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From Dream to Reality Creating Permanent Solutions for All



ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 5-7, 2016
Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld*



The 2016 FIHSH will be held October 5-7 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. This year's agenda will feature information on the latest best practices for supportive housing programs and ending homelessness. The major focus will be how to engage local governments, legal systems, the business community and the faith-based community in community planning to achieve success in ending homelessness.

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Happenings Around the State

The Agency for Health Care Administration/Medicaid is in the process of submitting a 1115 Waiver to allow Florida to expand Medicaid benefits to include housing assistance for individuals with severe mental illnesses or addiction disorders. The 1115 Waiver application is a demonstration waiver and AHCA intends to limit these new services to Medicaid recipients in Orlando and Jacksonville during the demonstration time frame. AHCA will hold three public workshops (Tallahassee, Orlando and Jacksonville) to receive input before submitting the request to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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FSHC Spring trainings are a success!

More than 100 people attended FSHC's first full training sessions conducted in collaboration with FADAA and FCCMH. National and state experts, as well as state leaders joined local behavioral health care providers and

managing entities to learn more about opportunities to develop and provide permanent supportive housing. FSHC will continue to develop more training throughout the year to assist those interested in expanding and enhancing permanent supportive housing for people with low incomes and special needs and/or who are homeless.

Materials from the trainings are available here.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC)

Has released its tentative 2016-2017 Funding Time Line that will be submitted for approval at the June 24, 2016 Board Meeting. Staff anticipates holding a general RFA process workshop in mid/late July.

View the document on the FHFC website here.

Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP)

The CCTCP gets an increase for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) was allocated \$21.4 million in tax credits for the Home Ownership Project/Housing for Persons with Special Needs for the two upcoming fiscal years (FY 2016-17 & FY 2017-18). This is an increase from the current year's \$18.4 million, which was more than the prior year. Currently there is a remaining balance of \$1.3 million within the "Home Ownership Project/Housing for Persons with Special Needs". The Community Contribution Tax Credit Program is a state financial incentive program to help non-profits find resources to develop permanent supportive housing for persons with low incomes or special needs.

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Formerly Homeless People Had Lower Overall Health Care Expenditures After Moving Into Supportive Housing

[This research article published in Health Affairs](#), 2016 uses claims data to evaluate outcomes for formerly homeless people who were living in a supportive housing facility in Oregon between 2010 and 2014. Results from the analysis showed significantly lower overall health care expenditures for the people after they moved into supportive housing. Expenditure changes were driven primarily by reductions in emergency and inpatient care. Survey data suggest that the savings were not at the expense of quality: Respondents reported improved access to care, stronger primary care connections, and better subjective health.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition

releases [Out of Reach 2016: No Refuge for Low Income Renters](#). *Out of Reach* is an annual publication of the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) that analyzes the mismatch between the wages people earn and the price of decent housing throughout the United States. Policymakers, researchers, housing advocates and members of the media extensively cite.

Housing for Special Needs: Funding for HUD's Supportive Housing Programs

[GAO-16-424](#); Released: May 31, 2016

This publication reviews the HUD application and awards process to allocate and award capital advances for Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202) and Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811). The report looks at all states regarding applications submitted and funding received. Most, but not all, states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) had applicants that received capital advances for Section 202 and Section 811 in fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

States To Use Medicaid Money To House Homeless People

[A Huffington Post article](#) discusses how cities with large homeless populations are increasingly turning to a strategy known as housing first. The article provides a brief but useful discussion of the benefits of permanent supportive housing. Although the article was written in November 2015 it is still timely.

Census Finds Big Drop in Central Florida Homeless

[This Orlando Sentinel article](#) dated May 9, 2016 reports that the homelessness in Central Florida has dropped an unprecedented 23 percent over the past year and has plunged more than 60 percent since 2013. The trend is credited to the housing first model. "This is the first downward trend we've seen in our community's history, and it's a moment to celebrate —while realizing there is still a lot of work to do," said Andrae Bailey, CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness.

The National Council for Behavioral Health has teamed up with the Technical Assistance to develop and release [Using Medicaid to Finance and Deliver Services in Supportive Housing: Challenges and Opportunities for Community Behavioral Health Organizations and Behavioral Health Authorities](#). The brief discusses the policy context driving the inclusion of more integrated permanent supportive housing (PSH) options and guides community behavioral health organizations and behavioral health authorities through the process of developing strong partnerships with sources of PSH. The report also discusses how to leverage Medicaid as a cost-effective source to finance and deliver these services components of PSH.

The Relationship between Housing Subsidies and Supportive Housing on Neighborhood Distress and Housing Satisfaction: Does Drug Use Make a Difference?

[This research paper](#) uses survey data from 337 low-income residents of Hartford, CT and geospatial analysis to determine whether low-income residents who receive housing subsidies and supportive housing live in neighborhoods with less concentrated poverty than those who do not. Researchers also examine the relationships between receiving housing subsidies or supportive housing and housing satisfaction; look at the moderating effects of drug use and race on level of neighborhood distress and housing satisfaction. Results show that low-income residents who receive housing subsidies or supportive housing were not more or less likely to live in neighborhoods with high levels of distress, although African-American residents receiving housing subsidies lived in more distressed neighborhoods than non-African Americans.

Predictors of Homelessness Among Families and Single Adults After Exit From Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Programs: Evidence From the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program

[This article assesses the extent and predictors](#) of homelessness among veterans (both veterans in families with children and single adult veterans) exiting the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) prevention and rapid re-housing program. Among rapid re-housing participants, 16% and 26% of single adult veterans experienced an episode of homelessness at 1 and 2 years post-SSVF exit; veterans in families results were 9.4% and 15.5%. Relatively fewer single adult veterans and veterans in families receiving homelessness prevention services experienced an episode of homelessness at 1 and 2 years post-SSVF exit. Housing Policy Debate, Volume 26, Issue 1, 2016.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Board and Related Meetings –
June 22, 2016, Orlando FL**

For more information [contact Karen Koch here](#).

**Florida's Behavioral Health Annual Conference –
August 10-12, 2016, Orlando, FL**

Hosted by FCCMH and FADAA, this premiere conference provides a full array of quality workshops for behavioral health care direct care and leadership staff. This year's conference includes several workshops focusing on supportive housing. For more information, [visit the conference website here](#).

**2016 Florida Institute on Homelessness and Supportive Housing
October 5 – 7, 2016 at the Renaissance Sea World, Orlando, FL**

[Visit the FSHC website here](#).

**Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Annual Meeting
October 5, 2016**

Held in conjunction with the Florida Institute on Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Renaissance SeaWorld, Orlando, FL

**2016 National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
(NAEHCY) Conference**

October 29 (Pre Conference Institutes); **October 30 – November 1** (full conference);

Hyatt Regency, 9801 International Drive, Orlando FL

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