Special Thanks

to our Sponsors for helping New Jersey

End Homelessness One County at a time!

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY

PRODUCING, PRESERVING, PROVIDING, HOUSING THAT **NEW JERSEY** RESIDENTS CAN AFFORD

NJ HMFA

investors Bank
Banking in *your* best interest.

TD Bank
America's Most Convenient Bank®

monarch
HOUSING ASSOCIATES
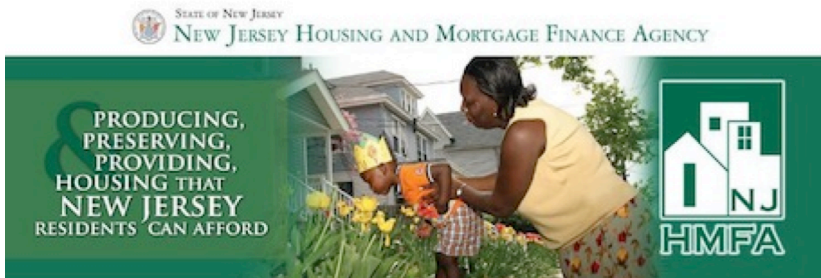
Changing the System to End Family Homelessness

Friday, May 17, 2013
8:00 a.m. to 3:30p.m.
Bristol Myers Squibb, Plainsboro

Presented by
**Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness &
Monarch Housing Associates**

Financial Sponsors

NJ HMFA

investorsBank

TD Bank

Conference Objective:

Family homelessness can be ended in New Jersey and this conference will explain how. The full-day program will give participants insight into what changes in our current system of homeless services are needed and how to organize in each county to make those changes.

Panels are focused on these questions: How does system change work? How can it meet the goals of HEARTH for shorter stays and permanent housing solutions? How does Rapid Rehousing work? How can data promote system change? Using Mercer County's work on system change over the last four years as the primary case study, participants will also be exposed to other models from around the country.

Resources:

NAEH "Promising Strategies"

Papers of Rapid Re-Housing

Mercer County, New Jersey

Idaho

Utah

Papers on Promising Rapid Rehousing Strategies from National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)

At www.endhomelessness.org search for Promising Strategies: Mercer County, Idaho, Utah;

Search for Rapid Rehousing Toolkit for 5-part video series.

Resources:

Welfare Peer Technical Assistance

Webinar: Leveraging Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds and Strategic Partnerships to Improve Housing Stability and Economic Outcomes for Low-Income Families, March 2013

The Office of Family Assistance hosted a Webinar, "Leveraging TANF Funds and Strategic Partnerships to Improve Housing Stability and Economic Outcomes for Low-Income Families." The Webinar provided an overview of Federal regulations relating to the use of TANF and Maintenance of Effort funds, highlighted promising State and local program models for individuals at-risk, provided examples of allowable uses of TANF funds for homeless stability and employment services, and discussed strategies for choosing and implementing various program models and partnerships.

For a website where you can download a transcript, recording or answers to FAQs, please see the following link:

https://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=viewTopic&sectionTopicId=60&topicId=20&tabtopic=20&sectionId=2&nav=20#posting2695

Changing the System to End Family Homelessness

Conference Schedule
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Welcomes
Annemarie Uebbing, HUD

Jennifer Velez, Esq., Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services

Tony Marchetta, NJ HMFA

9:15 – 10:30 a.m. - Panel 1: System Change

How Can System Change Work to End Family Homelessness?

How can system change not only lead to using existing resources in the most effective way, but also how to build a comprehensive system that addresses your community's unique needs, while moving closer to the goals of the HEARTH act.

Presenters

Herb Levine, Moderator, MAEH
Frank Cirillo, Mercer County Board of Social Services
Richard Brown, Monarch Housing
Sharon McDonald, NAEH

Break

10:45 a.m. – Noon   - Panel 2: Rapid RRH Session

How Does Rapid Re-housing Work? Why is rapid re-housing the "Housing First" model for employable families and individuals? What are the guiding principles of RRH? What is it and what is it not? Frequently asked questions and common concerns will be addressed, as panelists share experiences of different models – one through a system wide change agent, one with a contracted agency, and one with a Board of Social Services.

Presenters

Marygrace Billek, Mercer County, Moderator
Tom Albanese, Abt Associates
Christina Harcar, Mercer County Board of Social Services
Jackie Edwards, Catholic Charities

12 – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.   Panel 3: Data Presentation:

How Can Data Promote System Change?
Looking at data and understanding its implications can help CoCs plan to use scarce dollars efficiently.

For example, how many people who enter the shelter system have been homeless for 30 days or less and may just need assistance with back rent or Security deposit to go back home? How many are going to require case management, as in Rapid Rehousing? Who is looking at data in your county?

Presenters

Taiisa Kelly – Monarch Housing, Moderator
Tom Albanese - Abt Associates
Paul Rossi, Foothold Technology
Erin Lue-Hing, NJHMFA
Vernett Sherrill, City of Trenton, Trenton-Mercer COC

Stretch

1:50 – 3:30 p.m.   – Panel 4 - Next Steps - Take Aways

Facilitated conversations on moving forward with Rapid Rehousing and System Change in participants' counties.

Facilitator

Kathleen Cassidy, Consultant to Mercer Alliance