



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

CAM (313) 305-0311 **Hours:** M-F 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun Closed

♥ Transitions ♥



Denise Goshton's last day with HAND was March 31st. We wish her the best in her new opportunity. Kiana Harrison will serve as Interim HMIS Manager.

Rental & Utility Assistance

Rent & Utility Assistance For **HIGHLAND PARK HAMTRAMCK & DETROIT RESIDENTS**

The **COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA)** program provides rental and utility assistance for residents who fell behind due to COVID-19. If you or someone you know is behind on rent or utilities, or in court for eviction, there are resources to help.

- Up to 12 months of back rent assistance
- Water, sewer, gas, electricity, and internet assistance

Apply online @ bit.ly/CERAHPHK
or call 866-313-2520

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) funding is now available for residents in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck. Read more about eligibility requirements [here](#).

Residents needing rental or utility assistance can apply [here](#). For assistance navigating the application, call **(866) 313-2520**.



Help families file their taxes. Filing taxes makes them eligible for the most recent stimulus check (worth more than more than \$4,000 for a family of three) and a monthly, per child allowance of \$250-\$300 through December.

Clients without a bank account can use a prepaid debit card to have money sent directly. (Helpful for those without a stable address).

- Filing is free for anyone making less than \$72,000 using the IRS site - [link](#)
- Other resources for tax assistance - [link](#)
- Track stimulus payments [here](#)

If you haven't received a previous stimulus payment, you may be eligible for a [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) . To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. Details are available [here](#).

COVID-19 Resources



**CITY OF DETROIT
COVID-19 VACCINES
UPDATE - DETROITERS**
Updated: March 29th, 2021

WHO IS ELIGIBLE AT TCF CENTER?

There is **NO COST** for the vaccine.

- Any resident of the City of Detroit who is age 16+.
- Any person who works in the City of Detroit whose job requires them to work from their job site.
- Companies with the 100+ employees have the option of on-site vaccination clinic. To make an on-site appointment, call (844) 333-8249.

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE TCF CENTER

APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE TCF CENTER.

HERE'S HOW:

1. Call (313) 230-0505 Monday through Friday, 9 am - 6 pm
2. Choose Prompt 1 to make an appointment "vaccine option."
3. If you are in one of the identified groups to receive a vaccine, one caller can book for multiple people in your car. You will need 6 pieces of information for each person when you make the call:
 - Name, Address, Date of Birth, Phone number, Email, Previous allergic reactions to vaccines?

- For workers and others, you will need to provide essential work type, employer name, work address, and bring proof of employment to the vaccine appointment (i.e. work badge or employer paystub printed or on your phone).

4. You will be given appointments for 2 vaccine dates.
5. Reminders and instructions will be sent via text and/or email.

PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR UPDATES ON VACCINES FOR ADDITIONAL GROUPS.

Detroit Vaccine Appointments

As of March 31st, eligibility for vaccines has expanded to residents aged 16+ and those working onsite in the city. For a list of vaccination sites and more information go [here](#).

To schedule an appointment, call **313-230-0505**, Monday - Friday, from 9am - 6pm. Those with an appointment needing transportation to the TCF Center can call (313) 230-0505

Talking About Vaccines

HUD issued [guidance](#) for homeless service providers talking with clients about the COVID-19 vaccine and addressing client concerns. Click [here](#) for the Spanish version.

Click [here](#) to access the CoC google drive for printable infographics explaining vaccine prioritization for frontline workers and those experiencing homelessness.

V Vaccinations are just one piece of controlling the virus.

Using all the tools we have will help us get our friends and family back together sooner.



C-19 <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/0229/covid19-homeless-system-response-vaccine-prioritization-distribution/>

Masks for Staff & Clients

Through generous donations from Joel Drazin and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), HAND has masks available for staff and clients



of homeless programs.

Please complete this [form](#) to request masks and we will contact you to schedule a pickup day and time.

Upcoming Conferences & Webinars

MCAH Training: Fair Housing for Homeless Service Providers April 12 | 1pm - 2pm

Liz Keegan from Fair Housing Center of West Michigan presents on Fair Housing. Participants will learn about the broad implications of housing discrimination as well as:

- A brief overview of federal, state, and local fair housing laws;
- New and proposed fair housing protections;
- Data on the current state of fair housing; and
- Case examples and trends impacting protected classes.

[Register Here](#)

CSH Training: Housing Stability & Coordinating Services April 13 | 2pm - 3:30pm

Keep tenants stable and thriving in their housing is an important aspect of case management. We'll discuss how to promote coordination between supportive service providers and property managers in a voluntary services model.

View more upcoming CSH webinars [here](#)

NOW HIRING

HAND is hiring multiple positions for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program. Click [here](#) to learn about the various opportunities.

Administrative Assistant

HAND is seeking an administrative assistant to start as soon as possible. More details are available [here](#).

HMIS Manager

HAND is accepting applications the position of HMIS Manager. The HMIS Manager is charged with leveraging the history and chartering a more innovative future based on data. The ideal candidate is data-driven, strategic, and a fierce proponent of preventing and ending homelessness. Full description [here](#)

Program Analyst II - Homelessness Specialist II

The City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department is currently accepting applications for PROGRAM ANALYST II - HOMELESSNESS SPECIALIST II. Interested candidates can go [here](#) or [here](#) to apply

Street Outreach and Data Input Specialist - [Apply here](#)
Housing and Emergency Services Manager - [Apply here](#)
Precariously Housed Case Manager - [Apply Here](#)

Resources & Information

Fee Waiver Resources

- State ID Fee Waiver - [link](#)
- Birth Certificate Fee Waiver - [link](#)

Additional resources are available on MCAH's vital documents page - [link](#)

Support More Funding for Housing and Homelessness

Ask your organization to sign on to the National Low Income Housing Coalition's letter urging congress to allocate more funding for housing! [Link](#)

Social Security & Supplemental Income

If you are aware of someone who is in a dire need situation, and has been unable to contact his or her local Social Security office, contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at **312-575-4050** or chi.rpa@ssa.gov



Access DWIHN's 24-Hour Helpline for Mental Health Issues (800) 241-4949

Take a Self Mental Health Screening [here](#)

Legislative Action Committee

Join MCAH's [Legislative Action Committee \(LAC\)](#) for updates on statewide and federal legislation relating to homelessness and housing funding.

Meetings are the first Monday of the Month from 12pm-1pm. You can register for May's [here](#). View previous [meetings](#)

WEBINAR: Emotional Support for Michiganders facing housing insecurity or homelessness

The webinar will consist of a presentation followed by an interactive discussion.

Learn:

- How to recognize and address normal symptoms of emotional distress
- How anyone can get free, confidential emotional support from trained crisis counselors
- Where to find helpful brochures, videos, and other support services

Register [here](#)

CoC-Wide COVID-19 Webinars

The Detroit CoC biweekly webinars provide important community and stakeholder updates, resources and guidance, problem solving, and coordination.

- Register for upcoming webinars [here](#).
- Access past and future webinar materials [here](#).
- Sign up to receive monthly situation reports [here](#).

COVID-19 Resources

- Detroit Continuum of Care - [link](#)
- Michigan - [link](#)
- MCTEH's - [Link](#)



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