

5.15.20 Weekly COVID-19 Written Updates

- **Congregate Isolation Housing**
 - 3 Trails Isolation Center is Officially Open!
 - The Isolation Center is available to/for:
 - Referrals from all nearby counties, so long as space is available.
 - Anyone without a safe space to self-isolate.
 - To make referrals please call the Isolation Referral Line at (816) 296-6005
 - Staff with clients seeking isolation are asked to call during typical business hours.

- **Coordinated Entry**
 - The pilot program with United Way 2-1-1 is still underway and is going smoothly!
 - Approximately 30-40% of calls are eligible for a housing assessment.
 - Assessments are currently being scheduled and administered by GKCCEH staff.

- **Homeless Prevention and Diversion**
 - Upcoming FREE Virtual Trainings:
 - To Register Visit www.gkcceh.org/events
 - MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: THE BASICS w/ DIANNE ASHER, LCSW, LCAC, LSCSW
 - MI is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication that highlights the language of change. Designed to strengthen personal motivation, MI elicits and explores an individual's own reasons for change by creating an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion. This workshop will introduce key concepts in MI and give you tools to use right away. You will learn the "spirit" of MI, the four processes as well as see a demonstration of MI!
 - May 27, 2020 9:30-11:30am
 - HOMELESS DIVERSION w/ OrgCode CONSULTING

- Diversion is about saying “YES” to helping those we serve navigate safe alternative to shelter, that is appropriate to their specific circumstances, through an investment of time from staff that have specific problem-solving skills and access to flexible resources to put the solution into action. This training will familiarize attendees with the nine steps to an effective diversion practice, with each step progressing more deeply into resolving the current housing crisis while concurrently determining if shelter access will be required.
 - May 21, 2020, 9am-12pm
 - May 28, 2020, 12-3pm
- An Ad Hoc planning group has been assembled as a collaborative partnership to implement, quickly as possible, a streamlined process for clients in need of cash assistance and other types of relief to apply through a universal online application.
 - A proposal is in the works for a larger, community-wide initiative to prevent the anticipated inflow of numerous economically unstable households into the homeless system.
 - Currently, four brick and mortar locations, represented within the planning group, are coordinating service delivery, with the plan to implement more partners in the coming weeks.