



October 15 – 16, 2007
Kellogg Center, Michigan State University
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the 2nd Annual SUMMIT on Ending Homelessness

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:30 – Noon** **Registration**
- 9:30 – 11:00** **Pre-Conference Session**
Campaign to End Homelessness Statewide Meeting
- 11:15 – 11:45** **Opening Plenary Remarks**
Philip F. Mangano, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Noon – 1:30** **Luncheon**
Sheilah Clay, President/CEO, Neighborhood Service Organization, Conference Facilitator
- Welcome**
Michael R. DeVos, Executive Director, Michigan State Housing Development Authority
- Keynote Speaker**
David Miller, Senior Policy Associate, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
- Storyteller**
Annette Simmons, Author
- 1:30 – 1:45** **Break**
- 1:45 – 3:15** **Breakout sessions**

HOUSING FIRST WORKSHOPS

Systems Change Implementation and Your Ten Year Plan — Hear from a leader in New York's move to Housing First and how you can create systems change in your Ten Year Plan.

Presenter: George Nashak, Deputy Commissioner for Adult Services, Department of Homeless Services, New York, NY
Intended Audience: Community Leaders

Chronic Homeless Initiative — The Detroit Experience — Learn key strategies to employing a scattered-site housing model, with a Housing First approach, for people who are chronically homeless. Over 120 persons with co-occurring disorders were housed in 6 months, all while maintaining program fidelity and organizational sanity.

Presenters: Southwest Housing Counseling Solutions (Housing Resource Center), Detroit, MI
Intended Audience: Agency and Program Directors

Creative Teamwork — Learn innovative strategies to engage, empower and support housing clients while staying true to the Housing First Model. Specifically you'll hear about:

- recruitment and retention of quality landlords
- creation and support of tenant-led special interest groups
- innovative case management strategies to encourage client participation
- garnering community support for supportive housing

Presenters: Safe Horizons, Port Huron, MI
Intended Audience: Front Line Staff

Documented Success in Housing First — We're busting myths here. Come hear the primary arguments against a Housing First model and see the research and models that shore up support for engaging in a true Housing First effort.

Presenters: Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Michigan State Housing Development Authority
Intended Audience: All

Employment Supports and Benefits — Hear the latest on innovative employment support systems as well as what's going on with Michigan's SOAR project to increase benefits for eligible SSI/SSDI recipients.

Presenters: Department of Community Health, Michigan Works, Nonprofit Supportive Housing Agencies
Intended Audience: All

COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION WORKSHOPS

Project Homeless Connect — This presentation highlights three communities that are successfully holding repeat Project Homeless Connect events. Learn how they coordinate their events, gain support from their local business communities and government officials and how it has impacted their local homeless populations.

Presenters: Berrien County Emergency Shelter Services, Macomb County Community Services Agency, Monroe County Opportunity Program

Intended Audience: Agency and Program Directors

What's my Role in the Ten Year Plan? — Hear from your peers on the front line about how they are developing their leadership potential while becoming active participants in their local ten year plan. Learn how important your work is to the “big picture” plan.

Presenters: Corporation for Supportive Housing, Detroit Supportive Housing Leadership Development Initiative

Intended Audience: Front Line Staff

Creative Initiatives for Rental Assistance — How do you engage your community agencies and your faith based groups to create a rental assistance project to help end homelessness? Come hear how one program strengthened community relationships and partnerships to bring this plan to fruition.

Presenter: Booth Family Services, Grand Rapids, MI

Intended Audience: All

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 5:00 **Breakout Sessions**

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Performance Based Contracting — Get down to details on how New York City transformed their system to a Housing First Model using performance based contracting. See examples and ask questions about how to prepare for a performance-based funding system.

Presenter: George Nashak, Deputy Commissioner for Adult Services, Department of Homeless Services, New York, NY

Intended Audience: Community Leaders

Obtaining Positive Housing Options for People who are Chronically Homeless — Participants will hear how to develop programs for the chronically homeless. See the data, hear the stories, understand the programmatic implications. Most importantly, learn how to make a program really work.

Presenters: Local Community Leaders – Chronic Homeless Initiative

Intended Audience: Agency and Program Directors

Why Collecting Data is Important — As a front line worker you are invaluable to getting data in the system but often you don't get to see the result of all your efforts. Come see how the data you collect and enter into HMIS translates to program development, policy decisions and legislative advocacy. Learn how your role in the data collection effort is necessary for the future survival of programs.

Presenters: Rural & Urban Community HMIS System Administrators

Intended Audience: Front Line Workers

Consumer Speak — Hear first-hand about what really made a difference in the lives of individuals as they moved to end their own homelessness. This panel of consumers will share their stories, but most importantly they'll share the resources, experiences and people that assisted them in their effort to become housed.

Presenters: Donovan & Smith and Consumers

Intended Audience: All

But Where's the Housing Money? Mixing & Matching Subsidies to Create Supportive Housing — Creating affordable supportive housing to individuals and families below poverty requires the use of multiple sources of funding. This workshop will provide an overview of funding sources, how they work together, the advantages and restrictions of different sources and strategies for successful financing.

Presenters: Avalon Housing, Ann Arbor, MI

Intended Audience: All

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How to Monitor Your 10 Year Plan Utilizing Information Technology — As programs and strategies are initiated, communities will need to employ effective means to manage their progress on achieving outcomes toward ending homelessness within 10 years. Hear the latest on the Campaign to End Homelessness Web site, virtual real-time meetings and creative uses of information technology!

Presenters: Department of Information Technology, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Local Community Leaders

Intended Audience: All

Being an Effective Spokesperson for the Campaign — Housing and homelessness are complex problems — you need a skilled spokesperson to tell your story effectively to the press, the public and your government officials. Come learn how you can hone your skills and become an effective spokesperson in your community.

Presenters: Donovan & Smith and Local Community Leaders

Intended Audience: All

Engaging Your Community to Implement Your Ten Year Plan — Build support in your community for ending homelessness using tools from the Campaign to End Homelessness. Learn how events like Project Homeless Connect and HMIS data reports can support your efforts to engage your community stakeholders and decision makers.

Presenters: SOS, Ozone House, Avalon Housing, Ann Arbor, MI

Intended Audience: All

5:30 – 7:00

Networking Reception

Join us for entertainment and hors d'oeuvres while getting to know your colleagues.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:30 – 9:00

Continental Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00

Welcome

Sheilah Clay, President/CEO, Neighborhood Service Organization, Conference Facilitator

Storyteller

Annette Simmons, Author

Funding Opportunities 2008

Sally Harrison, Director Supportive Housing & Homeless Initiatives

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – Noon

Regional Breakouts

12:15 – 1:30

Luncheon

Storyteller

Annette Simmons, Author

Carla Javits Award Presentation

1:30 – 2:00

Wrap-up and Raffle

2:30 – 4:00

Point In Time (PIT) Workshop

Maurie Weitekamp, COC Strategic Support

