

Housing and Health Services Coordination Council E-mail List

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- 1. Transportation Works: Identifying and Removing Barriers Through Innovation

The Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC) has partnered with Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) to host five annual transportation summits across Texas. The first summit, Transportation Works: Identifying and Removing Barriers Through Innovation, will be held in Austin, Texas and will focus on efforts to expand inclusive transportation for all Texans.

This event will focus on methods for consumers to create change in the community by hearing from transportation experts and policymakers on plans for Travis County and Texas, learning advocacy techniques and strategies for engaging policymakers, and discovering new innovations or resources that may increase mobility in your community.

The accessible transportation summit will be held on March 1st and the morning of March 2nd at Holiday Inn Midtown, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road in Austin, Texas.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is free for consumers (people with disabilities). There will be a \$40 fee for all other participants. This fee includes admission for both days and lunch on March 1st. Click here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transportation-works-identifying-and-removing-barriers-through-innovation-registration-30498237048>.

- 2. National Low Income Housing Coalition (“NLIHC”) 2017 Housing Policy Forum

NLIHC 2017 Housing Policy Forum, April 2-4, to Explore Long-Term Housing Assistance and Renters' Tax Credit

NLIHC's 2017 Housing Policy Forum: Advancing Solutions in a Changing Landscape will feature a panel of experts who will discuss long-term housing assistance and the potential for a new renters' tax credit. The

Forum will take place in Washington, DC, April 2-4. Space at the forum is filling up fast, so register today at: <http://bit.ly/2dnJpnS>.

This year's forum will feature a wide array of policy-leaders and other experts from around the country on strategies for achieving affordable housing solutions in the changing post-election landscape. The forum will provide attendees the opportunity to engage with leaders from Capitol Hill and the new Administration on the current state of affordable housing and emerging challenges and opportunities. These and other thought-leaders, policy experts, researchers, affordable housing advocates and practitioners, and low income residents will discuss the best strategies for meeting the housing needs of the lowest income households in America.

3. Mental Health Wellness for Individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability – Free Online Training Series

A free, online training series, focusing on mental health, helps people who care for, support or advocate for people with IDD.

Mental Health Wellness for Individuals with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability, a series of six modules developed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Texas Department of State Health Services educates direct-service workers and others on the mental health needs of people with an IDD by recognizing the "whole person." It provides information on what can affect clients' feelings, behavior and thoughts, and provides tools to help improve their quality of life.

"The training gives an overview of why people with IDD sometimes display challenging behaviors and how to support their mental wellness," said Novella Evans, program specialist in the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Medical and Social Services Division. She said training provides guidance based on understanding a person's life, including any trauma history, medical needs and genetic conditions that may be present.

To take the training, visit www.mhwidd.com.

4. The Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care - Expanding the Science and Practice of Recovery-Based Mental Health Care and Supports Grants

Due Date: Letter of Intent May 1, 2017

Funding Amount: Award Ceiling \$100,000

Overview: A new grant opportunity, Expanding the Science and Practice of Recovery-Based Mental Health Care and Supports. The grant awards will be up to a maximum of \$100,000 and preference will be given to one-year projects.

The Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care is interested in funding visionary projects in one or more of four topic areas: Cultural and System Change; Children's Advocacy; Slow Psychiatry; Innovative Initiatives. These applications are for new research and/or programs not previously funded by EXCELLENCE.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be affiliated with a non-profit organization or university. Applicant organization should have the administrative and financial capacity and experience to accept the award and to be able to distribute funds consistent with the permitted use of funds approved in the application and budget. Applicants should be able to demonstrate capacity for success.

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5. Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care – Expanding the Science and Practice of Recovery-Based Mental Health Care and Supports

Date Due: Letter of Intent by May 1, 2017, June 15 subset of applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal, full proposals due September 30, 2017

Award Amount: \$100,000 maximum for one-year projects

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Description: The Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health Care is interested in funding visionary projects in one or more of four topic areas: Cultural and System Change; Children’s Advocacy; Slow Psychiatry; Innovative Initiatives.

For more information contact: info@femhc.org

6. National Academy for State Health Policy – Federal And State Collaboration to Improve Health Through Housing

Texas representatives from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Health and Human Services Commission participated in a convening in Washington, D.C. in December 2016.

State and federal policymakers examined the cross section of health and housing and developed recommendations which are included in the NASHP health and Housing Brief.

To access the brief go to: <http://nashp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Health-and-Housing-Brief.pdf>

7. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Community Selection Announcement

HUD announced the selection of 10 communities to participate in the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), a multiyear effort that will help these communities build systems intended to end youth homelessness. HUD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on August 22, 2016, and 130 communities submitted applications by the November 30 deadline.

The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Inc. in Austin/Travis County was awarded \$5.2 million.

For YHDP updates, visit the [YHDP website](#).