



# JUST THE FAX

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## ACTION NEEDED ON HOMELESS ID BILL

Senate Bill 26, the bill to create a one-year ID for homeless persons is no longer on the consent calendar in the Senate. It has had its second reading and is now waiting to be called to the Senate floor for vote, but no bills have been added to the Senate consent calendar this week except the prescription drug bill, so we are caught up in these politics. There are quite a few bills in this situation...having had their second reading but not moving to the floor for the same reason.

So, we are asking you to make three phone calls today (you can actually make one call and ask that the message be left for all three Senators!) in hopes that it will work as well as when we needed SB26 to be heard in committee. Please call Senate Floor Leader Stivers' office and Senate Leadership's office (Sen. David Williams and Sen. Katie Stine) to again express support for SB26 and ask that it be called for a vote. The legislative message line is 1-800-372-7181 (message for legislators only), and the main number is 502-564-8100. Let's send as many calls as we can!!!

P.S. If you know any of these three Senators personally, a personal call is always better.

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## DISCONTINUATION OF COALITION SERVICE PROVIDER MEETINGS

The Coalition staff has had a long discussion, and we believe the monthly Service Provider Meetings should be discontinued with the following provisions:

- Each Coalition agency will receive an invitation, and will be *encouraged* to attend bi-monthly Transitioning Partners meetings, sponsored by the Louisville Urban League; this partnership has worked together for 6 years and meets to discuss community resources and programming available in the community for your clients--- a calendar will be made available in the coming month—some Coalition agencies already attend
- Important shelter information will be relayed through "Just the Fax" and special ALERT emails
- Blueprint University training sessions will continue to be sponsored by The Coalition on topics service providers have requested
- Specific task oriented meetings will be called periodically to accomplish specific projects, establish temporary workgroups, or to address certain issues
- Quarterly Shelter Director meetings will continue

If you have questions please call Natalie Harris or Senlin Ward at The Coalition.

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## PAINT IT FORWARD

In case you haven't heard, Pittsburgh and Porter Paints have a program called Paint it Forward which allows contractors to purchase their paints at 20% off and designate 5% back to a nonprofit of their choice. To participate, your nonprofit needs to sign up and get the discount cards to distribute to people buying paint and the discount comes to you. Sign up at [www.paintitforwardppg.com](http://www.paintitforwardppg.com).

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## HOMELESS RIGHTS MANUAL

Thanks to homeless advocates in the Barren River region of Kentucky, a great manual has been created on the rights of homeless persons called [The Rights of Homeless People in Kentucky](#). You can access the manual on the Links page of The Coalition for the Homeless' website – [www.louhomeless.org](http://www.louhomeless.org).

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH IS IN APRIL

Metro United Way is already working on a plan to give thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We would also like to recognize the volunteers doing great work throughout the community. This is where you come in? Please share your stories with us. If you have an individual or group that you would like to give special recognition to, we want to help! We have reserved space on our website and in our social media plan (face book, twitter, etc) to spotlight your volunteers. Below is a list of what we are looking for. We would also like to have photos if you have them. You can simply send everything to me Patty Belden, [Patty.Belden@metrounitedway.org](mailto:Patty.Belden@metrounitedway.org) Please send everything in by Friday March 11th.

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## SOAR TRAINING, MARCH 23-24, 2011

Would you like to learn how to assist your clients in applying for Social Security Disability?  
Are you confused about the process of application for SSI or SSDI?  
Would you like to increase success in your applications?  
Come to the next SOAR (SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access and Recovery) Training Workshop  
Hotel Louisville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ballroom A  
Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadway  
9:00 – 4:00 each day

***See attached registration form below for details***

**IT IS URGENT THAT YOU SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

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## STATEWIDE CASE MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM

Anyone interested in helping to create statewide on-line case management training, should attend the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness Service Committee at KHC in the West Annex, April 12, 2011 at noon. The group will order pizza and work through lunch. Contact Jennifer Weeber at 606-439-1122 for additional information.

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## HOMELESS SUMMIT - PART TWO

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 day's events will be held at the Metro United Way. **See the attached invitation below.**

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***There will be no March 2011 SOAR Planning Committee meeting due to the fact that we are having a SOAR training that month. The next meeting will be at Seven Counties in April (same address as before).***

## SOAR - SSDI OUTREACH, ACCESS, AND RECOVERY)

Have you attended a SOAR training but are having problems getting started with your first SSI/SSDI application?

- Do you have questions about the process?
- Do you need answers from Social Security or DDS people?
- Do you need help doing the Medical Summary and Functional Report?

If you responded "yes" to even ONE of these questions, we invite you to our monthly SOAR Planning Committee meetings held every second Thursday of the month (11 a.m. – 12 p.m.). The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2011 at the Seven Counties building located at 2650 West Broadway behind the Kroger Shopping Center, in the back near the Laundromat. It is a small, off-white 1-story building. If you get lost, call 589-8723. See you there!

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## MENTAL HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE MEETING

The Mental Health Substance Abuse Meeting will be March 8, 2011 beginning at 11:30 am. The topic will be "Eating Disorders." Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by e-mail to [pams@thehealingplace.org](mailto:pams@thehealingplace.org).  
Women's Healing Place  
1503 S 15th Street

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# Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors	March 18, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Executive Board	April 20, 2011	8:00 a.m.
Service Provider, CWF	March 8, 2011	9:30 a.m.
Continuum of Care, MUW	March 7, 2011	3:30 p.m.

## THE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS STAFF

**Natalie Harris**, Executive Director      [nharris@louhomeless.org](mailto:nharris@louhomeless.org)

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**Mary Frances Schafer**, Director of Community Coordination      [mfschafer@louhomeless.org](mailto:mfschafer@louhomeless.org)

## ATTACHMENTS WITH JUST THE FAX



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Louisville Office and The Coalition for the Homeless would like to invite you to join in an upcoming training –  
Community Solutions to Homelessness in Metro Louisville

This local training event will be based on the national HEARTH trainings held in late 2010 and will be led by consulting firm ICF International. The agenda will include a synopsis of the upcoming changes to federal homeless programs to take place through the Hearth Act, discussions of new expectations and objectives, and planning for future partnerships and programs. We will also have the opportunity to hear what local leaders are doing to try to address these national objectives.

Please join us at the Metro United Way, 334 E. Broadway at 1:00 on March 7, 2011. RSVP to Natalie Harris at [nharris@louhomeless.org](mailto:nharris@louhomeless.org) or 636-9550, extension 11 to let us know if you can attend. If your attendance is not possible, we hope you can send a representative to share your ideas and hear about things to come.

Sincerely,  
Krista Mills, Field Office Director  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Natalie Harris  
The Coalition for the Homeless



# SOAR Training

## SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

Sponsored by Kentucky Housing Corporation  
and the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

*Save the Date!* March 23-24, 2011

## Assisting People Applying for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits

### Workshop Highlights

- An in-depth, step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process
- Strategies for working with homeless persons with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders – only a fraction of this population receives the benefits to which they are entitled
- Exercises and worksheets provide practical application tools
- Release-of-information samples, sample reports, letters, assessment forms, SSA forms with explanations

### Featured Trainers

Janice Downs  
Phoenix Health Center

Garry Jones  
Family and Children Place

### Workshop Location

Hotel Louisville  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ballroom A  
120 W Broadway  
Louisville, KY 40202  
502-582-2241

### Dates & Times

March 23-24, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Attendance both days is required  
(Lunch is on your own)

### Registration

Please complete attached registration form. Conference is free to Kentucky residents. Hotel, meals, and transportation costs are the responsibility of the participant.

### How is this model different?

- Case managers actively assist applicants
- Focuses on the initial application – “Get it right the first time!”
- Avoids appeals whenever possible
- Focuses on documenting the disability to reduce the need for consultative exams
- Leads to savings – the San Francisco Department of Public Health estimates that their SSI outreach project saves the city \$27 million annually in recouped Medicaid and state-funded General Assistance alone

# Assisting People Applying for SSI/SSDI Disability Benefits

## Registration Form

March 23-24, 2011  
Hotel Louisville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ballroom A  
120 W Broadway, Louisville, KY  
502-582-2241

This completed registration form must be returned by  
March 1, 2011

One registration per person

### Registrant Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you need special accommodations (ADA) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING BOTH DAYS FOR THE ENTIRE TIME. THE TRAINING ASSUMES ATTENDANCE AT THE ENTIRE EVENT**

If you have any questions, call Richard McClain at (502) 564 -7630 ext 388  
or e-mail [rmclain@kyhousing.org](mailto:rmclain@kyhousing.org)

Return this registration form by March 1, 2011 to  
Richard McClain, KHC, via fax at (502) 564 – 6173