



**Topic: HomeRoom Network Community of Practice Notes**  
**Session 1- Introduction to Community of Practice: Getting to Know Your District & Homelessness Response Team**  
**Date: 3/16/2022**  
**Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST**

**Materials:**

**Slide Deck:** <https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/FINAL-HomeRoom-Network-Session-One-Slides-copy.pdf>

**Recording:** [https://youtu.be/s-Kaed6W\\_Is](https://youtu.be/s-Kaed6W_Is)

**Feedback Survey:** <https://forms.gle/uRKwwLf6LzB8Rx8p7>

1. Welcome & Community Agreements
  - a. Community Agreements
    - i. Be present & engaged in conversation – we would love to see you on video!
    - ii. Take space, make space
    - iii. Be curious & open-minded
    - iv. Own your intentions and your impact
    - v. Listen to one another with compassion and curiosity
    - vi. Choose courage over comfort
    - vii. Take care of yourself
    - viii. Be aware of time
  - b. Terminology- This CoP is a safe learning space
    - i. Using terms like “people under 18”, “people under 25”, “youth and young adults” instead of “kids”
    - ii. Saying “youth in care” instead of “wards”
    - iii. Saying “youth experiencing homelessness” instead of “homeless youth”
  - c. Principles of HomeRoom Network
    - i. Every district has unique needs and experiences, but regardless of our location we have some shared experiences. This is a space to learn from our shared and differing experiences. Lean into shared experiencing and challenges.
    - ii. We want to include our students and their innovative strategies and ideas into our approach to this work.
    - iii. We strive to thread equity into all of the work we do.



- iv. COHHIO is here to support and facilitate this space for the HomeRoom Network participants. YOU own this space.
- d. Resource: Learn more about HomeRoom Network [here](#).
- 2. Announcements
  - a. The American Rescue Plan has given Ohio various opportunities and sources of funding to better assist youth experiencing homelessness. The Ohio Department of Education has partnered with COHHIO to create Course to HOME and create this community of practice.
    - i. Training- provide opportunities to interact and learn new content and direct training to help districts better their work.
    - ii. System Coordination- Our goal is to help districts build bridges and make community connections that will benefit their work in preventing and ending homelessness for the students and families in their schools.
    - iii. Community of Practice- creating a learning environment to support your peer and shared experiences.
    - iv. Practice Guidance- COHHIO will use the CoP listserv to provide additional content and resources to help districts further their work, such as toolkits, practice guidance, checklists, awareness materials, etc.
      - 1. Use these resources at your discretion and provide us with feedback.
    - v. Technical Assistance- Your district can reach out to us directly for guidance on challenges.
      - 1. Direct TA- you may need help on a specific situation with a student or family, funding/program guidance, community connection, etc.
      - 2. A Technical Assistance Guide will be distributed via the listserv for a more comprehensive explanation on our TA services.
      - 3. Provide as much information in the TA request as possible.
        - a. Location of district (County, community)
      - 4. TA requests will be answered within 1-3 business days.
    - vi. Intended Audience
      - 1. ARP-HCY I subgrantees, McKinney-Vento subgrantees, and ESC liaisons striving to increase knowledge and response for students at-risk of/ or experiencing homelessness in an



Ohio school district/region, are strongly encouraged to attend.

- a. Sessions are intended to be small and highly interactive and discussion based.
2. Community of practice is available for all districts and ESCs in a separate community of practice called Ohio McKinney-Vento Network.
  - a. Sessions are expected to be large facilitated training opportunities with guest speakers and bite-size content.
3. Video Recordings are available for all districts and ESCs of the Ohio McKinney-Vento Community of Practice and the HomeRoom Network on the COHHIO Course to Home webpage [here](#).
3. Team Building Activity
4. Team Introductions
  - a. Lisa Brooks- Youth Housing Initiative Director & COHHIO Course to HOME Team Leader
  - b. Ami Diallo- Youth Housing Initiative Specialist
  - c. Deanna Perdana- Master of Social Work Intern from The Ohio State University
  - d. Josh Johnson- COHHIO's Director of Training and Equitable Practice, guest facilitator
  - e. Pete Fowler- COHHIO's Equity and Training Coordinator, guest facilitator
5. Small Group Activity
  - a. Jamboard Questions
    - i. What percentage of your job is student vs. system/community work?
    - ii. What bright spots & challenges are appearing in your role?
    - iii. How are student and families with lived expertise engaged in the work?
    - iv. How are you building up structures that are sustainable beyond the funding period?
    - v. What kind of support could benefit your work in this role (think about both community support and TA support)?
6. Reminders
  - a. Visit the COHHIO Course to HOME [website](#)
  - b. Request Technical Assistance: [homelesseducation@cohhio.org](mailto:homelesseducation@cohhio.org)



- c. The HomeRoom Network Community of Practice meetings will be available bi-monthly
  - d. The first Ohio- McKinney Vento Community of Practice session is on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-2pm EST register [here](#).
  - e. All content from BOTH CoPs will be posted onto the [cohhio.org/youth](http://cohhio.org/youth) [webpage](#)
7. Feedback
- a. If you have any feedback about the session share it anonymously [here](#).