrears or rent. Application requirements include documentation of crisis of emergency (such as a temporary loss of income statement from an employer, or a court order to evacuate), proof of income, identification, and housing documentation.

Chicago residents can apply for this assistance at any of the [six DFSS Community Service Centers](#). Potential applicants should call the centers to schedule appointments and to learn more about the program.

## Illinois Hardest Hit Program

Need help paying your mortgage? Experienced a drop in household income? If so, you may qualify for up to **\$35,000** in federal assistance at no cost to you. [See press release.](#)

The Illinois Hardest Hit Fund® program provides mortgage assistance to homeowners who have experienced at least a 15



percent income reduction due to a qualifying hardship event and who meet the eligibility criteria. The assistance allows eligible households to avoid foreclosure while they work to regain employment and financial stability.

### **Online Application Opened Monday August 1st, 2016.**

Want to know more about qualifying for Illinois Hardest Hit assistance? See the [FAQs](#).

- WARNING - [www.illinoishardesthit.org](http://www.illinoishardesthit.org) is the OFFICIAL website for the Illinois Hardest Hit Fund Program. If you feel you have become a victim of mortgage assistance fraud, you may contact us at [mortgagefraud@ihda.org](mailto:mortgagefraud@ihda.org) or contact the US Department of Treasury's [Office of Financial Stability](#) Anti-Fraud Unit or the [SIGTARP Hotline](#).

Para la versión en español, [clic aquí](#).

## **Free - Renters Rights Workshop**

The Metropolitan Tenants Organization (MTO) will hold a Free Renters Rights Workshop **Tuesday, October 11, 2016.**

**5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
West Side Justice Center  
601 S. California Avenue**

Learn about your rights, what the law requires of your landlord, and how to address common apartment problems.

Trainers will help tenants write letters to their landlords!

For more information, call: 773-292-4980, ext. 246

*(Trainings are held on the second Tuesday of every month)*

## **Free - Foreclosure Prevention Workshop**

### **CEDA Registration**

One-on-one counseling is available to individuals and families respectively who are delinquent in or in default of losing their homes. The client's situation is assessed by HUD certified housing counselors who work jointly with lenders and servicers on behalf of the homeowner. If successful, a payment plan is developed to help applicants remain in their homes and prevent foreclosure.

To register, please call (312) 782-CEDA (2332) ext. 8962.

### **Workshop Dates and Times:**

Wednesday, **October 19, 2016**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm