

## NCHV eNewsletter

May 2013



### 2013 NCHV Annual Conference: Important Information

#### Early sign-in, Opening Session, NCHV Awards Annual Banquet

The 2013 NCHV Annual Conference is coming up next week, and we're looking forward to seeing so many of you here in Washington. Please review this important information to help us make the sign-in process as smooth as possible.

Early sign-in will take place on Tuesday, May 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Constitution Foyer. If you are able to sign in early, please do so. It will help make sign-in on Wednesday that much quicker so everyone can get into the Opening Session on time!

For those signing in on Wednesday, May 29: anticipate long lines, and please sign in early to get all of your materials and enjoy breakfast prior to the Opening Session. Sign in on the 29th will begin at 7 a.m. and no earlier. The NCHV Opening Session and Membership Meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and run until noon. Sign-in is broken down by last name, so please make sure you are in the correct line when you arrive.

As a reminder, the following special events will be taking place at Conference and are included in your registration:

- May 29 – Networking lunch, noon - 1:45 p.m.
- May 30 – Cocktail reception, 5 - 6 p.m.
- May 30 – NCHV Awards Annual Banquet, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

To download the 2013 NCHV Annual Conference program, [click here](#). Sessions are subject to change. An amendment sheet will be provided at sign-in noting any changes to the program. Please note that some sessions are repeat sessions, and are designated as such in the program.

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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.

The room block at the Grand Hyatt is sold out. To find a comparable hotel nearby, [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!

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## **NCHV Testifies before Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Hearing on pending health care legislation**

On May 9, 2013, the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing on pending health care legislation. Among the bills discussed at the hearing were S. 62, the "Check the Box for Homeless Veterans Act of 2013"; S. 287, a bill "to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs"; and S. 825, the "Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2013."

NCHV testified in support of all three pieces of legislation - albeit with targeted recommendations - and submitted written testimony for the record, which can be downloaded [here](#).

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## **Conference Call: What Can a Housing Counseling Agency Do for You?**

**June 11, 2013, at 1 p.m. ET**

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships is hosting a conference call with HUD Development Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones, Assistant Secretary Carol Galante, and Deputy Assistant Secretary Sarah Gerecke from the Office of Housing Counseling. Participants will learn more about the Office of Housing Counseling, the types of

services offered, how your organization can become a HUD approved housing counseling agency, and how to get assistance from local housing counseling agencies to assist your community members.

The call will take place June 11, 2013, at 1 p.m. ET. The call in number is 1-877-322-9654, and the access code is 164884. To register for this call, send an email to [partnershipsevents@hud.gov](mailto:partnershipsevents@hud.gov).

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## Letter to CoC Grant Recipients, Leaders, and Stakeholders From Ann Oliva, Director of the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs at HUD

On May 6, 2013 Ann Oliva issued a letter to provide an update on key initiatives and issues that impact the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), Continuum of Care (CoC) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) recipients, and the people served by homeless assistance programs. The letter includes information on the FY2012 CoC Program competition, FY2013 budget and 2013 CoC Program competition, ongoing implementation of the HEARTH Act regulations, and a discussion about priorities.

To read the full letter, [click here](#).

The National Alliance to End Homelessness has provided a list of resources in line with Oliva's recommendations. To access these resources, [click here](#).

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## Moving Forward Offers Life Coaching for Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Moving Forward initiative helps veterans struggling with relationships, finances, finding a job, confusion about their future, dealing with loneliness, or adjusting to the challenges of civilian life. It's aim is to help veterans start making steps toward positive change.

Moving Forward is a free, anonymous, online educational and life-coaching program that teaches problem-solving skills to help veterans overcome life's challenges.

There are eight interactive modules include videos, games, and exercises. It was designed specifically for veterans and military service members, but can help anyone facing stressful problems.

We all face challenges in life. Often, it is how we deal with them that determines our outcome. Moving Forward can help veterans understand their problem-solving strengths and weaknesses. It teaches a step-by-step approach which makes problems more manageable and less overwhelming.

To access Moving Forward, [click here](#).

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## Funding Opportunities

**The Laura J. Niles Foundation** encourages and supports efforts that offer learning and economic growth opportunities for the motivated poor. Of equal importance are charitable initiatives that foster life enrichment through canine and other types of animal companionship. The foundation has

a particular interest in education, economic self-sufficiency and programs that alleviate unhealthy dependencies. The majority of the Foundation's grantmaking is focused in the northeastern United States, although, occasionally, grants may be made in other regions of the country and/or abroad. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, [click here](#).

**The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation** has focused its giving in the following areas: education, health care, human services, economic development, art and cultural activities, and conservation of natural resources. The Foundation seeks to fund nonprofit organizations in Georgia. The next deadline for applications is Sept. 1. For more information, [click here](#).

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