

# COHHIO Updates

## PIT Count

We are quickly approaching the Ohio Statewide Point-In-Time Count date of January 27, 2009. If you have questions regarding any Point-In-Time Count issues – please feel free to contact Erica or Jonda at 614-280-1984. Just an update on the Community Data Reporting Tool that we went over in the training in December... COHHIO will be collecting that data via a Survey Monkey Tool. Information on how to access that tool will be forthcoming.

## Your Help is Needed...

COHHIO is advocating with the Governor's Office regarding Lifting the Cap on the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Given the current economic status, there would be no new funds available by lifting the cap however, once the real estate market turns around – we hope that additional funds would be available. To make our case with the Governor, we would like to know what increases in homeless services requests that you are seeing at your agency. If you have compiled your statistics from 2008, we would appreciate seeing how many more persons you served in 2008 as compared to 2007. Please send that information to me at [jondaclemings@cohhio.org](mailto:jondaclemings@cohhio.org)

## Training Updates

### **2009 Lunch and Learn Series Case Management for Supportive Housing January 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

- To watch the training, please register your seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/304159706>
- To listen to training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on January 15th by 1:00 p.m. and enter conference code 9794328

The first session in this series is entitled the **Role of Case Manager & Who is Homeless**. This session will give an overview of the lunch and learn series, discuss who is homeless per HUD's definition and review the role of a case manager working with individuals and families that are homeless or previously homeless.

### **Completing the Annual Progress Report January 22, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

- ◆ To watch the training, please register your seat now at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/475479150>
- ◆ To listen to the training, please call 1-866-264-5089 on January 22<sup>nd</sup> by 1:00 p.m. and enter conference code 9794328

HUD is holding programs more accountable for their project's outcomes. It is extremely important that accurate and reliable data is entered into the Annual Progress Reports (APR) to capture those outcomes. The training will review common errors in APR reporting and the future of HUD's APR in preparation for APR completion through E-Snaps and walk through question by question:

- ◆ Completing the APR,
- ◆ Gathering the data, and
- ◆ Measuring overall program goals.

The **National Alliance to End Homelessness' 2009 National Conference on Ending Family Homelessness** will be February 12 & 13 in San Diego, CA. Registration will close on January 26, 2009 in order to receive the regular registration rate of \$400. See their website at [www.naeh.org](http://www.naeh.org)

### **Legislative Updates**

Both the State and Federal Legislators are back in session this week. Just a reminder, it is a good time to contact your legislators and introduce them to your programs if they are new or remind them about all the good work you do.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**The Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD) Ohio Energy Office (OEO)** is soliciting applications to implement solar thermal energy projects on new construction and existing buildings for affordable and market rate residential housing units in Ohio as defined in Section 1.3. In accordance with the authority provided the Director of the ODOD under Ohio Revised Code §4928.61-63, qualifying applicants will be eligible to apply for grant assistance to cover a portion of the costs of eligible projects located in the service territories of the four investor-owned electric distribution companies listed in Section 1.3. Grant funds are limited, but qualifying applications will be funded until all the funds for this Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) are awarded or the OEO determines the program no longer suits the best interest of Ohio's energy plan.  
<http://www.odod.state.oh.us/cdd/oe/ELFGrant.htm>

**Department of Justice** announced that it plans to release solicitations for grants under the Second Chance Act early this year. The legislation authorizes grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide supportive services to help reduce the rate of re-offending and probation and parole violations. The Council of State Governments Justice Cent has created a fact sheet for Section 101 (for local/state governments) and Section 211 (nonprofit organizations) go to their website at [www.justicecenter.csg.org](http://www.justicecenter.csg.org)

**Department of Justice: Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program** <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/open-solicitations.htm> This program provides an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

### **New Reports**

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Ford Foundation, & United States Department of Labor have released a new report "Mentoring Formerly Incarcerated Adults: Insights From the Ready4Work Reentry Initiative" – report can be found at [http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/pubhub\\_item.jhtml?id=fdc72700008](http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/pubhub/pubhub_item.jhtml?id=fdc72700008)