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HOMELESS SUMMIT - PART ONE

The Robley Rex VA Medical Center is hosting a summit to end homelessness among veterans on Wednesday January 28, 2011 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The summit is being held to integrate the VA's plans with other federal, state, and local agencies as well as community resources to address President Obama's initiative to end homelessness. Invitations have been issued but all agencies are welcome. To RSVP, please contact Todd Dedas, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator, at (502) 287-4178 or Betty Ballard, Supervisory Health Technician, at (502) 287-6049 **by 1/24/11**.

Then, on Monday, March 7, 2011, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and The Coalition for the Homeless will be sponsoring Homeless Summit - part two. This event will include a summit of community leaders in the morning working to coordinate services to serve the homeless. The afternoon will be an open event to outline changes in HUD and Continuum of Care priorities and to outline how Louisville leaders have agreed to work together toward these goals. This days events will be held at the Metro United Way, also on Broadway. Keep watching Just the Fax for specific times.

STREET COUNT 2011

It is that time! Every year the Coalition for the Homeless conducts a "street count" to compile a census of people who are living on the street. On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 6p.m.-8p.m., we will be doing the Street Count again. We will need lots of volunteers, even if it is just for an hour. We need people to help on the streets; people to be inside to distribute clothing and sleeping bags, people to "direct traffic" inside the shelter, etc.

For 2010 we had over 70 volunteers and it was the most successful count to date. This show of support is invaluable to the homeless community. This census helps us determine the amount of funding needed for homeless services in Louisville. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again and hope to see some new faces too! Start out 2011 with a good deed!! Please reply to sbinford@sevencounties.org to sign up or for further information. (No one under 18 years old, please.)

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF KENTUCKY recently received accreditation from the Council on Accreditation. This accomplishment was two years in the making and required a great deal of hard work by all employees. According to the COA, accreditation “is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates that your organization has been recognized as a provider that has successfully implemented high performance standards and, as such, is delivering the highest quality services to all of its stakeholders.”

Volunteers of America of Kentucky, in conjunction with the Norton Healthcare, are proud to offer continuing-education professional training opportunities for Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors and Social Workers throughout the year. The first, “HIV and Sexually-Transmitted Diseases/Infections” is scheduled for January 28, 2011. Visit our website at <http://www.voaky.org/About-Us/Training.aspx> for a full schedule and to register.

**Free SAMHSA HRC Webcast: Promoting a Healthy Work Environment
in Homeless Services: What Works**
Thursday, January 27, 2011 ~ 1 – 2:30pm ET

Register for the webcast now

People working in homeless services, regardless of their position, face challenging working conditions and are at risk of burnout. How can agencies best support staff and promote a positive work environment? Sign up for a free SAMHSA HRC webcast to learn more. Presenters Ken Kraybill, B.J. Iacino, and Ayala Livny will share lessons learned and offer strategies for promoting a healthy workplace. The presenters will describe the characteristics of a trauma-informed healthy work environment and will address topics ranging from: identifying organizational core values, developing a “learning environment,” ensuring effective supervision, integrating consumers, practicing inclusive decision-making, and promoting self-care.

You can register by following this link:

http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Library/View.aspx?id=49960&utm_source=GetRevealed%20Mail&utm_medium=mail&utm_term=Image%20-%20http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=49960&utm_content=apatterson@fhclouisville.org&utm_campaign=2010-01-18%20Refresh

SAVE THE DATE FOR RAISIN' THE RENT

The holidays are here and it won't be long until 2011 is upon us. That's why it is important to mark Feb. 26 on your calendar. Our largest annual fundraiser, **Raisin' the Rent**, will be held on that date at The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Avenue, from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are for \$25 each. Sponsorships are available. It will be an evening of fun, food, friends, silent and live auctions, music, dancing and games of chance.

Get all the latest information about this important St. John Center event on our website, stjohncenter.org or on Facebook

THE LOUISVILLE METRO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS in conjunction with the Kentucky Department for Public Health and OPC Pest Control will be offering Bed Bug Training On

February 15th, 2011
9 am – 4pm
Memorial Auditorium Ballroom
970 South 4th Street

There will be four sessions; you may sign up for all or any combination. All sessions will cover basic biology and identification and will focus on the following topics:

9:00 am	Prevention Strategies	Ann Wethington	Public Health and Wellness
10:30 am	NPMA Best Management Practices	Donnie Blake	OPC Pest Control
1:00 pm	Home visits, Schools and Daycares	Matt Vanderpool	Public Health & Wellness
2:30 pm	Housing & Hospitality	Jessica Davenport	KY Dept of Health and Human Services

There is no cost. Please submit your name, company / agency, phone number, email address and session you wish to attend to:

Beverly Strain
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METROPOLITAN HOUSING CORPORATION (MHC) WILL RELEASE THE STATE OF FAIR HOUSING IN LOUISVILLE: IMPEDIMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS, a new report and action paper about Louisville's remaining barriers to fair housing choice and how to address them, at the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission's 15th Annual Race and Relations Conference on January 25. *The State of Fair Housing in Louisville: Impediments and Improvements* uses information from the *2010 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Louisville, Kentucky* as well as additional research. It distills a set of initial steps we can take to achieve fair housing choice.

For more information about the 15th Annual Race and Relations Conference and to register, go to www.louisvilleky.gov/humanrelations or call 574-3631. The conference will be held at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard. Since there is a conference fee, MHC will do a presentation on the paper for free at a later date. The paper will also be posted on the MHC website, www.metropolitanhousing.org on January 26.

LOUISVILLE METRO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION'S

The Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky has scheduled a legislative luncheon for February 16, 2011 at the Capital Annex Cafeteria in Frankfort at 11:30 a.m. All Coalition for the Homeless members are invited to join this luncheon meeting to meet with legislators to support the homeless ID bill BR78 or other legislation of interest to you. To find out more, contact Penny Young at 502-223-18

MENTAL HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE MEETING

The Mental Health Substance Abuse Meeting will be every other month beginning in January. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by e-mail to pams@thehealingplace.org.

Women's Healing Place
1503 S 15th Street

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors	March 18, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Executive Board	February 10, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Service Provider, CWF	February 8, 2011	9:30 a.m.
Continuum of Care, MUW	February 1, 2011	3:30 p.m.

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