



# **HOUSING FIRST: ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTING RECOVERY**

**FEATURING SAM TSEMBERIS, PH.D.**

Founder & Executive Director of  
Pathways to Housing in New York City

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009**

Registration: 8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Conference: 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO-LAKESHORE CAMPUS**

6525 N. Sheridan, Chicago

Crown Center Auditorium

*(See map and travel instructions on page 2 of this flyer)*

This day long conference will explore the challenges and opportunities presented by the housing first model — that is, housing that does not require abstinence as the ticket for admission. It will bring together providers who work with homeless people who use substances and participate in other high risk behaviors, and who are not ready for (or reject) abstinence-based treatment programs. The focus will be on pragmatic applications of harm reduction within a supportive housing setting.

The morning features a keynote speech by Sam Tsemberis on the philosophy and principles of housing first, followed by a panel of local Chicago providers who will share their experience with integrating the practice of harm reduction into their housing programs. Panelists will include staff from Heartland Alliance, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Deborah's Place, Christian Community Health Center, Inspiration Corporation, and the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The afternoon session will be led by Sam Tsemberis and will be devoted to review and discussion of the housing first toolkit developed and used by staff in NYC's Pathways to Housing program.

## **REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009!**

There is a charge of \$100 for the conference, payable to Heartland Health Outreach. A continental breakfast and box lunch is included in the registration fee. No refunds, but you may send a substitute.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Registration is not complete until payment or copy of purchase order has been received.

**Pre-registration is required.**

**I need certification of CEUs (6 awarded) for:**

- IAODAPCA
- LCSW/LSW
- LCPC/LPC
- No CEUs required

**Method of payment:**

- Check
- Money order
- Copy of agency purchase order

**Send registration and payment to:**

Megan LaFrombois

Heartland Health Outreach

1207 W. Leland Avenue, No. 531

Chicago, IL 60640

Fax: 773.334.7277

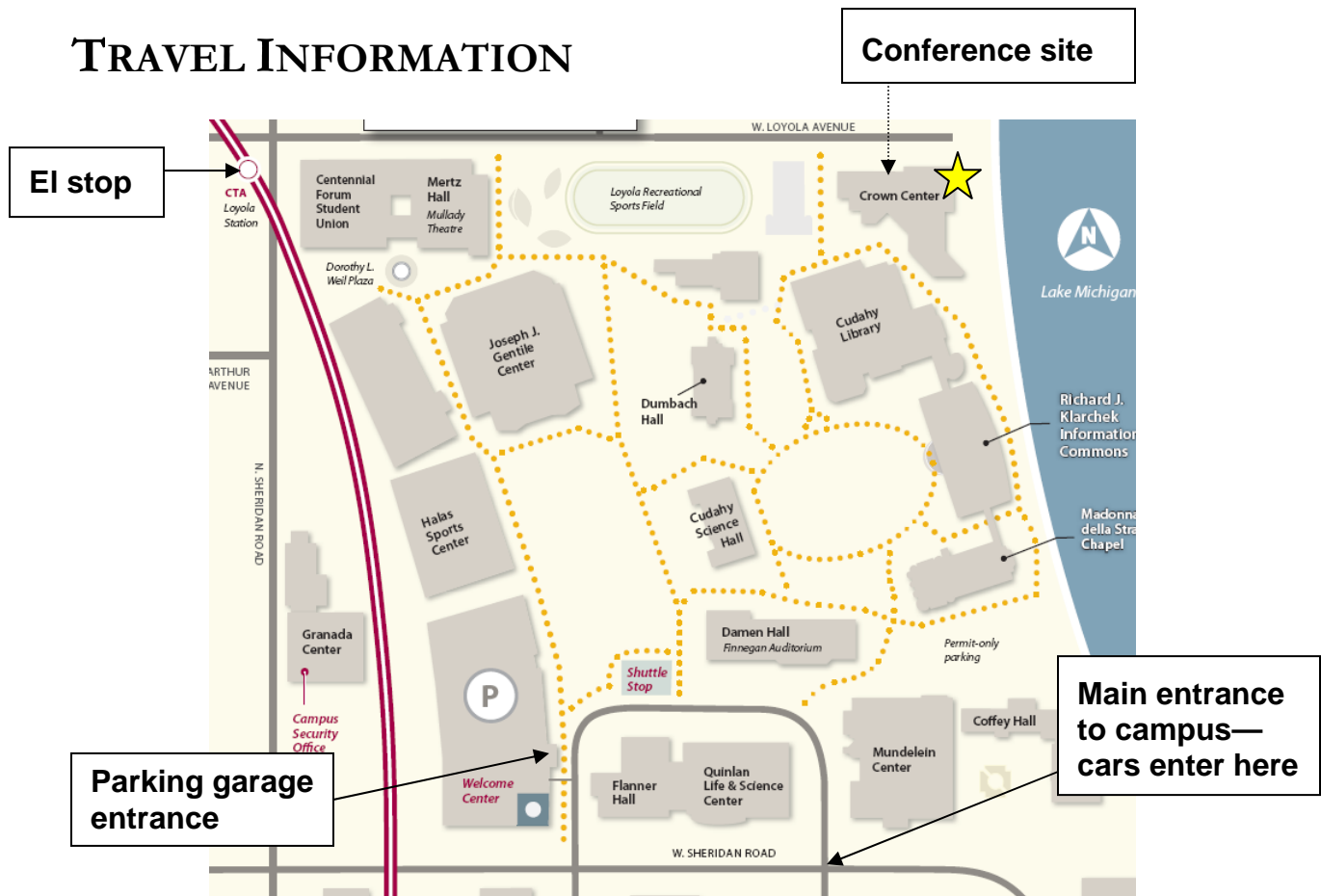
Email: mlafrombois@heartlandalliance.org

**Dr. Tsemberis** founded Pathways to Housing after years of working with street outreach teams and drop-in center programs and encountering innumerable barriers in securing housing for those clients. Dr. Tsemberis is on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry of the New York University Medical Center, and is principal investigator for several federally funded studies of homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. He has published widely on the topic of homelessness for people with multiple disabilities.

*This event is sponsored by:*  
Midwest Harm Reduction Institute  
Heartland Health Outreach  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago

*With the generous support of:*  
Prince Charitable Trusts  
Loyola University of Chicago Center for Urban Research and Learning

## TRAVEL INFORMATION



The conference will be held in the Crown Center Auditorium, which is located on the north east corner of Loyola's Lakeshore Campus. The auditorium is accessible by car and public transportation (Loyola stop on the Red Line). There is a \$7 fee to park on campus in the parking structure. Please allow approximately 5 minutes to walk from the public transportation stop or parking structure to the auditorium.

Visit Loyola's website at [http://www.luc.edu/values/campus/lakeshore\\_guide.html](http://www.luc.edu/values/campus/lakeshore_guide.html) for complete travel information, directions, maps, and parking information.