



The GCEH dba Missouri Interagency Council on Homelessness Cordially Invites you to Attend:
Missouri's Homelessness Awareness Event

Theme:

"Missouri: Opening Doors to our Communities"

Thursday, November 17, 2011

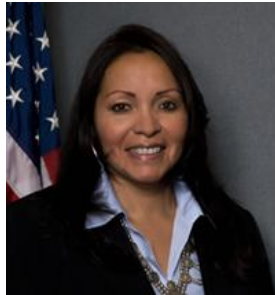
1st Floor Rotunda

State Capitol Building

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Program will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker



Derrith Watchman-Moore

**Selected by President Obama to serve as Regional Administrator
for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD)
Region VII Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska**

The GCEH dba Missouri Interagency Council on Homelessness will hold its annual Homelessness Awareness Day event on November 17th, 2011 on the 1st Floor Rotunda of the Capitol building in Jefferson City.

The event will consist of a poster contest with entries from schools and Head Start programs from around the state. A keynote speaker will present and awards will be presented to the winners in each category of the poster contest.

Every poster submitted by the children will be on display in the 1st Floor Rotunda from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Missouri agencies have been invited to provide information on what services they are providing in their communities to address the issue of homelessness (see below on making table reservations).

Please note the list of educational workshops being offered this year. One (1) CEU will be provided for each workshop marked with an asterisk (*) that meets the State Board of Professional Licensure requirement for content. Workshops will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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Registration is required for the following workshops:

Click on the workshop email link below for which workshops you will be attending. Include your name, agency, phone number, email address and the workshop you will be attending or you can fax your information to 573-635-1648 attention Joanne Ivey.

A.M. Sessions:

[*The Needs of Children Experiencing Homelessness:](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Hearing Room 1)

Children who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless are at pronounced risk for social ridicule, physical abuse, lack of enrichment opportunities, poor physical/mental health, and missed educational opportunities. Shelters, housing projects, and other assistance providers often do not understand the needs of youth who are homeless and may lack the resources to provide the necessary interventions. This session will offer information on the barriers children experiencing homelessness face and the strategies you or your agency can use to prevent and end youth homelessness in your community.

[*Implementing a Trauma Informed Care Service Delivery Model:](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am (Hearing Room 3)

Trauma-informed care is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives. A trauma-informed environment can be adopted in the delivery of a broad range of services including mental health, substance abuse, housing, vocational or employment support, domestic violence and victim assistance, and peer support. Participants in this session will increase their knowledge of the impact of trauma, understand the guiding principles of trauma-informed care, differentiate between traditional and trauma-informed systems, and how to implement a trauma-informed care service delivery model.

CoC Panels:

The eight Continua of Care in Missouri are central to the work of preventing and ending homelessness in our state and in our communities. While the continua serve the broadest spectrum of people in the most diverse of communities – rural, suburban, urban, demographically homogeneous and heterogeneous – we all face the same challenges in demonstrating the most significant and consistent problems that face our communities. In an effort to serve the state in the most effective ways possible, we strive to share information, trends, issues and barriers with each other to paint the clearest picture of what we need, how

we work to provide non-duplicative yet sufficiently broad housing resources, and of how our collaborations serve the state as a whole. Attending this workshop will provide the participant with a greater understanding of the work we do as individual continuums, as well as a state-wide consortium of cooperative entities. One session will include CoC leads from Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Louis City and St. Charles and focus on urban issues of homelessness; one session will include the CoC leads from Balance of State, St. Joseph, Springfield and Joplin and focus on rural and small-city issues of homelessness.

[CoC Panel: Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Louis City and St. Charles Continuums 10:00 am – 11:00 am \(Hearing Room 6\)](#)

[CoC Panel: Balance of State, St. Joseph, Springfield and Joplin Continuums 10:00 am-11:00 am \(Hearing Room 7\)](#)

P.M. Sessions:

[HEARTH Act Overview and Progress:](#) 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Hearing Room 1)

Two years ago, President Obama signed the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act. The HEARTH Act amends and reauthorizes the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Assistance Act with substantial changes and will provide communities with new resources and better tools to prevent and end homelessness. This workshop will provide an update on the status of the HEARTH Act and an overview of the changes made to the operation and performance of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's homeless assistance programs.

[Planning a Homelessness Awareness Week in your Community:](#) 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Hearing Room 3)

Planning a homelessness awareness week not only brings greater awareness to your community, but also helps to promote state and national endeavors to prevent and end homelessness. We know individuals experiencing homelessness face many obstacles. Addressing their struggles by organizing and participating in a homelessness awareness week can bring greater solidarity and understanding, as well as promote future involvement. Events such as "Project Homeless Connect" or the "Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Panel" help others to realize the difficulties people experiencing homelessness face on a daily basis. This session will offer information on strategies that you or your agency can use to create awareness about homelessness in your community, as well as provide information on designing, coordinating, and executing homelessness awareness events in your community.

*[2011 Report on Homelessness in Missouri:](#) 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Hearing Room 6)

The *State of Homelessness in Missouri: 2011 Report*, contracted by the Missouri Housing Development Commission, was prepared by the Homeless Project Research Team of Saint Louis University School of Social Work, College of Education and Public Service. This report is a comprehensive look at homelessness in Missouri that draws on local, state, and national homeless data. Presenters will describe the data collection process, highlight findings and

recommend ways to improve future reports and policy. The information from this report can be used to inform local planning, policy development, and state and federal funding initiatives.

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If your agency is interested in setting up an informational table at the event, please complete [this form](#) and return via fax to the GCEH dba Missouri Interagency Council on Homelessness at 573-635-1648, attention: Joanne Ivey.

Tables are free of charge. The deadline to register for a table is November 16th. Agencies utilizing tables must be present from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Access to set up for the event is available starting at 9:00 a.m. For questions, contact Joanne Ivey at 573-632-2567 Ext. 1.

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We look forward to your participation in
Homelessness Awareness Day!

For further information visit <http://masw.org/HMIS/index.php>