

GET INVOLVED TODAY.

Did you know that 2.5-3.5 million men, women & children experience homelessness in the U.S. every year? Did you know that 17,000 people experience homelessness every night in Illinois alone?

**Did you know that there is something you can do....?**

You and your agency can be part of the solution to end homelessness in suburban Cook County!

Please plan to attend this year's 2009 Continuum of Care Orientation to learn the specifics of applying for and utilizing HUD funding for supportive housing and service initiatives for homeless individuals and families. Whether you are new to the Continuum of Care application process or have been funded in the past, this is your opportunity to learn about the Alliance, federal funding, necessary application requirements, and the review process for 2009.

**Mark your calendars for Friday, March 13th and RSVP today!!**

Do you know a colleague or someone at another organization who might be interested in attending? Please feel free to copy this invitation and *pass it along!*

ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS  
IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY  
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SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY  
**2009  
CONTINUUM  
OF CARE  
ORIENTATION**

HOSTED BY:



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**WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE?**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) system was established by HUD in the early 1990s. Each Continuum of Care is charged with setting priorities and determining the community's needs in regards to housing and homelessness issues.

Furthermore, each Continuum of Care serves as a planning body for equitable distribution of funding across a specified area. The suburban Cook County Continuum of Care encompasses all programs and activities within the North, West & South suburbs of Cook County – excluding the cities of Chicago and Evanston which serve as their own Continuum of Care for their cities.

**WHAT IS THE ALLIANCE?**

The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County acts as lead agency for the suburban Cook County Continuum of Care.

The Alliance is responsible for overseeing more than **8.5 million** dollars in NOFA and other federal funding, executing required Homeless Counts every other year, directing agencies to best practices and creating and implementing the region's Strategic Plan to end homelessness.

**WHAT IS THE HUD NOFA PROCESS?**

Each year, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County must submit a competitive application to the United States' Department of **Housing Urban Development** (HUD) for homelessness assistance funding.

Federal agencies issue **Notices Of Funding Availability** (NOFA) to announce available funding for various programs. The Continuum of Care NOFA offers homeless assistance grant funding to support transitional and permanent supportive housing for homeless people in suburban Cook County.

For individual agencies in Cook County to receive HUD funding, each agency must apply for funding through the local Continuum of Care planning process.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE 2009 CONTINUUM OF CARE ORIENTATION?**

- Homeless service organizations
- Affordable housing developers
- Local government agencies
- Community development organizations
- Churches & faith communities
- Any other agency, business or individual interested in learning more about the Alliance, homeless issues, and funding

**WHEN**

Friday, March 13, 2009  
8:30am—1:00pm  
(To be followed by the  
Housing Goals Work Session  
from 1:00pm—3:00pm)

**WHERE:**

Catholic Charities, Training Room  
651 West Lake Street, Chicago, IL

**PARKING**

Free parking is available.  
Instructions will be emailed to you  
with your RSVP confirmation.

**REFRESHMENTS**

Lunch will be provided to those who  
RSVP by Wednesday, March 11th.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Jennifer Hill, Executive Director  
of the Alliance, at 708.345.4035 (x01) or  
via email at [jennifer@suburbancook.org](mailto:jennifer@suburbancook.org)

**RSVP**

Reserve your seat at the orientation by  
RSVPing to Sharon King via email at  
[sharon@suburbancook.org](mailto:sharon@suburbancook.org) by March 11th.

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