

[RESOURCE GENERATION]

CSB Launches One Day to End Homelessness

The sharp rise in demand for emergency shelter has grown from a temporary problem to a prolonged crisis. This unprecedented situation has prompted CSB to hold *One Day to End Homelessness* for a second year. The One Day to End Homelessness asks community members to donate the equivalent of just one day's rent or mortgage payment to the campaign.

We are grateful that WBNS-10TV and the Dispatch Media Group have stepped up again this year to broadcast stories about the crisis and host a telethon during news programming on January 31. Many of CSB's partner agencies have been working closely with us and 10TV to develop special news stories about homelessness.

The campaign also has received the commitment of diverse members of the faith community, who are raising awareness and funds throughout congregations across Franklin County.

We urge you to promote the campaign within your organization. Donations can be made online now at www.10tv.com or on January 31 by calling the 10TV phone bank, 1-877-220-1010 between 4:30 a.m. and midnight. We would be happy to provide campaign materials for your use. Please feel free to contact Melissa Kempf Garver at mgarver@csb.org for more information.

HUD Point in Time Count Set for Jan. 27

Planning continues for the Annual Point in Time Count of unsheltered persons. The U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development requires all communities to conduct their count during the last ten days of January 2012. The date for Columbus' unsheltered homeless count is Friday, January 27, 2012. The unsheltered street count will occur during the 4:00 am - 7:00 am period. Counts will also be conducted throughout the day on January 27 at churches and soups kitchen where free meals are served.

Tiffany Nobles, CSB's Program Administrator and Continuum of Care Coordinator, will work with volunteers and CSB staff to coordinate the count and evaluation process. Teams are currently being developed with the volunteer forms that were submitted. Please contact Tiffany Nobles at tnobles@csb.org or (614) 221-9195 x117 with any questions.



HUD Announces Funding Awards for Housing Programs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced a funding award of \$8.8 million in renewal funds to assist housing programs for disabled individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. The Continuum of Care grants will provide funding for 30 renewal projects in Columbus and Franklin County. Also included in the 2011 Continuum of Care Application submission was one proposal for a new project – Community Housing Network’s Inglewood Court. HUD anticipates announcing new project awards in the spring of 2012.

[PUBLIC POLICY]

HEARTH Act Rules Published for HMIS

From the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

On December 9, 2011, HUD continued its process of implementing the HEARTH Act by publishing the [proposed rule for HMIS Requirements](#). The HEARTH Act required HUD to establish standards related to HMIS, including standards related to encryption of the data collected and the rights of persons receiving services under the McKinney-Vento Act. This proposed rule provides for: 1) uniform technical requirements of HMIS; 2) proper collection of data and maintenance of the database; and 3) confidentiality of the information in the database.

We encourage partner agencies of CSB to submit comments to www.regulations.gov by February 7, 2012. Use the link above to view the rules.

[REBUILDING LIVES]

Tier II Family Shelter Conversion

The Rebuilding Lives plan called for Tier II family shelters, which are longer-term shelters in a fixed unit approach, to transition to a flexible supply of housing with interim supports. The goal is for families to experience greater housing success, with more stability for their children.

We are pleased to report that Homeless Families Foundation and Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio have converted their full inventories of 70 units into direct housing by January 1. This means that families move once – not twice – out of homelessness and into safe housing, with high quality support that enhances their success. Homeless Families Foundation and Volunteers of America put families first by changing their program models and fully embracing this shift to direct housing. They are ending homelessness for families and we are proud to be their partner.

[CRISIS RESPONSE]

Winter Overflow for Single Adults

With the Winter Overflow System in full swing and mild late fall and early winter temperatures so far, the Adult Shelter system has seen a 15% decrease in the usage of overflow beds between the months of October – December 2011 in comparison to the previous year. No waitlist for shelter beds was reported in December 2011.

The men's and women's alternate overflow sites continue to accept those seeking shelter when beds at existing shelters are full. During nights of 'severe weather' the alternate sites will accept anyone that wants to come in out of the cold, regardless of the number of beds available. Severe weather is defined as temperatures below 25 degrees, and/or severe ice, wind or snow storms.

The Centralized Point of Access continues to triage all single adults seeking shelter in these cold months. Any single adult seeking shelter should call the Centralized Point of Access (CPOA) at 1-888-474-3587.

Overflow Continues for Families

The Family Shelter System continues to see high utilization even during the winter months. In December 2011, the YWCA Family Center had an average of 8 families in overflow beds; which is an increase of 33% from December 2010. Any family in need of emergency shelter should call the YWCA Family Center at 614-253-3910.

[GATEWAY]

Applications Coming in February

The FY13 Gateway application for partner agencies will be available at www.csb.org beginning February 17, 2012. The application's availability will proceed the February 24 release of each agency's funding award and program outcomes plan by one week, so that agencies have additional time to work through their applications. Completed Gateway applications are due to CSB on March 13, 2012.

Partner agencies will meet with CSB staff in April during one-on-one meetings. This collaborative approach is focused on meeting the challenge of maintaining and improving our nationally-recognized programs and services. Stay tuned to www.csb.org for more information in the coming weeks.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Seattle/King County Visits CSB

CSB will host a delegation from Seattle and King County for a visit to Columbus on January 19. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is sponsoring the trip so that several public and private leaders from Seattle can continue their study of Columbus' successful family system and performance management system.

The delegation will meet with staff from the YWCA Family Center and Volunteers of America to learn more about Columbus' processes for prevention, diversion, intake and rapid re-housing. The group will also meet with CSB staff to study our performance management tools and practices, and to learn about our community's plan for transformation of our single adult system.

Tours

In December, CSB provided a tour of the YWCA Family Center and NCR's Commons at Livingston for Hyman Albritton and Michelle Broidy of Schottenstein Property Group. Cinnamon Pelly of JPMorgan Chase joined us for a tour of the YWCA Family Center and NCR's Commons at Buckingham in early January.

Upcoming Meetings

◁ Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for our Partners < Meetings