



September 2025 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!



Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: Supporting Our Most Vulnerable Community Members

September marks [National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#) – a month to remember the lives lost to suicide, the millions of people who have struggled with suicidal ideation, and acknowledge the individuals, families, and communities that have been impacted. For those experiencing homelessness, the risk of suicide is significantly higher than in the general population due to mental health challenges, trauma, substance use disorders, and social isolation. You can help by learning suicide prevention basics, creating safe spaces for mental health conversations, connecting individuals to support services, and familiarizing yourself with the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text 988). For comprehensive resources tailored to housing and homeless services, visit our [Partner Resources page](#).

National Recovery Month: Recovery is for Everyone

This September, join SAMHSA in celebrating National Recovery Month with the theme "Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community." For housing and healthcare professionals working with individuals experiencing homelessness, this month offers a valuable opportunity to strengthen your recovery-focused approaches and connect with essential resources.

The [Recovery Month Toolkit](#) provides organizations with messaging ideas and materials to raise awareness about mental health and addiction recovery in your community. We encourage HHRC network members to [explore key resources](#) including stigma prevention strategies, NAMI Family Support Groups, treatment finders, overdose prevention and response tools, and training programs that help bring recovery supports to scale

Take Action This Month:

- Download toolkit materials to share with participants and community partners
- Host a recovery awareness event highlighting housing as a foundation for recovery
- Connect with local recovery organizations to strengthen referral networks
- Share recovery success stories that demonstrate the power of stable housing

Recovery and housing stability go hand in hand—use this month to reinforce how your work contributes to recovery for every person in your community.

HHRC Resource Rewind

Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents

People experiencing homelessness often can't access housing or employment without proper ID, but getting replacement documents can be complicated. [HHRC's ID toolkit](#) helps service providers guide participants through obtaining the five most important documents: birth certificates, state IDs, Social Security cards, DD214s, and Green Cards. The guide includes step-by-step instructions, costs, fee waiver information, and tips for overcoming common barriers, such as proving residency.

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[Download the Toolkit](#)

HHRC Job Board

Is your agency currently hiring for a position serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness? Are you looking for your next role? We invite agencies to submit open

job listings to be advertised on the HHRC website!

Positions **must relate** to supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have SMI, SUD, or COD. HHRC staff will review incoming listings for appropriateness and contact agencies with any questions.

HHRC does not charge fees to advertise or view job listings.

[View and Submit Open Roles](#)

Partner Resources

Issue Brief: Advocacy with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to Expand Affordable Housing Access for Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults

Justice In Aging

Justice in Aging has released an [issue brief](#) that provides advocates with specific policy recommendations and strategies for working with PHAs to expand affordable housing access for formerly incarcerated older adults. The brief includes guidance on criminal record screening reforms, individualized assessments, and utilizing the PHA planning process for systemic change.

New Toolkit: "I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth"

National Network for Youth and Baker McKenzie

Community providers can use this [communications toolkit](#) to promote the new resource hotline, "I Am Here: Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth" (1-888-870-DOCS). This hotline provides free legal guidance every Wednesday to help youth experiencing homelessness navigate the complex process of obtaining essential documents like IDs, birth certificates, and Social Security cards that are critical for accessing housing, education, and employment.

Fact Sheet: Taking Care: Promoting Well-being for Recovery and Behavioral Health Care Providers

SAMHSA

This [fact sheet](#) describes the importance of self-care to ensure well-being for people providing recovery supports and other behavioral health services. It provides tips for individuals and leaders to check in and support a person's overall wellness and improve well-being.

Updated: Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit

SAMHSA

SAMHSA's updated [Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit](#) provides guidance to a wide range of individuals on preventing and responding to an overdose. The toolkit, designed to augment overdose prevention and reversal training, provides guidance on the role of opioid overdose reversal medications, including naloxone and nalmefene, and how to respond to an overdose.

New Guide: Partnering with Veteran Service Providers: The Landlord Perspective

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

This [new resource](#) is based on in-depth focus groups with landlords and property managers across the country. It highlights their perspectives, identifies challenges and opportunities, and offers actionable recommendations for how providers can build stronger partnerships to end Veteran homelessness.

Partner Events

- [Webinar](#): Medicaid and HR1 Explained: What Providers Working on Homelessness Need to Know
September 30, 3:00pm ET. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- [Webinar](#): Understanding the Cost of Housing Quality on Families and Communities
September 30, 2:00pm ET. Institute for Research on Policy.
- [Webinar](#): Flipping the Script: A Teach-In for Healthcare Workers on Homelessness and Substance Use
October 1, 11:30am ET. The Health x Housing Lab at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.
- [Webinar](#): Increasing Buprenorphine Access and Overdose Prevention Responses
November 5, 3:00pm ET. National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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