

Beyond Shelter Announces...

Two-Day Technical Assistance Institute

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & RAPID REHOUSING FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

“HOW TO” TRAINING IN PROGRAM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

Co-sponsored by:

The National Center on Housing & Child Welfare (Washington, DC)
& The Hamilton Family Center (San Francisco, CA)

May 26 - 27, 2010

Los Angeles, California

Wilshire Grand Hotel

**LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING
HOUSING FIRST / RAPID REHOUSING SINCE THE LATE 1980's**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS TWO-DAY TRAINING:

- 1) HPRP Grantees/Subgrantees (HPRP: Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program)
- 2) Service Providers and Others Interested in Learning About Prevention and Housing First Models in Light of Shifting Federal Policies and Funding Priorities
- 3) Organizations Looking to Strengthen Existing Prevention or Rehousing Programs

ABOUT THE SPONSORS: Beyond Shelter pioneered Housing First/Rapid Rehousing for homeless families in Los Angeles, CA in 1988. Hamilton Family Center operates a highly successful Housing First/Rapid Rehousing program for families in San Francisco, CA. The National Center for Housing and Child Welfare (NCHCW) links housing resources and knowledge to child welfare agencies and works nationally to promote systemic change.

Registration Deadline: May 17, 2010

TO REGISTER: Please submit the attached form or contact Karen Acfalle at 213.252.0772, ext. 106
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ABOUT THE TWO-DAY INSTITUTE

INSTITUTE DESCRIPTION: A comprehensive two-day training focused on program design and implementation strategies for homelessness prevention and Housing First/Rapid Rehousing for vulnerable families. The institute is not a conference, but an in-depth, skills based series of interactive workshops to help develop new homelessness prevention or Housing First programs, or strengthen existing ones.

For agencies administering or operating HPRP programs, or those implementing other types of prevention or rehousing programs, the Institute is an opportunity to learn strategies and practices that can be adopted or adapted to improve program performance. For other stakeholders, including funders, system and program planners, and direct service providers, new funding opportunities and forthcoming federal policy changes (HEARTH Act) make this an essential training to learn the “nuts and bolts” of designing, funding, and implementing prevention and/or rehousing programs.

The Institute will consist of general plenary sessions and smaller, targeted workshops involving facilitated discussion and interaction. The workshops will complement one another, providing step-by-step strategies to improve existing, or implement new, prevention or rehousing programs. Sessions will provide examples of promising or “best” practices as well as practical, field-tested tools for screening and assessment, landlord recruitment, program planning, performance measurement, and inter-agency collaboration.

KEY QUESTIONS & COMMON CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED (LIST NOT EXHAUSTIVE):

Prevention

- What are successful strategies to identify, outreach to, and engage households at imminent risk of homelessness?
- What criteria should be used to determine program eligibility and to target resources most effectively?
- What are the key elements and questions to include in screening and assessment tools?
- How do programs determine “just the right amount” of assistance to provide to at-risk households?

Rapid Rehousing

- How can programs market themselves to landlords and property management companies to increase rental opportunities for families with multiple housing barriers, including evictions, poor credit, and limited income?
- How can programs assist homeless families to obtain permanent housing without Section 8 vouchers?
- How does rapid rehousing work for families with special needs or risk factors, including domestic violence, substance abuse, and long-term homelessness?
- How can transitional housing providers effectively plan for and convert their operations to rapid rehousing?
- How can programs successfully move families off of short-term or medium-term rental assistance?

General

- How will the HEARTH Act/McKinney Vento changes affect shelter and community-based programs and local Continuums of Care, and how can programs prepare for these changes?
- How do prevention and rehousing programs work in conjunction with centralized intake?
- What are best practices in designing rental subsidies or client financial assistance?
- What are effective strategies for building partnerships with, and leveraging resources from, mainstream systems, including employment, child welfare, and welfare?
- What should case management look like in terms of staffing, location, and service intensity and mix?
- How can programs troubleshoot problems and overcome common operational challenges?
- What are simple, cost-effective ways to track program performance and evaluate outcomes?

REGISTRATION & HOTEL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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TWO-DAY WORKSHOP FEE: \$285

Includes breakfast and lunch on both days

WORKSHOP TIMES & LOCATION:

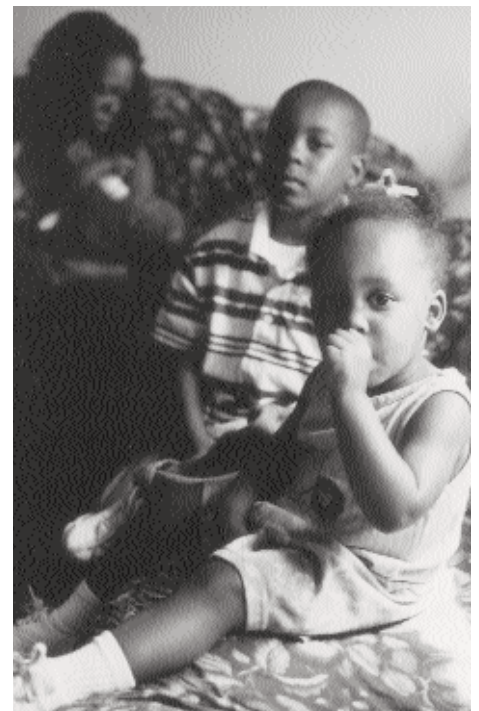
The two-day training will begin with registration on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. and end on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. The workshop is being held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles, located at 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 17, 2010

In order to receive a full refund, cancellation requests must be received by May 17, 2010. No refunds permitted after May 17, 2010.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Beyond Shelter has blocked a limited number of rooms at a reduced rate at the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The room rates are \$155 per night for single and double occupancy. To make a reservation, please call 1.888.773.2888, and refer to the Beyond Shelter "Housing First" (Rapid Rehousing) Institute to secure the reduced rate. However, due to the limited number of rooms available, the reduced rate is not guaranteed and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Must be received by Monday, May 17, 2010.

Please complete one form per registrant. Make as many copies as needed.

NAME: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP: \$285

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

PLEASE SEND A CHECK OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW. CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BEYOND SHELTER

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: _____

CARD TYPE:

Visa

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Mastercard

American Express

SIGNATURE: _____

REGISTRANT PROFILE

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PREFERRED TRAINING FOCUS: Homelessness Prevention Rapid Rehousing Both

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Social Service Provider

Shelter Provider

Non-Profit

Foundation/Corporation

Government Agency

Ecumenical Group

For-Profit

Other _____

AGENCY SIZE: <\$500k \$500k - \$2 million \$2 million - \$10 million >\$10 million

FAMILIES SERVED: Domestic Violence Substance Abuse Mental Disabilities Other: _____

DO YOU OPERATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR FAMILIES?:

Emergency Shelter

HPRP Rapid Rehousing Program

Rapid Rehousing Program (Other Funded)

Transitional Housing

HPRP Prevention Program

Homelessness Prevention (Other Funded)

Housing Search & Placement

Home-Based Case Management

Other: _____

KNOWLEDGE LEVEL OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION (Circle One; 10 = Expert): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

KNOWLEDGE LEVEL OF RAPID REHOUSING (Circle One; 10 = Expert): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

DO YOU REQUIRE VEGETARIAN MEALS? Yes No

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