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NYC CCoC Newsletter

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January Grantee Meeting
Open Meeting: Focusing on CoC Providers

Resources

RSVP and agenda items to be released at a later date.

Job Postings

Communilife
Career Opportunities

Multiple positions offered [view current job listings by clicking here](#)

Jericho Project
Career Opportunities

Multiple positions offered [view current job listing by clicking here](#)

HOPE Count

On Monday, January 27th, the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), a citywide community volunteer effort to count every New Yorker sleeping on the street across the five boroughs during the coldest time of the year.

We are calling on YOU, our fellow New Yorkers, to help canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who find themselves living on the street. A thousand volunteers are needed to make HOPE a success. [Please view the](#)

[Volunteer for HOPE flyer to registration and to learn more.](#)

Shadow Count

On the same night, paid “decoys” will be planted in pairs in designated locations throughout all five boroughs of New York City. Information on the number of decoys that are counted by DHS volunteers will be used to assess the accuracy of the official DHS HOPE Count 2020. Trainings are held at the Silberman School of Social Work, located at 2180 3rd Avenue, NY, NY.

For information and to [RSVP](#) please visit [SHADOW COUNT 2020](#).

2020 Youth Count

Starting on Monday, January 28, local Drop-in Center program staff members will be asking young people ages 14-24 to participate a short survey. During the count, program staff and/or volunteers at participating programs aim to ask every youth who come into the program to take part in the questionnaire.

Help us make sure our youths are counted by encouraging them to visit a participating Drop-in Center on Tuesday, January 28 through Friday, January 31, where they will be asked to complete a short, anonymous survey. [Please view the 2020 Youth Count flyer to learn more.](#)

If you have any questions about the NYC Youth Count, please contact Youth Connect at youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov.



NYC CCoC 2020 Governance Reorganization

The NYC CCoC Steering Committee adopted a new Governance Structure on August 16th. The new structure includes the addition of an Advisory Council and standing committees [Click here to view the New Governance Structure](#).

2020 Steering Committee Elections

The NYC CCoC Community welcomes the New Year and 17 Steering Committee Members to begin two- or three-years terms of service. [The Election Winner's Slate can be found here.](#)

For more information on the CCoC Governance, please visit us at nychomeless.com.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

NEW: Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Published in the Federal Register

On December 5, 2019, a new SSVF NOFA has been published in the Federal Register. This NOFA provides funding opportunities to renew existing grants. This NOFA is competitive, and applicants are urged to closely review the NOFA and the associated training available below.

Awards are for services to begin October 1, 2020. Applications are due no later than January 31, 2020 at 4pm EST.

- [SSVF NOFA for services in FY 2021](#)
- [FY2021 NOFA Training Webinar](#)
- [SSVF Application Exhibits I-III- Budget Template and CoC Distribution](#)
- [SSVF Executive Director Certification of Community Planning Template](#)
- [SSVF NOFA Guidance on CoC Letter of Support](#)

To find more information on the SSVF NOFA, please visit va.org or contact SSVF@va.gov if you have questions.

Innovative Pilot to Expand CAPS to Include Victims of Domestic Violence

In December of 2019, the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-based Violence (ENDGBV), HRA's Office of Domestic Violence (ODV) and HRA's Customized Assistance Services (CAS) launched a pilot of the Coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS) with select shelter, housing and service providers. CAPS requires that each individual and household experiencing homelessness participate in the standardized assessment to determine potential eligibility for permanent housing, which includes permanent supportive housing, mainstream housing as well as rental subsidies.

This pilot will:

Train shelter, housing and service providers on the CAPS system, which includes the assessment and the supportive housing application

- Collect feedback from the providers on the best place to do the assessment within their existing operations
- Recommend enhancements to the system to better serve survivors of DV and improve access to the system overall

Please visit nychomeless.com for general information on the coordinated Assessment and Placement System (CAPS).

2020 Evaluation Process

HUD requires an annual evaluation of CoC funded projects and the NYC CCoC is in the process of collecting information for 2020. The purpose of the 2020 Evaluation is to ensure adherence to current HUD priorities and standards, provide a detailed review of project level performance, and inform the project ranking used in the annual NOFA application.

Evaluation Timeline

Activity	Completion Date
Preliminary Results	1/3/20
Debrief Call on Preliminary Results	1/6/20
Audit Ends	1/24/20
Date Adjustment Period Begins	1/25/20
Updated Preliminary Results (Based on Data Adjustments)	1/27/20

Please visit nyhomeless.com for general information on the Annual Evaluation process.

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) Meeting

The Task-force continues outreach to CoC funded projects, expanding engagement to Single Stop programs in an effort to create a database of referrals for those in need of technical assistance for SSI/SSDI applications. Connections with local schools of Social Work across the City have been established in hopes of incorporating SOAR into MSW coursework and field placements.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 24th at 10:00 AM. [Sign-up here](#) to stay connected and receive calendar invitations, meeting dial-in information and more.

For meeting details or more information on SOAR please contact [Lucy Freeman](#) or [Amanda Slater](#).

Related Program Resources

Social Security Expands Public Hours at Offices Nationwide

Beginning on January 8, 2020, Social Security offices will operate from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, with typical field office hours from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition to the extended hours on Wednesdays, the agency is hiring 1,100 front line employees to provide service on the agency's National 800 Number and in its processing centers. [Read Commissioner Andrew Saul's Open Letter to the Public.](#)

To create a **my Social Security** account, please visit the personalized online service, at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

From Our Steering Committee Co-chairs

The NYC CCoC is committed to providing useful information to the community. We want to hear from community members like you. Follow us at nyhomeless.com and let us know what you think about our messaging. Your feedback makes us better.

Thanks,
— NYC CCoC