

# Homelessness

## National and Regional Resources

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



## U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness [www.usich.gov](http://www.usich.gov)

Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

- Provide permanent supportive housing
- Reduce financial vulnerability
- Improve health and housing stability
- Each Region has an Interagency Council on Homelessness led by the Regional Directors of HUD & HHS



## SAMHSA: Recovery Support Initiative

[www.samhsa.gov/recovery](http://www.samhsa.gov/recovery)

*Recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders (M/SUDs) is a process of change through which individuals improve their health & wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.*

Major dimensions that support a life in recovery:

**Health**

**Home**

**Purpose**

**Community**

- **Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)** - State formula grant for people with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- **Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI)** - Funding to expand and strengthen treatment services, as well as community infrastructure, for persons who are experiencing homelessness, who also have M/SUDs
- **Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI)** – Funding to support development and/or expansion of local implementation and community infrastructures that integrate treatment and services for people with M/SUDs with permanent housing, and other critical services. CABHI also increases capacity for community-based providers to enroll individuals who are chronically homeless in mainstream programs and obtain reimbursement for behavioral health
- **Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals for States (CABHI-States)** – Funding to enhance or develop the infrastructure of states and their treatment service systems to increase capacity to provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated/integrated, and evidence-based treatment services; permanent supportive housing; peer supports; and other critical services to persons who experience chronic homelessness with M/SUDs
- **Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale (BRSS TACS)** - Funding to support policy guidance, technical assistance, and training to help states and providers, including peer providers, adopt and implement best and emerging practices in recovery supports, services, & systems
- **Recovery to Practice (RTP)** - 5-year project to incorporate the vision of recovery into the concrete and everyday practice of mental health professionals
- **Services for Supportive Housing (SSH)** – Funding to support mental health care and supportive services, through evidence-based practices, to individuals and families who live in permanent housing and who have serious mental illnesses or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and histories of chronic homelessness



## SAMHSA: Olmstead Initiative

SAMHSA provides technical assistance and other opportunities for states to learn about federal rules, regulations and available resources to support Olmstead implementation and compliance.

- Olmstead Technical Assistance (American with Disabilities Act)
- Statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on the Role of Housing in Accomplishing the Goals of Olmstead
- Region VIII Olmstead/Housing Coalition: HUD, SSA, VA, and HHS (OCR, SAMHSA, ACL, and CMS),

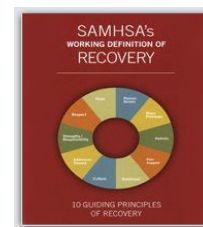
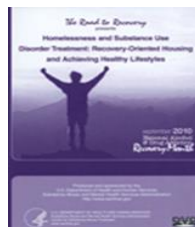
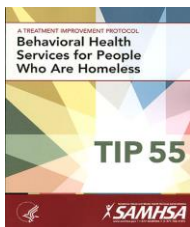
## SAMHSA: Technical Assistance

- Homelessness Resource Center - an interactive learning community dedicated to disseminating knowledge and best practices to prevent and end homelessness. It includes providers, consumers, policymakers, researchers, and public agencies at Federal, State, and local levels  
[www.Homeless.samhsa.gov](http://www.Homeless.samhsa.gov)
- Homeless and Housing Resource Network (HHRN) - provides support on homeless, housing, and behavioral health issues for SAMHSA staff, targeted homeless grantees, and stakeholders  
[www.center4si.com/projects](http://www.center4si.com/projects)
- Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity, and Social Inclusion - enhances acceptance and social inclusion by ensuring that people with mental health problems can live full, productive lives within communities without fear of prejudice and discrimination  
[www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov](http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) for People who are Homeless - increases access to the disability income benefit programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) for eligible adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a M/SUD
- Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center - works with states, territories, and tribes to develop effective, responsive behavioral health systems for service members, veterans, and their families  
[www.samhsa.gov/MilitaryFamilies/tacenter](http://www.samhsa.gov/MilitaryFamilies/tacenter)



## SAMHSA: Publications

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- "TIP 55: Behavioral Health Services for People Who Are Homeless"
- "Homelessness and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Recovery-Oriented Housing and Achieving Healthy Lifestyles"
- "Permanent Supportive Housing Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Kit"
- "SAMHSA Working Definition of Recovery. 10 Guiding Principles of Recovery"

## Additional Resources

- Family Connection: Building systems to end family homelessness [www.hhs.gov/homeless/resources/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/homeless/resources/index.html)
- HUD Homelessness Assistance [portal.hud.gov](http://portal.hud.gov)
- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty [www.nlchp.org](http://www.nlchp.org)
- Resources in Housing [www.disability.gov](http://www.disability.gov)
- Runaway and Homeless Youth [www.findyouthinfo.gov](http://www.findyouthinfo.gov)
- Reducing Homeless Populations' Involvement in the Criminal Justice System [www.justice.gov](http://www.justice.gov)
- Social Security Administration Service to the Homeless [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

- National Center for Family Homelessness [www.familyhomelessness.org](http://www.familyhomelessness.org)
- Child Welfare League of America [www.cwla.org/](http://www.cwla.org/)
- ZERO TO THREE “Homeless Families with Infants and Toddlers”  
[www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/newsletters/spotlight-on-homeless.html](http://www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/newsletters/spotlight-on-homeless.html)

## HHS Regional Contacts

### **SAMHSA Regional Administrator Website:**

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/regional-administrators>