

## Continuum of Care News

### All CoC Meeting In Review

Thank you to the more than 200 stakeholders who attended the All CoC Meeting on June 14! You can [download presentations and other meeting materials here](#), and check out All Chicago's [Twitter page](#) for key takeaways. Have feedback about the meeting? Please help us improve future events by [taking our survey](#).



Attendees stood up to show their participation in the Coordinated Entry System during a presentation from eight key system partners

### "Stronger and Richer: Strengthening Chicago's CoC Collective Impact Model" - Webinar

**When:** Fri., June 23 from 10am - 11:30am CDT  
As mentioned during the All CoC Meeting, All Chicago engaged the services of National CSH to perform a SWOT analysis and identify strategies to strengthen All Chicago's ability to support the implementation of Plan 2.0. Lots of exciting ideas emerged from these conversations, which have been pulled together in one document we call the CSH Strategy memo. Please join CSH Consultant Mandy Chapman Semple as she walks us through the content of this Strategy Memo. [Register here](#)

### SOAR Implementation Meeting

On Weds., May 24, stakeholders from a variety of sectors met to action plan for enhancing and sustaining SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and

## Events

### Handbags for Homes



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

[Buy tickets here.](#)

## Partner Updates

### Coordinated Entry Newsletter

[Subscribe to CSH's Coordinated Entry System eNewsletter](#) for the latest updates on Coordinated Entry in Chicago, and read the latest edition of the newsletter [here](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### RFPs for Runaway and Homeless Youth Services

The Administration on Children, Youth, and Families released three RFPs for homeless and runaway youth services. [The Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Homes \(TLP\) program](#) has \$20M for 103 grants for housing services; [the Basic](#)

Recovery (SOAR) services in the CoC. This meeting was the result of a successful submission by All Chicago on behalf of the CoC to the SOAR Technical Assistance Project. Initial plans include forming a SOAR/public benefits planning body, creating dedicated SOAR provider positions, and enhancing training and agency support.

SOAR is an evidence-based model for assisting people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in applying for public disability benefits. In 2016, SOAR had a national SSI/SSDI approval rate of 67%, compared with the non-SOAR approval rate of 10-15% for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. If you have questions or want to get involved in SOAR, please contact Margaret Smith at [msmith@allchicago.org](mailto:msmith@allchicago.org).

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### Become a CoC Member

The new CoC membership year began in April. [Go to the CoC website](#) to fill out a membership application and pay your dues online.

## All Chicago's Learning Center Trainings

### HUD Housing Programs and Participant Leases - Webinar

When: Mon., July 10 from 11am - 12pm

[Register and learn more here](#)

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### Crafting Strong Program Structure and Governance

When: Weds., July 12 from 10am - 12pm

Where: All Chicago - [651 W. Washington Blvd.](#)

[Register and learn more here](#)

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### Social Enterprise Showcase

When: Thurs., July 13 from 1pm - 3pm

Where: All Chicago - [651 W. Washington Blvd.](#)

[Register and learn more here](#)

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### NAMI: Mental Illness and Crisis Intervention Training

When: Weds., July 19 from 1pm - 3pm

Where: All Chicago - [651 W. Washington Blvd.](#)

[Register and learn more here](#)

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### HOW. TO. BE. HEARD. Program Advocacy Training

When: Weds., July 26 from 10am - 12pm

Where: All Chicago - [651 W. Washington Blvd.](#)

[Register and learn more here](#)

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[Center Program \(BCP\)](#) has \$16 million for 91 grants for temporary shelter and counseling services; and the [Street Outreach Program \(SOP\)](#) has \$2.7M for 17 grants for outreach activities. The TLP deadline is Aug. 13, the BCP deadline is July 14, and the SOP deadline is July 11.

## Partner Events

### Introduction to the Housing First Model

When: Tues., June 20 from 9am - 12pm

Where: Heartland Alliance, [208 S. LaSalle St. Ste. 1300](#)

Fee: \$50 (Three CEUs will be provided.)

[Learn more and register here](#)

### Why Employment?

Research Evidence Supporting Employment Services for People Experiencing Homelessness, and How to Apply a "Housing First" Approach to

Employment Presented

by: Chris Warland

When: Weds., June 21 from 9am-11am

Where: [Heartland Alliance 208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL](#)

[Learn more and register here](#)

Evidence-Based Models and Best Practices in Employment Services for People Experiencing Homelessness: Steps You can Take Now, and Programs You can Design Tomorrow

Presented by: Chris Warland

When: Weds., June 21 from 12pm-2pm

Where: Heartland Alliance [208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL](#)

[Learn more and register here](#)

Best and Promising

## Using Technology to Reduce Homelessness

When: Thurs., August 17 from 1pm - 2:30pm  
Where: All Chicago - [651 W. Washington Blvd.](#)  
[Register and learn more here](#)

## Emergency Fund Updates

### 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.

## Meet All Chicago's Newest Team Members

### Karen Kowal: Director of CoC Programs

**Ask Karen about:**  
The Continuum of Care

Karen joins All Chicago from the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, where she was the Director of the CommunityLinks program. Karen also brings years of CoC experience to this role. As Director of



Practices in  
Employment Services for  
Youth Experiencing  
Homelessness Webinar  
Presented by: Caitlin Schnur  
When: Thurs., June 22 from  
11am-12:30pm  
[Learn more and register here](#)

Applying Clinical  
Approaches in  
Employment Services for  
People Experiencing  
Homelessness: Webinar  
Presented by: Chris Warland  
When: Mon., June 26 from  
1pm-2:30pm  
[Learn more and register here](#)

Employment Law Clinic  
for Nonprofits  
Presented by: Law Project  
of the Chicago Lawyers'  
Committee for Civil Rights  
When: Thurs., July 13 from  
9:45am - 12:30pm  
Where: [444 W. Lake St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL](#)  
[Complete this intake form to register by June 23](#)

Heartland Alliance's  
Harm Reduction in the  
House Conference  
When: Fri., Sept. 15  
[Buy tickets at an early bird rate](#) until June 30! Learn more about Heartland Alliance's Harm Reduction Institute [here](#).

### DFSS Community Center Workshops

The Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) are offering free workshops at six Community Service Centers this month. Click each Center's name below to see their offerings.

[Englewood Community Center](#)  
[King Community Center](#)  
[South Chicago Community Center](#)  
[Garfield Community Center](#)  
[North Area Community Center](#)  
[Trina Davila Community](#)

Heartland Human Care  
Services: [Bilingual](#)  
[\(English/Spanish\) Asset](#)  
[Development Coordinator](#)

The Harbor at Alexian Brothers Housing and Health Alliance, Karen directed various programs, including CoC-funded projects. She spent four years on the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless Board (Lake County's CoC). Karen received a Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University.

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### Elizabeth (Liz) Oo: Applied Research Analyst

**Ask Liz about:** Research, reports, issue briefs, data analysis



Liz is a new member of the Innovation and Impact team, bringing with her extensive experience in various research methods, including quantitative and qualitative data analysis, spatial analysis, and survey design and implementation, as well as skills in technical assistance, scenario planning, and project management. She previously worked at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Urban Institute, and National Housing Trust. Originally from Queens, New York City, she moved to Chicago by way of DC in 2015 for family, hot dogs, and cheaper rent (relative to DC and NYC, anyway).

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### Christophe Valcourt: Innovation & Impact Associate

**Ask Christophe about:** Administrative support around research and technical assistance projects



Prior to joining All Chicago, Christophe worked as a research assistant at the Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement while earning his Masters of Urban Planning and Policy at UIC. He has also served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with a nonprofit housing organization in Baltimore, Maryland. His background includes studying changing affordable housing needs in Chicago neighborhoods, measuring the effectiveness of counseling services in helping individuals attain favorable housing and financial outcomes, and identifying workforce development solutions for disconnected youth. Christophe holds a Bachelor of Sociology from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

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