



UNITED HOMELESS HEALTHCARE PARTNERS *JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER*

UHHP Announces Workshop Series

Integrating FQHC Health Care Services in Permanent Supportive Housing

United Homeless Healthcare Partners, in collaboration with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, will offer a series of four workshops designed to address collaborations between Federally Qualified Health Centers and Permanent Supportive Housing developers. These workshops are focused on how each industry operates and on ways to partner to provide sustainable housing with services for the most vulnerable homeless residents in Los Angeles County.

The training is based on the soon-to-be released guide "Integrating FQHC Health Care Services in Permanent Supportive Housing," developed by UHHP under a grant from CSH. This Los Angeles-specific guide explores funding, operational, and partnership topics.

Workshops will be offered quarterly on a schedule to be announced. Topics are:

1. Understanding Each Other's Business
2. Defining the Target Population & Developing a Program
3. Developing Integrated Service Partnerships
4. "Operationalizing" It All

For further information, please contact: uhhpla@yahoo.com

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Are you using the Los Angeles Homeless Resource Wiki? LA's Most Comprehensive Resource
<http://lahomeless.org/>

Los Angeles Homeless Resource is a vast collection of community resources and information. It is a collaborative effort,

JOIN THE 2011 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

Every two years, communities across the country mobilize to conduct a count of their homeless residents. Find out how you can help at:
<http://www.theycountwillyou.org/volunteer/default.html>

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has provided the following information:

Join others who are committed to ending homelessness by volunteering in your area between January 25th - 27th in Los Angeles County. Volunteers are teamed up, trained, given all needed supplies and deployed to designated areas throughout the country to count the homeless - in one night. View the schedule of volunteer opportunities in your area. Just a few hours of your time can make the difference in someone finding permanent housing.

In the fight to end homelessness, we work to connect those in need to emergency shelters, transitional housing, overnight shelters and prevention programs, with the end goal of placing them in permanent housing.

In 2009, we counted nearly 50,000 homeless people in Los Angeles County. Tabulating numbers is not the end goal - knowing who and where our homeless populations are allows us to target our resources more effectively to get people housed. The Greater Los Angeles Homeless County is about building stronger communities where everyone is safe, secure and housed.

The side will also have a variety of resources for general audiences, researchers and the media. Stay in the loop and become a volunteer!

Confused About the Affordable Care Act?

Check Out These Links!

These animated video clips titled "Health Care Reform 101" and "Patient Centered Medical Home" produced by The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the ACP (American College of Physicians), Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative, respectively, explain some very complicated legislation and concepts in simple terms with illustrative graphics. UHHP members recommend using these with staff to prepare for the changes that will be impacting all of us over the next few years.

Health Care Reform 101
<http://healthreform.kff.org/The-Animation.aspx>

Patient Centered Medical Home
<http://www.emmisolutions.com/medicalhome/acp>

one that brings together service providers, advocates, government agencies and the general public. This resource is volunteer-driven and is freely edited by any Wikia user. UHHP has joined this collaborative effort as a sponsoring agency. Please help make this a better resource by participating as an LAHomeless.org contributor. Your contributions will help to provide the most current and up-to-date resource information. You can add and edit resources and information at any time--thus helping to make the Los Angeles Homeless Resource Wiki site the definitive homeless resource.



Symposium Provides Chance to Share Homeless Outreach Expertise Across Continent

One hundred twenty physicians, nurses, behavioral health, social service and homeless service professionals representing cities and countries from four continents convened in Los Angeles from October 20 -22, 2010 for International Street Medicine Symposium (ISMS) VI. Created and organized annually by Operation Safety Net, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System's innovative, award-winning medical and social services outreach program for persons who are unsheltered and homeless. ISMS serves as a catalyst for health and community leaders to share insights and best practice models of care and to provide professional support to other who minister to the needs of this under-resourced population.

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Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program
Grant-Writing Workshops



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) would like to announce a series of regional grant-writing workshops on the new VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program application. Under the SSVF Program, VA will award supportive services grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will coordinate and provide supportive services to very low-income veteran families who are residing in or transitioning to permanent housing.

A Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA), along with the application, for the SSVF Program will be released in mid-December 2010. Regional grant-writing workshops focused on the SSVF Program application will take place throughout the month of January. Below you will find specific information related to these workshops which will take place in five locations around the country. Each workshop will provide attendees with (i) an overview of the SSVF Program, (ii) an overview of the NOFA, and (iii) advice on completing the application. In addition, workshop attendees will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of VA and CSH staff.

There is no registration fee for attending these workshops. However, pre-registration is required. Attendees are responsible for any travel or other expenses associated with their attendance.

For additional information related to the SSVF program, to download a copy of the NOFA and application (once they are available) or to view taped webinars on the SSVF Program, please visit: <http://www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/SSVF.asp>.

All questions related to technical assistance with the application may be directed to CSH at SSVFinfo@csh.org or by phone at 312-332-6690 ext. 17. Any questions regarding the SSVF Program may be directed to VA's SSVF Program Office at 877-737-0111 or SSVF@va.gov.

Workshop Dates

Thursday, January 6- Chicago, IL

Tuesday, January 11- Los Angeles, CA

Thursday, January 13 - Seattle, WA

Tuesday, January 18- Houston, TX

Thursday, January 20- New York City, NY