

# HOUSING OHIO

**2018 COHHIO Conference**

**UP WITH HOUSING**

**DOWN WITH HOMELESSNESS**

**APRIL 09 - 11**

**Sheraton Columbus Hotel  
on Capitol Square**



Coalition on Homelessness  
and Housing in Ohio

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## Monday, April 9

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Coffee
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Welcome & Introduction
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Morning Plenary
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Workshop Set A
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Workshop Set B
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Workshop Set C
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception

## Tuesday, April 10

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome & Introduction
9:15 am - 10:15 am	Morning Plenary
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Workshop Set D
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch & Afternoon Plenary
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Workshop Set E

## Wednesday, April 11

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Coffee
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Housing Institute Sessions

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For nearly 25 years, the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio has hosted an annual conference that convenes the nation's foremost experts on the issues of homelessness and affordable housing to share new approaches to house Ohio's most vulnerable citizens. Housing Ohio 2018 will take place April 9, 10 and 11 in our long-time venue – the Sheraton Columbus Hotel on Capitol Square.

Megan Gibbard Kline will kick off the Housing Ohio 2018 conference April 9 with a discussion of youth homelessness. As director of A Way Home America, Megan is at the center of a national efforts to prevent and end homelessness among young people. Through its 100-Day Challenge campaigns, AWAHA mobilizes local communities to push toward a common goal: #endyouthhomelessness.

During Tuesday's morning plenary, we'll hear a local angle on youth homelessness from a panel of young people serving on Cincinnati's Lighthouse Youth Advisory Council moderated by Dee Balliet, one of the True Color Fund's 40 of the Forty.

At Tuesday midday plenary, we'll celebrate the 50th Year Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act with Darlene Sweeney-Newbern, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission's new Director of Operations. Darlene, an inspirational speaker, has nearly three decades of experience fighting housing discrimination and helped secure a \$4.3 million settlement in a major redlining case in Toledo.

Housing Ohio attendees will also hear the Commons in Harmony, a community choir that leverages the power of song to help members gain self-confidence and find comfort in creative outlets as they move from the shadows to the spotlight.

The Housing Ohio conference also offers attendees a choice of 31 workshops on a wide variety of subjects taught by acclaimed professionals working both on the front lines and behind the scenes to tackle homelessness. On Wednesday we will present three Housing Institutes, intensive, full-day sessions that delve more deeply into the subject matter.

Join us for what will be one of the best COHHIO conferences ever!

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## Registration Fees

### Full Conference - Monday & Tuesday Workshops

\$260 (For COHHIO Members); \$310 (For Non-members)

### Single Day - Monday or Tuesday Workshops

\$175 (For COHHIO Members); \$200 (For Non-members)

### Housing Institute - Wednesday

\$50 (For COHHIO Members); \$100 (For Non-members)

***(Please Note: Early Bird Rates apply through March 23 - [starting March 24 registration fees increase by \\$50. Don't wait!](#))***

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## Members Save!

COHHIO's organizational members get a \$50 discount off every employee's conference registration. Join COHHIO or renew your organization's membership - visit the [membership page](#) on our website, or pay membership dues when you register for the conference online.

Membership fees are based on your organization's annual budget. They are:

- \$50/year for a budget under \$100,000
- \$75/year for \$100,000-\$250,000 budget
- \$125/year for \$250,000 - \$500,000 budget
- \$200/year for \$500,000 - \$1 million budget
- \$250/year for \$1 million-\$1.5 million
- \$300/year for budget over \$1.5 million.

## Wanted: Housing Ohio 2017 Sponsors

There's still time to sponsor Housing Ohio 2017! Call Marcus Roth at 614-280-1984, ext. 111 or email [marcusroth@cohhio.org](mailto:marcusroth@cohhio.org) for details.

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## Who Should Attend?

Housing and homeless advocates, social service providers, homeless services and program providers, clients and program participants, nonprofit housing developers, welfare advocates, community development officials, fair housing advocates, supportive housing providers, federal, state and local government personnel, mental health and substance abuse professionals, attorneys, and anyone else concerned with access to decent, safe and affordable housing and services for low-income people.

## Hotel Accommodations

The Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square is offering discounted rooms: \$144 per night. Conference participants are responsible for making their own reservations through the Sheraton either by using Sheraton's online room registration at [the COHHIO rate page](#) or calling the hotel at 800-325-3535. Be sure to tell the hotel operator you are part of the COHHIO conference. To get the special rate, you must make your reservations by March 16. There are a limited number of rooms available, so please book your room early.

## Directions

The Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square is located at 75 East State Street in downtown Columbus. You can call the hotel at 800-325-3535 for directions, or use their [Columbus city map](#) for directions. Valet parking is available at the hotel and additional parking is available at Columbus Commons.

## Continuing Education Units

COHHIO will provide Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Social Workers. Certificates will be distributed following the conference via email within 30 days. Conference attendees must sign the CEU forms each day of the conference and complete an evaluation to receive CEUs.

## Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships will be available to those who demonstrate a financial burden and would not otherwise be able to attend the conference. Scholarships are limited to one per organization. Submit your written request via email, to [douglas.argue@cohhio.org](mailto:douglas.argue@cohhio.org). The deadline is Feb. 28. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## Problems? We can help you register!

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## Workshop Set A: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

### **Let the People Ride: The Battle for Equal Access to Dayton's RTA**

Filmmakers will screen "Free to Ride," an award-winning documentary about Dayton residents' efforts to win bus access to jobs and education in the neighboring suburb of Beavercreek. The film focuses on issues of disparate impact, which parallel the struggles of housing advocates and developers in communities across the country. Audience questions will follow the screening.

### **Enhancing Management & Leadership Practices**

This session is geared toward professionals working in supervisory, management and leadership roles. Attendees will learn tools and strategies to enhance their management and leadership practices, develop proficiency in operational planning and supervision, and learn techniques for performance management, decision-making, risk management and problem solving.

### **Daring to Look: Racial Disparities in the Homeless Population**

African Americans comprise 12.5% of the U.S. population, but 40% of the nation's homeless. Understanding why people of color are so overrepresented in the homeless population requires a bold examination of longstanding social and structural issues facing communities of color. This session will investigate the connections between race and homelessness, while also exploring both local and national conversations about solutions.

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## Workshop Set A: 10:45 am - 12:15 pm (Cont.)

### **In Defiance of Instability: Strategies for Ending Homelessness Among Families with Children**

Children who lack a stable home are vulnerable to a number of adverse outcomes. This session will delve into innovative ways that the YWCAs and Children Services are partnering to better serve homeless families with children. Presenters will explain how Housing First concepts can support the unique needs of families experiencing homelessness.

### **Integrating Rapid Re-Housing & Employment: Enhancing Rapid Re-Housing Design & Implementation**

Drawn from more than a dozen interviews and site visits with rapid re-housing providers around the U.S., a new report from Heartland Alliance demonstrates why robust employment, training, and related supportive services are key to the success of rapid re-housing participants. Presenters will offer program-level recommendations for enhancing the design and delivery of rapid re-housing with employment supports and other actionable steps for providers.

### **Healing Arts Programs for Military Veterans**

Experiential workshop on one of the expressive arts therapies Family & Community Services employees at their transitional housing for veterans who are homeless. Also an update on the ongoing research of providing expressive arts therapy to homeless veterans and the impact it has.



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## Workshop Set B: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

### Connecting Needs and Assets: Landlord Engagement & Recruitment

Private market landlords are critical partners in our work of helping people quickly escape homelessness. Attend this session to learn how your program can establish and maintain strong connections to landlords.

### Intersection of Housing & Health

Awareness about the impact that housing has on residents' health and wellbeing has been growing in recent years, as supportive housing has become the dominant model in the U.S. to house the chronically homeless. This session highlights the work of housing providers and healthcare partners who are working to improve outcomes in both arenas.

### A Crisis Roaring: Infant Mortality in Ohio

Ohio's infant mortality rate increased in 2015 and again in 2016, and remains higher than most other states. This session will provide an in-depth look at the impact of housing on infant mortality and highlight strategies that are creating hope for at-risk populations.

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## Workshop Set B: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

### Statewide Plan to End Homelessness Update

Attendees will hear from policy makers and advocates leading the process to develop a Statewide Plan to End Homelessness. The plan prioritizes sustained partnerships across the public systems to facilitate a functional end to homelessness in Ohio.

### The Ohio Data Warehouse

Attendees will learn about Ohio's Human Services Data Warehouse, a tool that will be used to strengthen collaborative efforts to alleviate the interrelated issues of homelessness and poverty through an analysis of cross-system data related to homeless and at-risk populations.

### 50 Years of Fair Housing & What it Means for Homeless Advocates

The Central Ohio Fair Housing Association is joining with civil rights groups across the United States to commemorate the 50th anniversary of passage of the Fair Housing Act and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Civil rights and fair housing advocates will present a brief history of the Fair Housing Act, how it fits into the struggle to end poverty, and how it can advance efforts to end homelessness.



## Workshop Set C: 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

### Speak Up, Get Heard: Strategies to Effect Change

If there was ever a time to effectively advocate for people in need, this is it. Join us to learn basic, useful strategies to mobilize voters and effectively advocate for an issue with policymakers. Presenters will cover communications, research, and engagement techniques to effect lasting policy change.

### Reducing Youth Homelessness: Lessons Learned From YHDP

HUD released the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) to help further understanding about what it takes to reduce and end youth homelessness. Two Ohio communities were selected in the first round of awards, Cincinnati/Hamilton County and the Southeast Ohio Region of the Ohio Balance of State CoC. In this session, attendees will learn about how these initiatives are being implemented and key challenges and successes.

### Combating the Opiate Crisis in Ohio through Comprehensive Response

Ohio's model for fighting drugs is perhaps the most comprehensive in the nation. In addition to funding services, Ohio leaders have invested time and energy into creating tools that can be used in battling this epidemic. Attendees will learn about a new state launched drug prevention strategy, and best practices such as medicated assisted treatment, recovery housing and innovative models that emphasize connecting people to addiction treatment.

## Workshop Set C: 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm (Cont.)

### Creating A Low Barrier Shelter

This session will explore the role of emergency shelters in the homeless response system and techniques for creating an effective low-barrier shelter. Topics will include using a Housing First approach, safe and appropriate diversion, immediate and low-barrier access to shelter, housing-focused services, and using data to measure performance.

### Intersections of Aging & Homelessness

At a time when dominant best practices focus on veterans, youth and families experiencing homelessness, far less attention has been given to aging adults. Nonetheless, the increasing number of homeless seniors demands more research, policy attention and new ways of serving this population.

### Reweaving the Safety Net: Creating Diversion Opportunities

Cleveland Mediation Center Director Danielle Cosgrove will moderate as a panel of service managers from Frontline review the history of diversion in Cleveland and provide specific examples of their work.



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## Workshop Set D: 10:30 am - 12 pm

### Ohio CABHI Program: Critical Time Intervention & Housing Retention

Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services will provide an overview of the Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) program from the state perspective, followed by local insights from a housing provider and client. Finally, presenters will review the data collected by OMHAS. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the CABHI program and its effect on individuals housing retention and other quality of life and recovery indicators.

### Best Practice in Street Outreach

This session offers information, guidance, and lessons learned from effective street outreach programs. Information shared will help inform providers and communities considering developing new outreach strategies or programs.

### Current Funding Opportunities to Finance Supportive Housing

This session is designed for housing developers, service providers, and supportive housing advocates seeking in-depth information on financing the development of supportive housing for those struggling with homelessness. Attendees will learn about major federal and state financing sources and details on relevant requirements and deadlines.

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## Workshop Set D: 10:30 am - 12 pm (Cont.)

### Housing First in Supportive Housing

Supportive housing is an evidence-based housing intervention that combines non-time-limited affordable housing assistance with wrap-around supportive services for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other people with disabilities. In this session, attendees will hear from supportive housing providers who have successfully implemented a Housing First philosophy in their programs and how this approach is helping to maximize housing stability among the populations served.

### Landlord Tenant Law 101

This training will present information on Ohio's Landlord Tenant Law in order to inform and help providers and consumers understand, prevent, and handle problems that may arise before, during and after a rental agreement. Security deposits, rental agreements, leases, and repairs are a few topics that will be covered in this foundational and informative session.

### SOAR Part I: Helping Veterans Experiencing Homelessness Soar

SOAR is an evidence based practice that teaches how to prepare high-quality SSI and SSDI applications to expedite processing time and increase approvals. Attendees will learn how SOAR can provide a pathway for outreach and income stability for homeless veterans, and will gain a better understanding of how SSI/SSDI can affect a veteran's disability and Medicaid benefits and other community resources.

### Power in Experience: Bringing Youth Voice to the Table

Members of Cincinnati's Lighthouse Youth Advisory Council will share relevant experiences and discuss their work to improve the foster care system, advocate for youth experiencing homelessness, and propose new ideas and creative solutions to tear down barriers. With concrete examples of youth-led system changes, providers will gain knowledge to empower and include youth voice in their own community.



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## Workshop Set E: 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm

### **Diversifying Funding Streams: Think Like a Start-Up**

In a growing and evolving non-profit organization, creating diversified funding streams is important to help mitigate the risks of over-reliance on short-term successes. In this session, attendees will learn how forward thinking non-profits are planning for sustainability by tapping into resources from national and local foundations, generating support from the corporate and business sector, and through social entrepreneurship and related ventures.

### **Utilizing Peer-to-Peer Models: Keys to Improving Your Program**

People who have experienced homelessness offer unique perspectives and qualifications to support their peers who are still struggling to escape homelessness. In this unique session, presenters will introduce attendees to the many ways peer-to-peer models can be used in interventions to assist those experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

### **Recovery Housing in Ohio**

This workshop will provide an overview of recovery housing programs in Ohio, including key elements of the recovery housing model, benefits of recovery housing in Ohio, levels of support available in recovery housing, and best practices in recovery housing including medication assisted treatment.

### **Public Policy Update**

Presenters will review recent developments in affordable housing and homelessness policy at the federal and state levels.

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## Workshop Set E: 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm (Cont.)

### **Lost Safety, Lost Housing: A Primer on the Violence Against Women Act**

In 2005, in response to Congressional findings that families are discriminated against, denied access to, and evicted from housing because of their status as survivors of domestic violence, Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and included new housing protections for these survivors. In this session, presenters will summarize laws designed to counteract some of the common housing problems faced by victims of domestic violence.

### **SOAR Part 2: Working with Persons Exiting the Justice System**

SOAR is an evidence based practice that teaches how to prepare high quality SSI and SSDI applications to expedite processing time and increase approvals. Attendees will learn how the program is providing a pathway to help clients who may have a criminal conviction and who need linkage to SSA, Medicaid and other community resources.

### **Effective Employment Models for People Experiencing Homelessness**

Meaningful and sustainable employment is the key to creating and maintaining housing stability. In this session, learn how providers are connecting people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness with job training and placement programs to ensure they have the tools they need for long-term stability and success.



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## **COHHIO Housing Institute** **9:00 am - 4 pm**

### **Creating a Trauma Informed Agency**

In this full day training, attendees will learn how to transform their organization by implementing a “Trauma Informed” approach. Trauma Informed Care is an overarching structure and treatment attitude that emphasizes understanding, compassion, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. TIC also addresses physical and psychological risks to both clients and providers, and provides tools to empower people on the path to stability. This training will delve into policies and procedures, staffing and other elements vital to transforming an agency.

### **Incorporating Harm Reduction Practices Into Your Program**

This full-day session focuses on Harm Reduction as a strategy to reduce the risks and detrimental effects of substance use and addictive behaviors. Recognizing that abstinence may not be realistic or a desirable goal for some people experiencing homelessness, attendees will develop tools to create realistic, pragmatic, humane and successful programming that addresses substance use issues.

### **Creating A Low Barrier System**

Attendees will spend the day learning how to transition their system to a low-barrier, housing-focused model. Providers across the homeless response system will discover tools and strategies to improve housing outcomes, implement a system-wide approach to collaboration, and align providers’ goals with the community’s broader efforts to end homelessness.