



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

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Michigan Legislators Are Still Holding Up Vital Rental and Utility Assistance for Our Communities!

Read more from [MCAH's Action Alert](#) about the effect of these legislators' actions and how to locate and contact your State Senator and House Representative to advocate for *immediate release of the full amount of rental and utility assistance* before time runs out!

By holding this funding hostage, people who are at-risk of homelessness will be homeless. Withholding assistance also constrains the ability of service providers to build capacity to best serve their communities.

You can also contact them through their social media accounts in addition to calling and emailing. In addition to directly contacting them, please share this information with everyone in your communication network.

Direct Client Assistance

Funding is still available *via a grant to HAND* from United Way of Southeastern Michigan (UWSEM) to provide furniture and landlord incentives to people currently enrolled in a PSH or RRH program in the Detroit CoC who are in the process of moving into a unit, or who have recently moved into a unit. **Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until 3/31/2021 or until funding exhausted (whichever comes first).**

Click this [link](#) for details

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources & Information

[Detroit Vaccine Appointments](#)



Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations at TCF Center



NEW

- Detroit residents with documented intellectual or developmental disabilities
- Detroit residents who are home healthcare providers

- Detroiters age 65 or older
- Healthcare employees working in Detroit
- K-12 teachers and support staff and day care workers
- U.S. Post Office employees who live or work in Detroit
- City of Detroit or City-related agency employees working from their regular job site
- State and federal law enforcement officials who report to a job site
- Active clergy members whose ministry includes face-to-face contact with members
- Funeral home/mortuary employees who live or work in Detroit
- Food service workers living or working in Detroit
- Security guards living or working in Detroit
- Janitors living or working in Detroit

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Detroit residents can schedule appointments at the TCF Center by calling 313-230-0505, Monday-Friday from 9am - 6pm. Determine your eligibility and find out more about Detroit's expanded eligibility vaccine program [here](#).

HUD has issued [guidance](#) for homeless service providers on how to talk with clients about the COVID-19 Vaccine and any concerns their client may have. Click [here](#) for the Spanish version .

Click [here](#) to access the CoC google drive for printable infographics explaining vaccine prioritization for frontline workers and those experiencing homelessness.

Resources

Detroit CoC Information Session

“On Thursday, March 11th, we are inviting you to a Detroit CoC Information Session. This session is designed for those with an interest in better understanding how persons experiencing homelessness in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park can get connected to services.

Please join us from 9:00am – 10:30am for a virtual meeting. You can register by [clicking here](#).

Representatives from the City of Detroit Homelessness Solutions team, Coordinated Entry lead - the Coordinated Assessment Model (CAM) team, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), and the Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) will be leading this session. We hope to see you there!”

Detroit CoC Training Survey

We would like your input as we strive to plan training opportunities for the Continuum for 2021 and coming years. Please follow this [link](#) to inform of us what trainings you would like to see.

PPE Still Available!

Masks for Staff and Clients

Through generous donations from Joel Drazin and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), HAND has masks available for staff and clients of homeless programs. Our priority is to supply permanent housing programs.

Responses will be collected on a rolling basis but are due by 11:59pm on March 31st to be considered for development in 2021.

Please complete this [form](#) to request masks and we will contact you to schedule a pickup day and time.



**How to Access Free
On-line Tutoring for
Students Experiencing
Homelessness in
Michigan**

Free Webinar March 15
1:00-2:00 PM
<http://bit.ly/M1studentsexperiencinghomelessness>



March 15th, MCAH is hosting a webinar to help students experiencing access free online tutoring.

[Register here](#) and view MCAH's newsletter for more resources [here](#).

Social Security & Supplemental Income

If you are aware of someone who is in a dire need situation, and has been unable to contact his or her local Social Security office, contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at **312-575-4050** or chi.rpa@ssa.gov

Stimulus Payment Update

If you did not receive either the first and/or second Economic Impact Payment (EIP) / Stimulus, you may be eligible for a [Recovery Rebate Credit](#). To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. More details are available at this [link](#).

Virtual Resources for Tax Assistance - [link](#)

The Poverty Narrative

Confronting Inequity: Exploring connections between structural racism and poverty in the U.S.

The University of Michigan Poverty Solutions is holding a free workshop which "is dedicated to promoting a deeper understanding of the connections between race, structural racism, and poverty in the U.S. The COVID-19 pandemic, Black Lives Matter movement, and election season of 2020 highlighted the urgent need to confront the policies and practices that perpetuate inequity."

Register [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

Ending Homelessness:
A Virtual Conference

March 8th - 10th
(Registration ends March 5th)

Michigan Homelessness
Advocacy Day

March 16

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) is hosting their annual conference online this year. Attend workshops and webinars to find out how you can make an impact. *Scholarships are available.*

[Click here](#) for the full agenda and registration details.

Attendees will be meeting in a virtual environment with legislators and colleagues from across Michigan. This will be your chance to speak directly with lawmakers and advance an equitable, holistic housing agenda. Check MCAH's [site](#) regularly for updates regarding the schedule and more.

National Health Care for the Homeless Council: Conference and Policy Symposium

May 10-14

The virtual 2021 National HCH Conference & Policy Symposium as we explore innovative approaches to homeless health care and service delivery through a COVID-19 lens in five days of intensive, CME-accredited trainings. #HCH2021 is your chance to learn and engage at the premier annual gathering of clinicians, consumers, administrators, and advocates working at the intersection of health care and homelessness."

Registration and more details [here](#)

NLIHC Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2021: A New Day

March 30-31

Participants will have opportunities to engage with and learn from thought-leaders, policy experts, researchers, affordable housing practitioners, low-income residents, and leaders from Capitol Hill about the state of the affordable housing crisis in America and its solutions.

Register [here](#)

**registration fees are on a sliding scale*



News and Resources

More Information

- ▶ Recent CoC Reports - [link](#)
- ▶ Project Clean Slate - Expungement [link](#)
- ▶ Pet Pantry & Pets for Life - [link](#)
- ▶ MCEDSV Human Trafficking Toolkit - [link](#)
- ▶ CoC Workforce Development trainings - [link](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- ▶ Detroit CoC's COVID-19 - [link](#)
- ▶ CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinars - [link](#)
- ▶ Michigan's COVID-19 Page - [link](#)
- ▶ MCTEH's Coronavirus Page - [Link](#)
- ▶ CDC - [link](#)

Legislative Action Committee

Join the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness's (MCAH) [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding. Meetings are the first Monday of the Month from 12pm-1pm. You can register for April's [here](#).

[View previous meetings](#)



Access DWHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues
[\(800\) 241-4949](tel:(800)241-4949)

How to Obtain Emergency & After Hours Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

How Access Routine Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

Take a Self Mental Health Screening [here](#)



Have a Resource to Share?

To submit a resource, article, event, or other CoC-related information for the upcoming **March 9** newsletter click [here](#) to access a google submission form. If you have a question or issue with the form, email kimberly@handetroit.org.

Situation Report

Read the latest Situation Report [here](#). The report includes most recent local shelter testing data and related Continuum efforts to address the pandemic.

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