

NYC CoC Newsletter

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Upcoming Virtual Meetings, Webinar Series, and Symposia to add to your calendar

The Supportive Housing Network of NY

"The Network's Friday Forum Series"

Friday's, from September 25 – November 6, 1 – 2 p.m.

Join the Supportive Housing Network of New York every Friday, 1-2PM, for Network Friday Forums. This weekly series will feature experts discussing topics from crisis response to harm reduction and COVID-19, with an emphasis on how our supportive housing community can move beyond COVID-19 to emerge stronger and more equitable.

To see the full series and register, [please visit this website](#).

NYS Office of Mental Health & NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Racism: A Public Mental Health Crisis Creating A Culture of Bold Change

"Becoming an Anti-Racist Organization: Breaking Down Structural Racism from Within"

Wednesday, October 28, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Organization and breaking down structural racism from within is a call to action with urgency. Panelists from different organizations will share

CoC Updates

Register for the Upcoming Virtual NYC CoC Open Public Meeting

"Coping with COVID-19: A Discussion on Sustainable Solutions"

October 23, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

[Register here today!](#)

NYC CoC Youth Action Board Recruiting

The NYC CoC Youth Action Board (YAB) is currently recruiting youth (16-14 years old) who have experienced homelessness or housing instability and are interested in making changes in the homeless system. For more information, [please view the flyer here](#).

how they implemented an Anti-Racist framework in their organization. The discussion will include strategies, types of racial equity tools, analyzing the data, and understanding what the desired outcomes are and the impact. What are the next steps for organizations after implementing these strategies? How will organization build capacity and sustainability measures to maintain an Anti-Racist environment?

Panelists will give insight on what was the turning point in becoming an Anti-Racist Organization to combat racial inequities, biases and what are the challenges and barriers to sustain this framework. What were the lessons learned from implementing an Anti-Racist framework? What equity tools were used to implement these methods? How are decisions made from an Anti-Racist Framework?

To register, [please visit this Webex page.](#)

National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Webinar Series

"Researching an End to Homelessness: Election Year Policy Ideas"

Biweekly on Thursday's, Remaining two webinars on October 8 and 22, 2 p.m.

These webinars will feature researchers who have recently published books, white papers, and essays on homelessness. This work relies on existing and emerging research to identify barriers to ending the problem and proven best practices. Throughout the series, the speakers will discuss related policy recommendations.

The webinars will occur every other Thursday at 2:00 pm (EST), with a bonus session occurring just before the election.

To register and learn more about the webinar series, [please visit the NAEH website.](#)

Point Source Youth Symposium

Point Source Youth's (PSY) Fourth National Symposium

Symposium dates: October 21 – 22

Join PSY for conversations that situate the movement to end youth homelessness within current discussions around LGBTQ+ rights, HIV advocacy, the Movement for Black Lives, Indigenous Rights, Affordable Housing movements, and economic justice in addition to the other pressing social justice issues of our time. Tune in from October 20-21 for PSY's *first* virtual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness.

Job Openings related to the NYC CoC

The Urban Justice Center

**Mental Health Project (MHP)
Disability Advocate Case
Manager or Social
Worker job opening** with the
Urban Justice Center — [view
the job posting and
announcement here.](#)

Breaking Ground

**Quality Assurance
Analyst job opening** with
Breaking Ground — [view the
job posting here to learn
more.](#)

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**Please click
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below to learn
more:**

To register and learn more about PSY's National Symposium, [please visit their Eventbrite page](#).

NYC Continuum of Care Virtual Open Public Meeting

"Coping with COVID-19: A Discussion on Sustainable Solutions"

Friday, October 23, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

New York City Continuum of Care (CoC), Persons With Lived Experience (PWLEx) Committee, and Youth Action Board (YAB) have called an open forum to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on persons with lived experience and the homeless services community at large. Moderated and co-facilitated by PWLEx and YAB members, this conversation aims to identify existing and new opportunities to equitably advance New York City's social service system by exploring the experiences during the COVID -19 crisis of both service participants and providers.

The PWLEx Committee and YAB extend this invitation to all community stakeholders and contributors to the shared effort to end homelessness, and we welcome community participation! If you have questions for presenters and/or would like to share your experience of NYC's mandated quarantine please contact [Cadija Tibbs](#).

Please note: This will be a virtual meeting; there will be no in-person attendance. You must RSVP with an active email address to receive the Meeting Log-In information.

If you have any questions about the event or registration, please contact us via email at nycccoc@dss.nyc.gov.

Register for the NYC CoC Open Public Meeting by clicking here

Upcoming Important Deadlines:

Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) Request for Proposal

NYC CoC Letter of Support Request Deadline: Friday, October 2, COB

New York State is issuing this [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) for the development and operation of at least 1,200



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testing site**

new units of Supportive Housing for persons identified as homeless with special needs, conditions, or other life challenges. This RFP seeks to award the fifth year's commitment of Governor Cuomo's plan to develop 6,000 units over five years.

If you intend to apply for the 2020 ESSHI RFP, please complete no later than October 2, the [survey attached](#) to request a letter of support from the NYC Continuum of Care. The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete.

If you have questions about this survey or require further assistance please contact Merih Anil at anilm@dss.nyc.gov.

Please be sure to read the ESSHI RFP carefully and reach out to the NY State Office of Mental Health (OMH) if you have any questions or issues.

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Click here to access the NYC Letter of Request survey

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Online Course Training Cohort: Adult Curriculum

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2020

The NYC Continuum of Care SOAR Workgroup has organized a training cohort for October 2020. Cohort members will complete training modules online and periodically meet to review the course materials. This is a free course that is web-based and self-guided. Full details can be accessed [by clicking here](#). For more information on SOAR, please contact the SOAR Workgroup Co-Chairs [Lucy Freeman](#) and [Amanda Slater](#).

To sign up for the October Cohort, [please fill out the registration form](#) and return it to [Lucy Freeman](#) by October 5, 2020.

The 2020 Census closes on October 5

The census closes on October 5 and only just over half of all New York City residents have completed the census. In 2010 the City's self-response rate was only 62% compared with a national average of 76%. An undercount jeopardizes our fair share of Federal funds and political representation. It is critical that we help dispel myths and

encourage all New York City residents to complete the census. Please help the City reinforce to clients and constituents the critical importance of completing the 2020 census. The census is easy, safe, and confidential. There are no questions about citizenship or immigration status. Click the icon below or call 844-330-2020 to learn more. More information about how to get involved/volunteer can be [found here](#).



Voter registration deadline is October 9

Providers, please help remind clients and tenants of this important deadline. To confirm voter registration, call 866-868-3692. All New York voters are eligible to vote by mail this November. Individuals can sign up to vote by mail [online here](#) or by calling 866-VOTE-NYC. Early voting is also available between October 24 and November 1. Click the icon below to learn more.



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Implementation of New Committees:

Income Access

The Income Access Committee kicked off on October 1. The goal of this committee is to expand opportunities for workforce development and benefits access within the CoC community. If you have experience in workforce development, benefits access, and/or are a housing provider who wants to share or better understand best practices for their residents, or if you just have ideas for how this committee could support you, please contact Income Access Co-Chairs [Michelle Mulcahy](#) or [Kim Elvin](#).

Domestic Violence Special Committee

The Steering Committee recently voted to adopt the new Domestic Violence (DV) Special Committee and appointed Co-Chairs Tierra Labrada, Brenda Tong, and Jennifer DeCarli. The mission of the DV Committee is to ensure that the housing needs of homeless domestic violence survivors, who comprise the third largest homeless subpopulation in HUD Point-In-Time Count, are adequately recognized by and used to inform the funding and evaluation decisions of the NYC CoC.

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