

Continuum of Care News

Coordinated Entry Rollout Update

The Chicago Coordinated Entry System (CES) has launched for youth ages 18-24 and will soon be implemented for single adults. Housing providers have begun receiving referrals for youth from HMIS and will be sent matches for individuals at the start of June. Youth and single adults in need of housing should be connected to a Skilled Assessor either at a project or identified Access Point. The Central Referral System (CRS) is only accepting applications for families until they are incorporated into the CES this July. To learn about Skilled Assessor trainings, find details on CES Access Points, or participate in trainings designed for housing providers receiving referrals from HMIS, please visit the [CES website](#) or [sign up for trainings here](#). Housing providers serving single adults should register for an upcoming webinar training to prepare for individual referrals via HMIS in June.

[Subscribe to CSH's CES eNewsletter](#) for the latest updates on CES in Chicago, and read the latest edition of the newsletter [here](#). Contact ChicagoCES@csh.org with any questions about the CES implementation.

CoC Board of Directors Voting Results

At the CoC Board of Directors meeting on April 19, the Board voted to approve the CoC Advocacy Committee's [work plan and priorities for federal, state, and local advocacy](#). The Board also voted to approve a joint motion from the Task Force on Homeless Youth and Coordinated Access Steering Committee to submit a proposal to HUD to allow Chicago to serve youth and families that fall under HUD's Category 3 Homeless definition. This would allow for 10% of HUD CoC Transitional Housing resources to serve youth and families that would be categorized as homeless under other Federal Statutes. All Chicago is working with the Task Force and HUD TA to write a proposal to HUD to request adopting this definition.

Annual Performance Report Released for Public Comment

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), in coordination with other state agencies,

Events

All CoC Meeting

June's All CoC Meeting will feature a resource fair*, breakout sessions, Coordinated Entry updates, and more. Look for a registration link in your inbox soon!

When: Weds., June 14
9am - 1pm

Where:
[Salvation Army Freedom Center](#)
825 N. Christiana Ave.

*If you're interested in reserving a table at the resource fair, please email Jenna Temkin at jtemkin@allchicago.org

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

Service Changes at Pacific Garden Mission
Due to staffing and

released the [2016 Annual Performance Report](#) (APR) on May 11. The APR summarizes the Action Plan portion of Illinois' [Consolidated Plan](#), which outlines the state's progress toward affordable housing and community development priorities. From now until Fri., May 26, the public can mail written comments on the APR to: Illinois Housing Development Authority, SPAR/OHCS, Attention: Consolidated Plan, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 1000, Chicago, IL, 60601. The public can also share their comments at a hearing on Weds., May 24 at 2pm at IDHS, 100 South Grand Ave. East, Harris Building 11, 2nd Floor, in Springfield. Contact the IHDA at 312-836-5364 for more information.

HIC & PIT Count Data Submitted

On May 2, the All Chicago CoC team, in collaboration with DFSS, submitted Chicago's Housing Inventory Count and Point-In-Time Count data to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. All Chicago and DFSS will release an official report on the 2017 HIC & PIT by late summer. Learn more about last year's [HIC here](#) and read about the [PIT here](#).

Updated Charter on CoC Website

The CoC Charter was revised and amended at the last All CoC meeting on December 15, 2016. [Read the updated charter here](#). Have thoughts about improving the charter? Take the [Charter Amendment & Interpretation Committee's survey](#) by Weds., May 17.

Grants Inventory Worksheet & CoC Registration

Earlier in May, the All Chicago CoC team registered the CoC to apply for funding in the HUD CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The team also submitted the Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW). The GIW sets Chicago's Annual Renewal Demand of \$63,727,938 million, the minimum amount of money Chicago can apply for in the NOFA. Thanks to all the CoC-funded program agencies that submitted data for the GIW!

Become a CoC Member

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

New HUD Exchange Grantee Pages

The HUD Exchange (HUD's online



resource changes, Pacific Garden Mission changed their hours of operation and guest admittance policies on May 1. Pacific Garden Mission now operates from 6am - 7pm daily. No guests will be allowed entry after 7pm, aside from some exceptions, like first-time guests and mothers with small children. Pacific Garden Mission is working closely with DFSS, Mobile Outreach teams, and other community partners to ensure there are enough shelter placements available for those who need them.

Pro Bono Consulting

Compass is offering pro bono consulting services to Chicago nonprofits in the following areas: Board Development, Funding Strategy, Strategic Alignment, and Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations. Applications are due June 12. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Social Service Symposium

Network with social service providers from Chicago's employment, adult education, and housing sectors at this free, half-day event.

When: Tues., May 23
9am - 1pm

Where: St. Vincent DePaul Center, [2145 N. Halsted](#)
[Learn more here.](#)

Post-Secondary Education Scholarships

Applications are now available for Community Services Block Grant scholarships for students pursuing post-secondary education in Illinois. Applications are due by 5pm on June 9. Please see [this flyer for more information](#), or [download an application](#).

tool that provides resources for community partners) recently released new "About Grantee" pages. The pages provide enhanced search capabilities and other updates to make grantee information more accessible. You can find the Chicago CoC's [updated grantee page here](#).

Learning Center Trainings & Resources

Annual Homeless Assessment Report

Between Oct. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2016, nearly 26,000 homeless people of all ages made use of emergency shelters, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing in Chicago. While these figures do not include those in domestic violence shelters, rapid re-housing scattered site apartments, or doubled-up in others' homes, this data nonetheless paints a vivid picture of what's known as "sheltered homelessness" in Chicago. All Chicago's intent in publicizing these findings is to provide food for thought and action in preventing and ending homelessness. [Read more about the 2016 AHAR 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

Notice of Intent to Sell

A Notice of Intent to Sell was submitted on May 3 for the Darlington Hotel, LLC (4700 N. Racine). [Email Lawrence Dolins](#) with any questions.

Job Openings

All Chicago: [Continuum of Care Program Coordinator](#)

Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's

Network: [Director of Strategic Initiatives & Public Policy](#)

assistance should call "311" and ask for "short-term help" to be assessed and referred to funds.

Meet All Chicago's Newest Team Members

Rose Hughes, MBA, MHRM, SHRM-CP: HR & Operations Manager



Ask Rose about: Job openings at All Chicago

With a background in human resources and nonprofit fundraising, Rose is a great addition to All Chicago's Finance and Administration team. Rose has worked in fundraising at United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and in Human Resources at Women Liberating Women. Rose has a Master's in Business Administration and Human Resources Management from DeVry University.

Ken Lewin: Coordinated Entry Systems Analyst

Ask Ken about: Coordinated Entry data quality, technical assistance, and implementation trainings

Ken joined All Chicago from Heartland Human Care Services (HHCS), where he worked to house veterans through the Ending Veteran Homelessness Initiative and HHCS's Supportive Services for Veterans Families project. Ken has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work.

Sal Muñoz: System Coordinator

Ask Sal about: the HMIS help desk and data administration



Sal Muñoz is a community organizer turned web developer taking on the role of System Coordinator with our HMIS team. He started his career fighting for affordable housing on the northwest side of Chicago and was most recently working with a coding boot camp in New York. His passions lie in housing, coding, and making sure paper forms are as short and sweet as possible.

Carl Wiley, LSW: Capacity Building and Training Manager

Ask Carl about: Trainings, technical assistance, and capacity building opportunities at All Chicago's Learning Center.



For nearly 10 years, Carl has been working with youth experiencing homelessness in Chicago and surrounding areas. In his previous role at Heartland Alliance, Carl assisted five cities to boost their employment and housing resources and is excited to bring those learnings to All Chicago. Outside of his work, Carl enjoys recording music and seeing stand-up comedy.

Take Action

United for Homes Advocacy Day

On Weds., May 17, the [National Low Income Housing Coalition](#) and the [United for Homes Campaign](#) will have a national advocacy day to push for reforms to the Mortgage Interest Deduction. These reforms would reinvest money into affordable rental housing through the national Housing Trust Fund and other rental assistance programs. [In Illinois, these reforms have the potential to generate \\$10 billion](#) for affordable housing over 10 years. Learn more about [the advocacy day here](#).



March to Springfield for a Responsible Budget

Fair Economy Illinois is organizing a march from Chicago to Springfield to advocate for a "People & Planet First Budget." The March starts today in Chicago, and supporters can join marchers [along their route to Springfield](#) and at a [rally when they arrive on May 30](#). Learn more about [the march here](#).



All Chicago prevents and ends homelessness through emergency financial assistance, community partnerships, data analytics, and skills training.

Learn more at allchicago.org

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