

NCHV eNewsletter

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Register Now! 2013 NCHV Annual Conference

May 29-31 in Washington, D.C.

Register now for the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference, "Service Providers: Great Innovations." The Conference will be held **Wednesday, May 29, 2013 – Friday, May 31, 2013** in Washington, D.C.

The NCHV Annual Conference provides the nation's most comprehensive source of training on homeless veteran services, programs, best practices, and resources for service providers and their partners. This year, the Annual Conference will focus on the innovative, research-based practices from the service provider community that have had significant impacts on efforts to end homelessness among veterans by 2015.

The Conference will provide training opportunities and forums for engagement with partners from several Federal agencies, leaders in business and philanthropy, and experts from the service provider community. This year's Conference will feature an expanded selection of sessions over three days. Conference attendees will be able to choose from over 30 groundbreaking sessions from across five unique tracks:

- Housing Services and Philanthropy
- Federal Partners (leadership sessions)
- Target Populations
- Employment and Income
- Legal Services

The NCHV Annual Conference regularly sells out well ahead of time, so be sure to plan to register and make hotel reservations early. Registration includes a networking lunch on Wednesday and an awards banquet dinner on Thursday evening.

To reserve a room at the Grand Hyatt, [click here](#).

To register online for the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference, [click here](#).

If you would like to download the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference registration form, [click here](#).

Stay tuned to the [NCHV Annual Conference page](#) for the most up-to-date information!

SAMHSA Announces Availability of Funding for Drug Treatment Courts, Includes Veteran Treatment Court

Applications due April 19, 2013

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Adult, Juvenile, and Family Drug Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in existing adult, juvenile, and family "problem solving" courts which use the treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment (including recovery support services supporting substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination) to defendants/offenders.

The announcement is for \$12.9 million available for up to 41 awards of up to \$325,000 per year. Potential applicants are encouraged to read the solicitation carefully before submitting applications. **Applications are due by April 19, 2013.**

To view the full grant announcement, including application instructions, [click here](#).

Webinar: Fostering and Expanding Peer Support Services

Presented by SAMHSA, March 27 at 1 p.m. EDT

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is hosting a webinar on **March 27 at 1 p.m. EDT** titled "Fostering and Expanding Peer Support Services for Service Members, Veterans, and their Families."

Peer support is a proven strategy in supporting the behavioral health needs of service members, veterans, and families. Peers with military experience and experience with recovery from trauma, mental health, or addiction issues offer valuable knowledge and skills to assist others. This type of support can be provided through a variety of proven models.

Many states have already begun to bring their peer initiatives together across systems, and now stakeholders must assess how best to work together. Coordinated systems of peer support services for service members, veterans, and families can succeed with collaboration and consensus.

This webinar will include discussions related to best practice resources and tools, how communities can build on commonalities, and the many roles peers play. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

NAEH Publishes Map of 2013 PIT Count Numbers

Project of the Homelessness Research Institute

The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has published an interactive map of the 2013 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. The PIT Count is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and each Continuum of Care (CoC) must count sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations in their area.

The NAEH Homelessness Research Institute (HRI) produced this interactive map by tracking data reported in the media and published on CoC and government websites. The map is a tool to track trends in homeless populations in communities across the country.

To view the interactive map, [click here](#).

Webinar Focuses on Leveraging TANF Funds and Strategic Partnerships

March 20 at 1 p.m. EDT

On **March 20, 2013, from 1-2:30 p.m. EDT**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Family Assistance will host a webinar on leveraging TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) funds and strategic partnerships to improve housing stability and economic outcomes for low-income families.

This webinar will provide an overview of federal regulations relating to the use of TANF and Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds, highlight state and local program models, outline national recommendations, and make available resources for technical assistance that may be integrated into homelessness prevention activities targeted to low-income families.

To register for "Leveraging TANF Funds and Strategic Partnerships to Improve Housing Stability and Economic Outcomes for Low-Income Families," [click here](#).

Deadline Approaching for 2013 Annual NCHV Award Nominations

Awards Banquet to be held during NCHV Annual Conference

Each year, NCHV honors the commitment and service of a few of the many deserving organizations and individuals helping homeless veterans across the nation. We are now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- **Outstanding Member** - To an NCHV member organization whose programs, partnerships and people combine to create extraordinary results.
- **Partnership Award** - To an organization or individual whose work building effective partnerships exemplifies creativity and collaboration.
- **Public Policy Award** - To an elected official whose record shows strong commitment and action in measures to help homeless veterans.
- **Unsung Hero Award** - To an individual whose efforts go above and beyond expectations, who expects nothing in return and demonstrates a hero's heart for homeless veterans.
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Staff Award** - To a Department of Veterans Affairs staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers.
- **Department of Labor Staff Award** - To a Department of Labor staff member who exhibits extraordinary commitment to homeless veterans and service providers.

Please submit a one- to two-page letter of nomination by email to rbrown@nchv.org no later than **March 29, 2013**.

Funding Opportunities

The Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals. By making grants to other nonprofit organizations, the foundation seeks to fund programs that directly impact individuals' lives. The Foundation's Board believes that the greatest impacts involve a permanent change in the lives of those served, and they take great pride in approving grants that have quantifiable measures for such success. As of the current date, the trustees of the Ralph and Eileen Swett Foundation have made a decision to give priority to projects addressing critical and immediate needs. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, [click here](#).

The Victoria Foundation was created in order to improve the lives of the people of Newark, NJ. Among other priorities, the Foundation seeks to stabilize and revitalize distressed neighborhoods, increase job training and placement opportunities, and strengthen families and prevent crises. The next deadline for applications is Aug. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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