

National Organizations Concerned
with Mental Health, Housing,
and Homelessness

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Introduction

This document is a resource list of federal agencies and national organizations concerned with the mental health treatment, services, and housing needs of individuals and families who are homeless.

Federal agencies that administer programs authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77), the first comprehensive federal legislation to address the health, education, and social welfare needs of persons who are homeless, are found at the beginning of the list. Other federal programs that address the needs of persons who are homeless and have mental illnesses are also included.

National organizations are listed according to their primary focus in relation to homelessness and mental illnesses. Each organization listed has provided a mailing address, telephone number, and brief description of its services, as well as a contact person, fax number, e-mail, and website address, where applicable. Users of this list—including service providers, researchers, policymakers, and members of the general public—are encouraged to seek additional information on funding opportunities, technical assistance activities, and information resources from the organizations listed.

This list is updated on a regular basis. Send changes or additions to the National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness, Policy Research Associates, Inc., 345 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054; call (800) 444-7415, or e-mail nrc@prainc.com. We welcome comments and suggestions. An on-line version of this publication can be found on the Internet at www.nrchmi.com.

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Primary Resources

■ Primary Resources

Center for Mental Health Services

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The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is the federal agency concerned with the prevention and treatment of mental illnesses and the promotion of mental health. The Homeless Programs Branch administers a variety of programs and activities designed to break the cycle of homelessness by providing access to community care and effective mental health services; identifying approaches that work to prevent and to end homelessness; and encouraging communities to integrate fragmented services to better serve the multiple needs of people who are homeless. These include the following:

- *Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Formula Grant Program* that funds 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories to support service delivery for persons who are homeless with mental illnesses and who may also have substance use disorders;
- *Access to Community Care and Effective Services and Supports (ACCESS) Program*, which funded nine states to implement and evaluate a variety of innovative approaches to integrate service delivery systems for persons who are homeless with serious mental illnesses;
- *CMHS/CSAT Collaborative Program to Prevent Homelessness*, which evaluated the effectiveness of models for the prevention of homelessness for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders;
- *CMHS Housing Initiative*, which is examining and comparing the effectiveness of various housing approaches for people with mental illnesses; and
- *CMHS/CSAT Collaborative Program on Homeless Families*, which is evaluating targeted interventions for homeless mothers with psychiatric and/or substance use disorders who are caring for their dependent children.

The Branch also provides professional leadership for collaborative, intergovernmental initiatives designed to assist persons with mental illnesses who are homeless. In addition, the Branch supports a contract for the National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness.

National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness

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The National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness, operated by Policy Research Associates, Inc., under contract to the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), provides technical assistance and comprehensive information concerning the treatment, services and housing needs of persons who are homeless and have serious mental illnesses. The Resource Center provides technical assistance to CMHS grantees; provides or arranges technical assistance on the development of housing and services for special needs populations; maintains an extensive bibliographic database of published and unpublished materials; develops workshops and training institutes on the coordination of services and housing for persons who are homeless with mental illnesses; and responds to requests for information.

Community Connections

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Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7189

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Phone: 800-998-9999 (voice)/800-483-2209 (TDD)

Fax: 301-519-5027

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Website: <http://www.comcon.org>

Community Connections, the information center of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), serves state and local agencies, nonprofit organizations, public interest and intermediary groups, and others interested in housing and community development. Customers can call the center or access the Internet site for copies of program regulations, descriptions of model programs, case studies of affordable housing initiatives, publications on expanding affordable housing opportunities, funding notices, training and conference announcements, and referrals to technical assistance providers. The center provides information on all CPD programs, including HOME, HOPE 3, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Renewal Communities, Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and all homeless assistance programs.

Interagency Council on the Homeless

**451 Seventh Street, SW, Suite 7274
Washington, DC 20410**

*Contact: Philip Mangano, Executive Director
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Congress established the Interagency Council on the Homeless in 1987 with the passage of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. In 1993, the Interagency Council on the Homeless was reorganized as a Working Group of the White House Domestic Policy Council. The Interagency Council on the Homeless provides federal leadership for activities to assist families and individuals who are homeless. Major activities of the Council include the following: (1) planning and coordinating the federal government's actions and programs to assist people who are homeless, and making or recommending policy changes to improve such assistance; (2) monitoring and evaluating assistance provided by all levels of government and the private sector to persons who are homeless; (3) ensuring that technical assistance is provided to help community and other organizations effectively assist persons who are homeless; and (4) disseminating information on federal resources available to assist people who are homeless.

National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network

**P.O. Box 42490
Washington, DC 20015**

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Fax: 301-984-8796
E-mail: ken@mentalhealth.org
Website: <http://www.mentalhealth.org>*

The National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) provides the public with information and referrals on mental health services. Free copies of publications on a range of mental health issues are available. KEN information specialists answer callers' questions, or refer them to federal, state, or local resources for more information and help. KEN offers up-to-the-minute information on issues such as prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for mental illnesses, and on subjects ranging from advocacy to women's issues.

Key Federal Programs

■ Key Federal Programs

CDC National Prevention Information Network

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Contact: Jesse Milan, Jr., Program Director

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Website: <http://www.cdcnpin.org>

The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse was established in October 1987 by the Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as part of its National AIDS Education Program to respond to the public health threat posed by HIV/AIDS. In 1998, the Clearinghouse became the National Prevention Information Network (NPIN), and its scope was expanded to include resources on not only HIV/AIDS, but other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and tuberculosis (TB). NPIN offers reference and referral assistance, distributes educational materials, and maintains databases on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. The CDC Business and Labor Resource Service, a centralized information and referral service, links the business and labor communities with resources for developing HIV/AIDS programs in the workplace. All NPIN services and materials are free. Information specialists are available to talk to callers in Spanish and English, and select educational materials are also available in both languages. In addition, NPIN's Coordinator for Special and Underserved Populations can assist with special information about people who are homeless with HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB.

The Corporation for National and Community Service

**1201 New York Avenue, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20525**

Phone: 202-606-5000

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Website: <http://www.nationalservice.org>

Established in 1993, the Corporation for National and Community Service engages more than 1.5 million Americans of all ages in programs designed to improve their communities through its three national service initiatives. AmeriCorps offers Americans age 17 and older the opportunity to serve their communities by tutoring students; running after-school and mentoring programs for at-risk youth; offering job counseling, shelter, and other services to people who are homeless;

and building houses and rehabilitating substandard housing in rural and urban areas. Upon completing service, AmeriCorps members receive an education award that can be used to cover tuition or repay education loans. Learn and Serve America provides opportunities for students in kindergarten through college to serve as part of their curriculum, and the National Senior Service Corps gives older Americans the opportunity to volunteer their time and talents to make their communities better. The Corporation also serves as a clearinghouse of information and technical expertise for service initiatives nationwide, and provides funding on a competitive basis for state and national service programs.

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

**701 North Fairfax Street, Suite 310
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Contact: Sharon M. Bailey, Vice President

Phone: 703-706-9660

Fax: 703-706-9677

Website: <http://www.efsp.unitedway.org>

This federal emergency program, begun in 1983 and currently part of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, continues to provide funds for basic food and shelter, including rent, mortgage payments, and utilities. Local boards are established to select agencies that will receive monies to provide food and shelter services.

Health Resources and Services Administration

**Bureau of Primary Health Care
Division of Programs for Special Populations
4350 East-West Highway, 9th Floor
Bethesda, MD 20814**

Contact: Jean Hochron, M.P.H., Chief, Health Care for the Homeless Branch

Phone: 301-594-4430

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Website: <http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/homeless>

The Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) program is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration and authorized under Section 330(h) of the Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. Discretionary grants to public and nonprofit private entities support the development and operation of HCH programs, which provide primary health care and substance abuse services to individuals and families who are homeless and to individuals who were previously homeless while they are in transitional housing. Required services are outlined under Sections 330(b) and 330(h) and include the following: primary care; substance abuse services; provision of or arrangements for emergency health services; referral for inpatient

hospitalization; provision of or referral to mental health services; case management services; outreach services; entitlement eligibility assistance; and supplemental/additional services.

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

**P.O. Box 2345
Rockville, MD 20847**

Contact: Information Specialists

Phone: 800-729-6686 or 301-468-2600, TDD: 800-487-4889

Fax: 301-468-6433

Website: <http://www.health.org>

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is a service of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). As the national focal point for information on alcohol and drugs, NCADI collects, prepares, classifies, and distributes information concerning alcohol, tobacco and other drugs; prevention strategies and materials; research; treatment approaches and resources; and training programs for professionals, community education programs, parents, children, and virtually all interested persons. The Clearinghouse also provides a variety of free printed material, including pamphlets, booklets, posters, resource guides, and directories; a reference and referral service; and use of the library. Services and materials are free to the public; videotapes and disk-based products carry a small cost recovery fee.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

**Division of Clinical and Prevention Research
6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 505
Bethesda, MD 20892**

Contact: Harold I. Perl, Ph.D., Chief of Health Services Research Branch

Phone: 301-443-0788

Fax: 301-443-8774

Website: <http://www.niaa.nih.gov>

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the federal agency that supports research nationwide on alcohol abuse and alcoholism. This includes investigator-initiated research on persons who are homeless.

National Institute of Mental Health

**Office of Communications and Public Liaison
Information Resources and Inquiries Branch
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E-mail: nimhpubs@nih.gov or nimhinfo@nih.gov

Website: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Fax on Demand System: 301-443-5158

Anxiety Disorders Education Program: (888) 8ANXIETY (Spanish-speaking operators available)

The National Institute of Mental Health is the Federal agency responsible for supporting and conducting research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mental disorders. To understand the causes and improve the treatment and prevention of mental illnesses, NIMH research brings a multidisciplinary approach to research on the human brain in health and in illness, integrating findings from the neurosciences, basic behavioral sciences, clinical research, epidemiology, prevention research, and mental health services research. With this overall approach, the Institute supports basic research and studies that address the causes and treatments for specific mental disorders such as schizophrenia, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, eating disorders, Alzheimer's disease, and childhood mental illnesses. NIMH research also addresses the mental health needs of special populations, including racial and ethnic minority populations, women, and residents of rural areas.

Publications include printed materials on basic behavioral research, neuroscience of mental health, and the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. A list of NIMH publications, including several in Spanish, is available upon request. Public and professional education campaigns are the Depression Education Program and the Anxiety Disorders Education Program. The Mental Health FAX4U (301-443-5158) is a fax-back system containing a publications list and order forms, as well as other items of interest.

Social Security Administration

**Office of Program Benefits Policy
Division of Representative Payment and Evaluation
3-R-1 Oper.
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235**

Contact: Georgina Harding, Division Director

Phone: 410-965-9800

General Toll-free Phone: 800-772-1213

TDD: 800-325-0778

Fax: 410-966-0980

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>

A major goal of the Social Security Administration (SSA) is to provide assistance to persons who are blind, elderly, or who have a disability, including serious mental illnesses. SSA disseminates information about and administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. SSI provides income support and other benefits to individuals in the aforementioned categories. SSA collaborates with agencies and organizations to identify people who are likely to be eligible to receive SSI and assists them with the application process. SSA publishes A Guide to SSI for Groups and Organizations (#05-11015) and other materials that describe social security benefits and the application process.

The Social Security Administration also administers the representative payment program. This program provides representative payees for those SSI recipients or Social Security beneficiaries who are incapable of managing or directing someone else to manage their Social Security funds. SSA appoints individuals as well as qualified organizations to serve as representative payees, and publishes a number of resources for organizations and individuals on the representative payee programs. These materials are available on the Representative Payment website at www.ssa.gov/payee.

U.S. Department of Education

**Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
600 Independence Avenue, SW, Portals Building, Room 4400
Washington, DC 20202**

Contact: Shawn Mussington, Program Analyst

Phone: 202-260-0997

Fax: 202-260-7764

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CEP/hmlsprogesp.html>

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program, authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, provides formula grants to state education agencies and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure that children who are homeless receive the same educational services as those provided to children with established residences. State agencies may provide grants to local educational agencies that serve children and youth who are homeless and use funds for direct services to support programs and activities designed to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who are homeless in schools. Some states have used the grant funds to support special demonstration projects to serve children who are homeless. State coordinators monitor the program at the local level.

U.S. Department of Education

**Rehabilitation Services Administration
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
MES Building, Room 3220
Washington, DC 20202**

Contact: Suzanne G. Tillman, Vocational Rehabilitation Program Specialist

Phone: 202-205-8303

Fax: 202-205-9340

The Rehabilitation Services Administration, authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, provides formula and discretionary grants related to expanding and improving vocational rehabilitation and independent living outcomes for persons with disabilities, including persons who have mental illnesses. Formula grants are provided to state vocational rehabilitation agencies to enable eligible individuals with disabilities to achieve employment and/or independent living. Discretionary grants for special demonstration or training projects are awarded on a competitive basis to eligible organizations for the purpose of supporting the work of state vocational rehabilitation agencies.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD USER
P.O. Box 6091
Rockville, MD 20849

Phone: 800-245-2691 or 301-519-5154

Fax: 301-519-5747

Website: <http://www.huduser.org>

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research sponsors HUD USER, an information service that provides ready access to research information and publishes the free newsletter Recent Research Results (RRR). RRR contains short summaries of reports recently published under the auspices of the Office of Policy Development and Research. Also, HUD USER maintains an on-line bibliographic database that provides complete reference and document dissemination services and offers reproduction of selected blueprints.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of HIV/AIDS Housing
Office of Community Planning and Development
451 Seventh Street SW, Room 7212
Washington, DC 20410

Contact: David Vos, Director

Phone: 202-708-1934

TDD: 800-877-8339

Fax: 202-708-9313

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing>

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program provides housing assistance and supportive services for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Grants are provided by formula allocations to states and metropolitan areas with the highest incidence of AIDS, and by selection through a national competition of projects proposed by state and local governments and nonprofit organizations. HOPWA funds may be used for an array of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for the operation and maintenance of facilities and community residencies; rental assistance; and short-term payments to prevent homelessness. HOPWA may also support healthcare, mental health services, drug and alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, intensive care, nutritional services, case management, assistance with daily living, housing information, placement assistance, and other services.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Con't.)

**Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
Office of Community Planning and Development
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 7262
Washington, DC 20410**

Contact: John Garrity, Director

Phone: 202-708-4300

Fax: 202-401-0053

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/index.cfm>

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) funds programs that provide housing and services for various segments of the homeless population. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act authorizes the following programs: Supportive Housing; Shelter Plus Care; Emergency Shelter; Section 8 SRO; and Surplus Federal Property. Several of these grant programs target people who are homeless with disabilities, e.g., serious mental illnesses, chronic alcohol/drug abuse, and AIDS and related diseases. In addition, HUD works in collaboration with the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) and with other federal agencies to support a wide range of efforts on behalf of people who are homeless with special needs. Many of HUD's other basic housing and community development programs can be used to assist persons who are homeless. Individuals are urged to contact their local HUD Field Offices for more information.

U.S. Department of Justice

**Housing and Civil Enforcement Section
Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20530**

Contact: Joan A. Magagna, Chief

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Fax: 202-514-1116

TDD: 888-305-3228

Website: <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/hcehome.html>

The Department of Justice files suits in federal court to enforce the Federal Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or familial status. Mental illness is considered a handicap under the Act. Discrimination in all aspects of sale and rental transactions is unlawful, as are discriminatory zoning and land use laws and practices. With respect to handicap, discrimination includes a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services where such accommodation may be necessary to afford equal housing opportunity. The Department can take

enforcement action based on information received from private parties, from its independent investigative efforts, or from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

U.S. Department of Labor

**Homeless Veterans Reintegration Projects
Veterans Employment and Training Service
Francis Perkins Building, Room S1316
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210**

*Contact: Paul Hinkhouse, HVRP/VWIP Program Lead
Phone: 202-693-4713
Fax: 202-693-4755*

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Projects, authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, provide grants to support flexible and innovative approaches that assist unemployed veterans who are homeless to re-enter the labor force. The funded projects offer employment and training services for veterans who are homeless either directly or by referral to existing job training programs.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Health Care for the Homeless Veterans Program
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420**

*Contact: Gay Koerber, Associate Chief for Policy, Programs, and Operations
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Fax: 202-273-9069*

The Health Care for the Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV), previously known as the Homeless Chronically Mentally Ill Veterans Program, authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, provides outreach; case management services; and contracted, community-based residential treatment for veterans who are homeless with psychiatric and substance use disorders. Veterans in the HCHV Program may become involved in therapeutic work opportunities through Veterans Industries, and may be assisted in securing permanent housing. A total of 71 sites in 37 states and the District of Columbia provide an integrated network of treatment programs for veterans who are homeless with chronic mental illnesses and substance abuse problems. Another component of the HCHV Program allows Veterans Affairs to provide grants and per diem payments to public and nonprofit organizations to develop supported housing programs and supportive service centers for veterans who are homeless.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Con't.)

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Contact: Jane H. Tollett, Chief
Phone: 202-273-8540 or 202-273-8537
Fax: 202-273-9131

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates the Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program to address the unmet clinical needs of veterans who are homeless. More than 90% of the veterans served by this program, which operates in 35 sites, have psychiatric illnesses or alcohol or other drug dependency problems. Services include outreach and referral, screening and assessment, medical and psychiatric evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation, and post-discharge community support. Staff assist veterans in securing employment and housing.

National Organizations

■ Mental Health and Health

American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association

**1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20004**

Contact: Pamela Greenberg, M.P.P., Executive Director

Phone: 202-756-7726

Fax: 202-756-7306

Website: <http://www.ambha.org>

The American Managed Behavioral Healthcare Association, (AMBHA), founded in 1994, is a nonprofit trade association representing the nation's leading managed behavioral healthcare organizations. These organizations collectively manage mental health and substance abuse services for more than 110 million people. The Association's primary objectives are to promote accountability of health plans, managed behavioral healthcare organizations, and providers through performance measurement; promote nondiscriminatory coverage of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in health benefits; explain the potential and validity of managed care approaches; support the work of the larger mental health and substance use disorder communities; support meaningful consumer rights and protections; and promote coordination of behavioral healthcare within the broader healthcare system.

American Psychiatric Association

**1400 K Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20005**

Phone: 202-682-6000

Fax: 202-682-6837

Website: <http://www.psych.org>

The American Psychiatric Association is an incorporated society of approximately 40,000 psychiatrists that works to promote the best interest of those actually or potentially making use of psychiatric services. The APA Committee on Homelessness promotes advocacy efforts by the profession at the national and local levels and encourages psychiatrists to help develop programs and services for people who have mental illnesses and are homeless or at risk of homelessness. A number of local district branches and chapters of the APA are involved in programs to provide psychiatric services to people who have mental illnesses and are homeless. Individuals are urged to contact the national headquarters for information about an APA group in their area.

American Psychological Association

**750 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4242**

Phone: 202-336-5500

Fax: 202-336-6063

Website: <http://www.apa.org/>

The American Psychological Association (APA) is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists. APA's membership includes more than 155,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its divisions in 53 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state and Canadian provincial psychological associations, APA works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare.

Center for the Study of Issues in Public Mental Health

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The Center for the Study of Issues in Public Mental Health is a collaboration of research entities including the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research; the Central Office of the New York State Office of Mental Health; the Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy of the University at Albany, State University of New York; and the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University. The Center comprises a multidisciplinary faculty of more than 70 academicians, researchers, recipients, practitioners, and state and local policymakers, and is dedicated to developing and conducting research toward improving the outcomes of public mental health services through the effective integration of research, policy, and practice. Center research focuses on adults with serious mental illnesses in four core areas of interest: promoting recovery; negotiating lives in communities; seeking systems integration; and developing methods for mental health services research.

Centre for Community Change International

**70 S. Winooski Avenue, Suite 286
Burlington, VT 05401**

Contact: Henry P. Palmer, III, M.S.W., CEO

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Fax: 802-652-9671

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Website: <http://cccinternational.com>

The Centre for Community Change International is an international research, technical assistance and training organization focused on improving services for adults with psychiatric disabilities and children with serious emotional disturbances so they can successfully integrate into housing, work, and social networks. Centre services include systems change consultation; managed care readiness; implementation of values-based consumer-directed managed care approaches; family-support; outcome-oriented and cost-effective partnerships between housing and mental health organizations; program development consultation; and workforce development and training, which includes a graduate program in Community Mental Health (PCMH) that offers certificates and Master's degrees. The Centre conducts management retreats, feasibility studies, and develops mental health and housing system plans through core Centre staff and a broad range of nationally recognized consultants. Specific training and consultation are available in the following content areas: recovery skills; "wrap around" services for children, youth and families; clients at high risk or with high needs; crisis prevention, intervention and resolution; supported housing; social integration; ethics and boundaries in community support services; leadership, management and supervision; strategies for consumer involvement and empowerment; and building managed care capacity. A wide variety of print and video materials, as well as consulting resources, are available.

The Evaluation Center @ HSRI

**Human Services Research Institute
2336 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02140**

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Website: <http://www.hsri.org>

The Evaluation Center @ HSRI is a technical assistance center funded by the federal Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and operated by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). HSRI is a nonprofit research and planning organization located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The mission

of the Evaluation Center @ HSRI is to provide evaluation technical assistance to state and nonprofit public and private entities including but not limited to consumers, families and provider groups. This technical assistance is designed to improve the planning, development, and operation of adult mental health services carried out as part of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and other publicly funded programs. The Center is organized into seven programs: Consultation, Toolkits, Evaluation Materials, Topical Evaluation Networks, Multicultural Issues in Evaluation, Conferences and Training, and Knowledge Assessment and Application Program.

The Information Exchange

**120 North Main Street
New City, NY 10956**

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The Information Exchange, Inc. (TIE), is a nonprofit corporation organized to gather and disseminate information and perspectives on how to adapt treatment, programming, and service systems to help people with co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders. TIE contributes to the exchange of ideas, initiatives, and information on this and related subjects through publications, consultations, training conferences, and technical assistance.

Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

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Washington, DC 20005**

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TDD: 202-467-4232
E-mail: HN1660@handsnet.org
Website: <http://www.bazelon.org>*

The Bazelon Center (formerly the Mental Health Law Project) is a national, nonprofit organization that engages in legal advocacy for people with mental disabilities. The Center has three programs to expand housing for people who have mental disabilities and are homeless. The Center's Fair Housing program offers training and technical assistance to help housing providers, consumers, and advocates overcome legal barriers (such as exclusionary zoning, restrictive regulations, or rental policies) to community-living for children and adults with mental disabilities. The Center also uses litigation and other forms of advocacy to increase access to housing and community-based systems of services for people who are homeless, focusing on enforcement of the Supreme Court's Olmstead mandate. Finally, the Center

advocates for access by people with disabilities to HUD-funded low-income housing. The Center's website includes information and legal citations on enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, and a number of publications on fair housing for persons with disabilities are available for purchase. A complete publication list is available on request.

National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression

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The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) funds, educates about, and recognizes exemplary brain disorder research. It is the largest nongovernmental organization of its kind, having funded grants to 1,372 scientists and distributed more than \$115 million since its inception in 1987. NARSAD raises funds; publishes a free quarterly research newsletter and informational brochures (in both English and Spanish); sponsors an annual symposium; and awards the Lieber Prize for outstanding research in schizophrenia, the Falcone Prize for outstanding research in affective disorders, and the Jay and William Ruane Prize for Children and Adolescent Psychiatric Research.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

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The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is the nation's leading self-help organization for all those affected by severe brain disorders. NAMI's mission is to bring consumers and families with similar experiences together to share information about services, care providers, and ways to cope with the challenges of schizophrenia, manic depression, or other serious mental illnesses. NAMI's Helpline can provide information, support, and referrals to local self-help groups. NAMI's "Partnership for Recovery" is an effort to educate the public and fight the stigma attached to persons who have mental illnesses. Nationally, NAMI advocates for

increased federal support for research into the causes and treatments of brain disorders. The NAMI National Network for the Homeless and Missing Mentally Ill helps family members locate relatives with mental illnesses who are missing and may be homeless. NAMI has 220,000 members and more than 1,200 local affiliates nationwide.

National Association for Rural Mental Health

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The National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH) was founded in 1977 to develop, enhance, and support mental health services and providers in rural areas. NARMH works to improve the delivery of rural mental health services and promote the unique needs and concerns of rural mental health programs. The group develops educational resources and disseminates information about rural mental health policy and practice issues and sponsors an annual conference for rural mental health professionals. Members receive the quarterly publication, Rural Mental Health.

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

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The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), founded in 1983 as a not-for-profit association, is designed to promote professional and parental involvement with resources for individuals who have the coexistence of mental illnesses and mental retardation. NADD provides conferences, educational services, and training materials to professionals, parents, concerned citizens, and service organizations. Through the dissemination of cutting edge knowledge, NADD has been influential in the development of appropriate community-based policies, programs, and opportunities that address the mental health needs of persons with

mental retardation. NADD works to promote services that bridge the gap between the mental health and developmental disabilities structures by seeking to stimulate public and professional interest; encouraging the dissemination and exchange of information; promoting educational and training programs; advocating for appropriate governmental policies; supporting research focused on identification, diagnosis, and treatment; and fostering the development of resources and services. The NADD Bulletin is published six times per year and is available to all NADD members.

National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors

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The National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors (NACBHD) is a membership organization comprising of county behavioral health authorities responsible for the planning, oversight and/or delivery of mental health, development disabilities, and substance abuse services. NACBHD's members are county authorities in 21 states, and these jurisdictions contain 75% of the United States population. NACBHD's membership also includes state-based organizations representing community mental health boards, mental health centers, mental health/developmental disabilities services, and community mental health and substance abuse programs. NACBHD provides traditional membership services including advocacy; technical assistance; conferences; and publications, including The NACBHD Bulletin, a membership newsletter published six times per year.

National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems

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The National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS) was established under the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Act (P.L. 99-319), in addition to other statutes. PAIMI programs protect and advocate for the legal rights of persons with mental illnesses. The programs investigate reports of abuse or neglect and provide technical

assistance, information, and legal counseling. Protection and Advocacy agencies often monitor institutions, including residential care facilities, public and private hospitals for persons with mental illnesses, correctional facilities, and shelters for persons who are homeless. NAPAS publishes a free newsletter, Protection and Advocacy Systems News. The National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems does not provide direct services. Individuals must contact the Protection and Advocacy agency in their state.

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

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Founded in 1971, the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. (NASADAD) is a private, not-for-profit educational, scientific, and informational organization that serves all state alcoholism and drug agency directors. NASADAD's purpose is to foster and support the development of effective alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout every state. NASADAD serves as a focal point for the examination of alcohol and other drug related issues of common interest to both national organizations and federal agencies. In addition, NASADAD facilitates the evaluation, dissemination, and interstate exchange of alcohol and other drug abuse information and program activities among state agency directors, other professionals, and volunteers; assists federal and state governments in the design, development, and implementation of coordinated, cooperative federal-state programs; assists in the design of community-based programs tailored to local needs; identifies issues that require study and research; and conducts evaluation and monitors activities at the request of state alcohol and drug agency directors.

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

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Founded in 1959, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) is a nonprofit membership organization that advocates at the national level for the

collective interests of state mental health agency commissioners and staff. The Association operates under a cooperative agreement with the National Governor's Association. NASMHPD is committed to working with other stakeholders to improve public mental health systems and the lives of persons with serious mental illnesses who access these and other systems. Its core services focus on legislative advocacy, technical assistance, and information dissemination. NASMHPD's website contains contact information for its members and staff, meeting announcements, and other valuable information, including publication lists and links to other mental health related websites.

National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare

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The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare is a nonprofit association of more than 800 behavioral healthcare organizations that provide services to persons in need of treatment; some of these persons are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The National Council is involved in public policy advocacy and provides training and technical assistance to its members through consulting and an annual training conference. Publications available for purchase include monthly newsletters, training manuals, legislative reporting documentation, and information related to managed care.

National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association

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The National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association (DMDA) is a nonprofit organization established to educate patients, families, professionals, and the public concerning the nature and management of these treatable disorders. The group also works to foster self-help for patients and families, eliminate discrimination and stigma, and improve access to care. The National DMDA has self-help chapters around the country, sponsors an annual national convention, publishes literature regarding depression and manic-depression, and advocates for research to eliminate these disorders. Chapter membership is available.

National Mental Health Association

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The National Mental Health Association (NMHA) is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially the 54 million individuals with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research, and service. NMHA co-sponsored the "Homeless in America" photo exhibit.

National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning

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The National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning (NTAC) is supported by a cooperative agreement between the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors and the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. NTAC provides on-site technical assistance to individual states and regions on all issues of importance to mental health planning, service delivery, and evaluation. NTAC also supports special mental health related projects and events, including regional and national conferences; offers state mental health authorities, consumers, families, and state planning councils a comprehensive library of resource materials; communicates electronically with the mental health community through an NTAC homepage on the World Wide Web; maintains a database of expert consultants; and publishes a quarterly newsletter, Networks.

National Women's Health Information Center

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With access through both a toll-free telephone line and the Internet, the National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC) acts as a federal "women's health central." The NWHIC can link callers directly to thousands of fact sheets, brochures, reports, and other important health information. Users can access an array of women's health information available from more than 100 federal health clearinghouses, hundreds of private sector organization resources, and websites related to women's health. Information Specialists (English and Spanish) are available to respond to calls from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

The National GAINS Center for People with Co-Occurring Disorders in Contact with the Justice System

Policy Research Associates, Inc.

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Federally funded since 1995, The National GAINS Center for People with Co-Occurring Disorders in Contact with the Justice System has become the primary locus for the collection and dissemination of information on co-occurring disorders, effective integrated mental health and substance abuse services for people in contact with the justice system, promising practices and policy directions. Building on these efforts, the Center continues to focus on the central tenets of the GAINS acronym: Gathering information, Assessing what works, Interpreting the facts, Networking with key stakeholders, and Stimulating systems change.

Operated with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), and the Center for Mental

Health Services (CMHS), the National GAINS Center provides technical assistance at the national, state, and local levels to develop strategies for the promotion of organizational and systems change. Through work with national experts, federal agencies, policymakers, local and state officials, practitioners, researchers, consumers and family members, the Center assesses the best available information on promising practices and models for the coordination of mental health and substance abuse services in criminal and juvenile justice settings to advance effective solutions for immediate use. The Center also collaborates with a number of other organizations, including the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) and the University of Maryland's Center for Behavioral Health, Justice and Public Policy.

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The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides consultation and technical assistance to national, state, and local health, human service, and special needs housing organizations. TAC staff have expertise in the organization and financing of human services and healthcare delivery systems with a specialization in behavioral health and affordable housing. Services provided by TAC include program design and development; strategic planning and implementation; technical assistance; management audits and reviews; and training on a variety of service delivery, staff development, and program management topics.

American Institute of Architects

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The American Institute of Architects (AIA), founded in 1857, works in partnership with the White House and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to promote homeownership in America. The Housing Professional Interest Area (Housing PIA) is an alliance of architects involved in all facets of housing: custom housing; affordable housing; codes and regulation; community preservation; and environmentally-sensitive housing. Developments designed by members include both multi-family and single-family housing, as well as shared housing arrangements for special needs populations. Members act as the AIA's ambassadors to other organizations, including the National Association of Homebuilders, the American Planning Association, Urban Land Institute, and the Construction Specifications Institute. In 1986, the AIA, in partnership with the American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAS) sponsored the "Search for Shelter Program," to contribute to national efforts toward solving the crisis of homelessness and the critical lack of affordable housing. AIA members and the general public are invited to attend workshops and conferences sponsored by the Housing PIA. The AIA circulates a monthly newspaper to its members and maintains a 30,000 volume lending library, including slide and video collections. Promotional materials and books are available through the AIA bookstore.

Center for Community Change

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The Center for Community Change is a nonprofit organization that assists low-income, community-based organizations across the country to raise money, develop effective boards and leaders, institute accounting and management systems, organize community residents, and devise

long-range plans. The Center provides information and technical assistance on a number of issues, including the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA), housing trust funds, and public housing. The Center also helps groups build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

Center for Housing Policy

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The Center for Housing Policy is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Housing Conference (NHC). NHC is the nation's oldest nonprofit, bipartisan organization working toward the provision of decent affordable housing and a suitable living environment for every American. The Center was established to support the work of NHC by conducting objective research and carrying out educational activities on a wide range of housing issues. Bringing together practitioners, policy analysts and research professionals, the Center develops information on housing needs, availability, cost, and other issues.

Corporation for Supportive Housing

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The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national, nonprofit intermediary organization whose purpose is to enhance the quantity and quality of supportive housing for special needs populations. Specifically, CSH provides direct project financing; funds and supports organization development; offers a full-service technical assistance program that ranges from aid with the physical design of a project to the development of social service packages; documents and disseminates information about the most promising models and practices in the field; promotes local, state, and national policies that increase production of quality supportive

housing; initiates and disseminates research and evaluation findings on supportive housing; and provides technical assistance to government agencies on developing comprehensive financing mechanisms. Program activity is carried out in a select number of sites, currently New York, California, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Connecticut, Michigan, and New Jersey.

Council of Large Public Housing Authorities

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The Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) is an association of 60 of the largest public housing authorities in the United States. The group's mission is to work for adequate funding and program improvements to support large public housing authorities.

The Enterprise Foundation

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The Enterprise Foundation is celebrating 20 years of rebuilding communities. It works with partners to provide low-income people with affordable housing, safer streets, and access to jobs and childcare. Free publications include the Enterprise Quarterly Magazine. Annual publications catalogs are also available.

Habitat for Humanity International

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Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry operating in 1,527 affiliates throughout all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and active in 61 countries. It challenges people to provide the initial capital — through gifts and no-interest loans — to build or renovate simple, decent homes for persons who are inadequately sheltered. Construction is a cooperative venture between volunteers and homebuyers. Houses are sold at no profit with a no-interest mortgage repaid over a 15 to 25 year period. The house payments are recycled to build more houses. Habitat publishes a free bimonthly newsletter, Habitat World.

Housing Assistance Council

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The Housing Assistance Council (HAC) is a national, nonprofit corporation dedicated to increasing the availability of decent and affordable housing for rural, low-income people. HAC provides seed money and technical assistance to rural housing sponsors; conducts research into rural housing needs and resources; provides program and policy analysis; and offers training and information services to public, nonprofit, and private organizations.

Housing Research Foundation

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The Housing Research Foundation (HRF) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of public housing through education, research, and technical assistance. HRF focuses on projects that will enhance the ability of public housing authorities to deliver decent housing and suitable living conditions to low-income residents through its research, publications, and other information activities.

Housing Trust Fund Project

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A special project of the nonprofit Center for Community Change in Washington, DC, the Housing Trust Fund Project compiles accurate information about the development of housing trust funds throughout the country. It promotes the involvement of neighborhood organizations in the creation and implementation of these funds to ensure that they are used to benefit those most in need of housing. Publications include A Status Report on Housing Trust Funds in the U.S., a Workbook for Creating a Housing Trust Fund, a number of occasional Current Topics reports, and a free quarterly newsletter, News from the Housing Trust Fund Project. Technical assistance is also provided.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

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Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is the country's largest community development organization, helping resident-led, community-based groups transform distressed communities and neighborhoods into healthy ones—good places to live, do business, work, and raise families. Established in 1980, LISC has worked in over 300 urban and rural areas, investing more than \$4 billion of mostly private funds in the work of over 2,200 local nonprofits. With this support, these groups have built 110,000 quality homes, helped make neighborhoods safer and more livable, and created 14 million square feet of commercial, retail, child care, educational and youth development facilities, bringing markets and jobs back to inner city and rural America.

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Mercy Housing is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating and strengthening healthy communities by developing affordable housing for families, seniors, formerly homeless persons, people with HIV/AIDS, and individuals with chronic mental illnesses and physical impairments. Through the development, operation, and financing of quality, affordable, service-enriched housing, Mercy Housing changes the lives of individuals and families and revitalizes distressed neighborhoods.

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

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The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) is a membership organization with more than 9,000 agency and individual members who administer HUD programs at the local level. The organization addresses uses of affordable housing community development funds by developing positions and issuing reports on legislation, funding levels, and regulations. Members administer programs funded by HUD, including public housing, CDBG, Section 8, and HOME, as well as the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and other programs to assist persons who are homeless. The NAHRO Monitor, published bi-weekly, and the bimonthly Journal of Housing and Community Development, are available to members. Contact NAHRO for membership information.

National Community Development Association

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The National Community Development Association is composed of more than 550 local governments across the country that administer human service programs. It is an association of people dedicated to high quality, locally responsive programs for making urban areas better places in which to live. Members of the Association receive weekly mailings on federal legislation and administrative developments. All local governments that administer housing and community development programs are eligible for membership.

National Council of State Housing Agencies

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The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) is a national, nonprofit organization created in 1970 to assist its members in advancing the interests of low-income and underserved people through the financing, development, and preservation of affordable housing. NCSHA's members are Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) with statewide authority. NCSHA's member agencies operate in every state and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCSHA represents its members in Washington before Congress; the Administration; several federal agencies concerned with housing, such as HUD and the Treasury Department; and other advocates for affordable housing.

National Fair Housing Alliance

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Founded in 1988 to coordinate the battle against housing discrimination within the United States, the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA) works to develop and implement programs and trainings that will lead to the elimination of discriminatory housing practices. As an umbrella group, NFHA supports fair housing organizations and civil rights and advocacy groups throughout the country with technical assistance in investigating and litigating cases, training, and providing information on fair housing issues. NFHA has an operating and supporting membership of more than 100 private, nonprofit organizations within 40 states, whose goals are to conduct investigations of alleged violations of the fair housing law and to provide legal and administrative resources to victims of housing discrimination in rental, sales, lending, insurance, zoning, or harassment cases. In addition, each operating member specializes in fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement in their respective metropolitan areas. In conjunction with the Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, the NFHA has filed numerous amicus briefs in federal district and appellate courts and in the U.S. Supreme Court, and has presented testimony before Senate and House Congressional committees on discriminatory practices by mortgage lending and homeowners insurance companies. NFHA has

also developed public service radio, TV, and print advertisements designed to encourage members of federally protected groups to report all forms of housing, lending, and homeowner insurance discrimination. NFHA also provides technical assistance to housing, lending, and insurance providers to help them understand and comply with their responsibilities under the Federal Fair Housing Act. Currently, NFHA is providing self-evaluation and testing for four national companies.

National Housing Conference

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The National Housing Conference (NHC) believes that every American, regardless of income, should have the opportunity to live in decent housing in a suitable neighborhood. This opportunity must be available to all, regardless of race, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, family composition, or sexual orientation. NHC actively works to eliminate critical housing needs and increase the supply of affordable housing through advocacy and education.

National Housing Institute

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The National Housing Institute is a nonprofit research and education organization devoted to finding solutions to the problems of affordable housing and community development. NHI publishes Shelterforce—now in its 27th year—the only national magazine devoted to these issues. NHI also conducts research and has available working papers and reports on topics such as preserving affordable housing, preventing homelessness, congressional activities in housing and urban issues, and various tenant/landlord related topics. Shelterforce is available by subscription for \$18 per year for individuals, \$30 per year for organizations.

National Housing Law Project

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The National Housing Law Project (NHLP) is a national housing law and advocacy center. The goal of NHLP is to advance housing justice for people who are poor by increasing and preserving the supply of decent affordable housing by (1) improving existing housing conditions, including physical conditions and management practices; (2) expanding and enforcing low-income tenants and homeowners' rights; and (3) increasing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities. NHLP works to achieve that goal by providing legal assistance, advocacy advice and housing expertise to legal services and other attorneys, low-income housing groups, and others who serve people who are poor. NHLP's primary areas of emphasis are public policy advocacy, litigation assistance, training, research, writing, and focusing on issues and problems that will have the greatest impact on the housing rights of people who are poor. NHLP's monthly newsletter, the Housing Law Bulletin, is available by subscription at a cost of \$150 for 10-12 issues per year.

National Low Income Housing Coalition

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The National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) is a national organization consisting of individuals and organizations who educate, advocate, and organize for affordable housing for low-income people. It publishes a weekly Memo to Members of current housing information, distributed via fax or e-mail, as well as studies of housing dynamics.

National Rural Housing Coalition

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The National Rural Housing Coalition (NRHC) works to focus the attention of policymakers on the needs of rural areas both by direct lobbying and by coordinating a network of rural housing advocates around the nation. As a broad-based membership organization, NRHC sponsors regular conferences where specific policies and legislative proposals are developed. Over the years, NRHC has successfully fought for programs to provide rental assistance, to preserve rental housing units for low-income families, and to promote self-help housing and new funding for home repair. The Coalition works to target federal rural housing resources to the most needy and to ensure adequate funding levels for rural housing programs. NRHC promotes a nonprofit delivery system for rural housing and community development programs, and advocates for the resistance of efforts to put key housing and development programs into underfunded block grants.

Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing

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The Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing provides technical assistance in all areas of housing. They maintain references and contacts with other agencies providing housing assistance. The Shimberg Center is a member of the National Consortium of Housing Research Centers at universities located across the country.

Technical Assistance Collaborative

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The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides consultation and technical assistance to national, state, and local health, human service, and special needs housing organizations. TAC staff have expertise in the organization and financing of human services and healthcare delivery systems with a specialization in behavioral health and affordable housing. Services provided by TAC include program design and development, strategic planning and implementation, technical assistance, management audits and reviews, and training on a variety of service delivery, staff development, and program management topics. TAC also produces a quarterly newsletter, *Opening Doors*. Individuals and organizations can be added to the mailing list for this free publication by e-mailing info@tacinc.org. Past issues are also available online at <http://www.tacinc.org>.

Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development

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The Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance with housing and economic development to social service organizations, grassroots women's organizations, and other nonprofits. It works to develop permanent and transitional housing that meets the needs of low-income women and their families. Short-term technical assistance is offered through workshops to groups and individuals interested in developing housing for women and families. Group courses are also developed on increasing economic literacy and business development. Publications include *A Development Primer: Starting Housing and Business Ventures by and/or for Women*; *More Than Shelter: A Manual on Transitional Housing*; and *Taking Action: Housing for Women and Children in Massachusetts*.

Woodstock Institute

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The Woodstock Institute is a nonprofit organization that works nationally and locally to promote reinvestment and economic activity in low- and moderate-income communities. Founded in 1973 and based in Chicago, the Institute has established itself as a nationally recognized expert on the credit and development needs of low-income communities. The Institute's primary work includes the design, implementation, and evaluation of reinvestment and economic development programs that benefit modest-income urban communities. Primary activities include policy analysis; community economic and credit needs analysis; program design and evaluation; analysis of lending data; technical assistance for neighborhood development; and community reinvestment negotiations.

■ Homelessness

American Bar Association

Commission on Homelessness and Poverty
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Established in 1987, the American Bar Association's (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty helps state and local bar associations and other legal organizations start pro bono programs that meet the legal needs and concerns of people who are poor and people who are homeless. Publications include "Representing the Poor and Homeless: Innovations in Advocacy"; "A Legal Guide to Microenterprise Development: Battling Poverty Through Self-Employment"; a Homeless Court Program manual; a descriptive compendium of local programs; a handbook on community reinvestment programs in financial institutions; two video training programs and accompanying course books on low-income housing development; legal reports relating to extreme poverty and homelessness; and general data on homelessness, its demographics and causes.

American Public Health Association

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The American Public Health Association's (APHA) Caucus on Homelessness is an organization of service providers, researchers, policymakers, and advocates who are studying and addressing

homelessness in America. Members participate in scientific and policy sessions at APHA's annual conference; help APHA develop resolutions and policy statements to address the needs of persons who are homeless; and provide periodic information on activities, policies, and research findings central to the effort to help end poverty and homelessness. A quarterly newsletter is sent to members. Membership in the Caucus is open to both members and nonmembers of APHA.

American Red Cross

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Health, Safety, and Community Services
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American Red Cross chapters provide locally relevant humanitarian services that help people within the community be safer, healthier and more self-reliant. Chapters determine which programs to offer based on their community's needs. Programs offered by Community Services are wide-ranging, touching the lives of young and old throughout neighborhoods across the country. The variety of services include home delivered meals; food pantries; rides to medical appointments; homeless shelters; transitional housing; caregiver education and support groups; friendly visitors; Lifeline®; hospital/nursing home volunteers; fuel assistance; language banks; and many more. Local Red Cross chapters should be contacted for information on services offered in local areas.

Catholic Charities USA

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Catholic Charities USA is the nation's largest private network of volunteer social service organizations. More than 1,400 agencies and institutions, with 283,000 volunteers and staff members, work to reduce poverty, support families, and build community in the United States. Local agencies provide social services ranging from food and housing to adoption assistance, education, and counseling. The services, sponsored by the Catholic Church, are offered to people of all religious, national, racial, social, and economic backgrounds. The national office provides leadership, technical assistance, management training, and resource development to help local agencies better serve their communities and to develop and promote strategies that address

human needs and social injustices. The national office also coordinates the Catholic community's response to disasters in the United States.

Center for Urban Community Services

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The Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) Housing Resource Center provides technical assistance and training to organizations throughout the country to help build their capacity to serve people who are homeless, particularly those with special needs. Using knowledge gained from CUCS' innovative models of housing, including the Times Square, Prince George and hundreds of organizations throughout the country, CUCS TA services are individualized to meet agency needs and goals. Assistance is offered in all phases of supportive housing project development and implementation including the following: organizational development and management, structuring partnerships between organizations, designing employment services, quality assurance and program evaluation, community needs assessments, and planning and systems change. CUCS has worked with a range of organizations including social service and treatment providers, transitional and permanent supportive housing providers, property managers, and federal, state and local governments. CUCS training and technical assistance interventions are targeted to all levels of staff including executive, administrative, supervisory and line workers to help ensure coordinated, systemic, and enduring change.

HandsNet

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HandsNet is a national, nonprofit organization offering a cross-cutting human services news service, state-of-the-art Web search tools and lively discussions on their WebClipper membership service. Hands-on training and capacity building is offered at their Training and Resource Center in Washington, D.C. and around the county via mobile training labs. Free trial memberships are available at www.handsnet.org.

Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network

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The HCH Clinician's Network is a membership organization for clinicians providing hands-on care to homeless individuals and families. This vital force working to end homelessness comprises over 600 members nationwide. With staff support, members share information, participate in practice-based research, develop training and education programs, provide peer support and recognition, and serve on advisory groups and task forces. Membership dues are \$25 annually, and benefits include a directory listing members by clinical discipline and geographical region; Healing Hands, a bimonthly newsletter; leadership opportunities; and e-newsletters including The HCH Research Update.

Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center

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The Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center (HCHIRC) offers front-line providers and program staff access to current research and information about clinical practices, funding opportunities and legislative initiatives that impact their work. Activities include convening an annual conference; publication of a quarterly bulletin; production of a directory of HCH grantees; and dissemination of information, including annotated bibliographies, clinical tools, and videos. Inquiries are welcome from grantees and others.

Homes for the Homeless

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As the nation's single largest provider of residential educational and employment training services to families who are homeless, Homes for the Homeless works to reduce homelessness and poverty by providing families who are homeless with the education, employment training, and support services that will enable them to gain and retain permanent housing and achieve independence. Homes for the Homeless is a private, nonprofit organization, that serves more than 530 New York City families daily in its four American Family Inns—Residential Educational/Employment Training Centers. Each American Family Inn provides on-site education, family support and employment training programs including, family services counseling with needs assessment; healthcare and referrals; adult basic education, GED preparation and career counseling; family literacy programs; independent living skills workshops; job readiness and job training programs; early childhood development centers; and housing placement assistance. Additional programs include accelerated after-school educational programs; recreational and cultural programs; and the Family Crisis Nursery Program, a family support and family preservation initiative.

National Alliance to End Homelessness

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The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) is a national membership organization with more than 2,000 members nationwide. Rooted in the belief that all sectors of society need to mobilize to end homelessness, its membership consists of leaders in the financial community, nonprofit agencies, grassroots providers, political leaders, and private citizens. The Alliance counts as two of its main focuses building the capacity of its member organizations to deliver assistance to end homelessness and working to improve federal policy and increase federal resources directed toward permanent housing and supportive services. The NAEH can provide technical assistance and information on Single Room Occupancy housing; service delivery

models; employment programs; and AIDS housing. The Alliance newsletter, published on-line every two weeks, is available at no cost through their website.

National Association of Community Health Centers

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The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is a nonprofit membership association and public policy advocacy organization representing Community and Migrant Health Centers (also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers), Health Care for the Homeless programs, Black Lung Clinics, and other health provider organizations interested in promoting access to quality primary health care for persons who are indigent and medically underserved. NACHC is a national resource for public policy information on primary health care for homeless and other medically underserved populations. NACHC maintains a Health Care for the Homeless committee composed of organizations serving people who are homeless. NACHC also conducts three national conferences a year that focus on care of the medically underserved; maintains liaisons with affiliated primary care organizations in each state; and provides information, consultation, publications, and training for health centers on financial and operations management, managed care, integrated networks, clinical quality, the PHS Drug Pricing Program, the Federal Tort Claims Act malpractice coverage, state-based health initiatives, Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement under the Prospective Payment System, and other issues of interest to health care programs for people who are homeless, especially programs that receive funding under Section 330 of the Consolidated Health Centers Act.

National Center for Homeless Education

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The National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) is a national resource center of research and information enabling communities to successfully address the needs of homeless children and youth and their families. The goals of the NCHE are to collect and disseminate important resource and referral information related to the complex issues surrounding the education of homeless children, youth, and their families; provide rapid-response referral information; foster collaboration among various organizations with interests in addressing the education of homeless children and youth; synthesize and apply existing research; and guide the research agenda to expand the knowledge base on the education of homeless children, youth, and their families.

NCHE is housed at SERVE, a consortium of educational organizations associated with the School of Education and headquartered at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the NCHE provides services to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for homeless children and youth in our nation's school communities.

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

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The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans' (NCHV) mission is to end homelessness among veterans by shaping public policy, educating the public, and building the capacity of service providers. Annual membership fees are \$150-300. NCHV publishes a bimonthly, 16-page newsletter.

National Coalition for the Homeless

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The National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) is a membership organization of state and local homeless coalitions, service providers, and other organizations and individuals dedicated to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to end homelessness, as well as to meet the immediate needs of those who are currently homeless. Areas of focus include (1) ensuring meaningful opportunities for stable, quality housing; (2) comprehensive healthcare; and (3) livable incomes for those homeless and at risk of homelessness in urban and rural communities.

The Coalition's strategies for meeting its mission are policy analysis and advocacy, public education, technical assistance, and grassroots organizing. The Coalition has a large, up-to-date website that includes personal accounts of those who have become homeless; analyses of the impact of public policy proposals and programs at the national and local levels; fact sheets; reports; and a 1,300 abstract bibliography of programs, policies, evaluations, and research on the causes and consequences of homelessness and protracted poverty. The Coalition also recently sponsored the publication of a 270-page volume, *Homelessness in America*. NCH's technical assistance program provides leadership development training for those who have been homeless to equip them to serve on governance entities, local planning boards that develop housing and services for people who are homeless, as well as inclusionary training for planning boards.

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

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The National Health Care for the Homeless Council is an organization of agencies and individuals that provide health care to people who are homeless. The mission of the Council is to help bring about reform of the health care system to best serve the needs of people who are

homeless, to work in alliance with others whose broader purpose is to eliminate homelessness, and to provide support to Council members. To these ends, the National Council operates the Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network; publishes The Health Care for the Homeless Mobilizer; organizes an annual policy symposium and various training events; conducts research; and publishes papers on relevant topics.

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty

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The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty was established in June 1989. It is governed by a nine-member board of directors that includes lawyers, activists, researchers, and homeless and formerly homeless people. Based in Washington, D.C., the Law Center works with a wide variety of groups around the country to alleviate, ameliorate, and end homelessness by serving as the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness.

To achieve its mission, the Law Center pursues three main strategies: impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education. To amplify the work of its small staff, the Law Center relies on interns, volunteers, and the pro bono assistance of the private bar. The Law Center strives to place homelessness in the larger context of poverty. By taking this approach, it aims to address homelessness as a very visible manifestation of deeper causes: the shortage of affordable housing, insufficient income, and inadequate social services.

The Law Center publishes a quarterly newsletter, *In Just Times*, which it distributes free to donors and to those who purchase Law Center materials. Individual copies of the newsletter may be requested at no charge. Information on membership in the Law Center's national membership network is available on their website.

National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness

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A project of the Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), the Campaign is a national, nonprofit network of colleges, universities, and high schools working on issues related to hunger and

homelessness. The group sponsors three annual events: a leadership conference in October; Hunger Cleanup, a community service work-a-thon in April; and campus Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November; as well as a national legislative action program, SPLASH. Technical assistance, several publications, and a quarterly newsletter, Students Making a Difference, are available. Newsletter subscriptions are available at \$15 a year.

The Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army, established in 1880, is an international religious and charitable organization active in 105 countries. Nearly 10,000 centers of operation in the United States provide a wide variety of social services, character-building and support programs for families and individuals, seniors, as well as youth. Disaster victims, persons suffering multiple addictions, victims of abuse, and families—in need of food, shelter, clothing, utilities, jobs, transportation, domestic skills training, counseling mentoring, child day care, adult day care, and advocacy—are served through community service centers, residential treatment facilities, emergency, transitional and permanent housing units, camps, thrift stores, and specialized treatment centers. Locating missing family members who are not involved in legal battles is also a service of The Salvation Army.

Travelers Aid International

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Travelers Aid International is the association of Travelers Aid programs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Travelers Aid International's member agencies serve individuals and families in crisis due to homelessness, mobility, or other disruptive circumstances. In 2001, Travelers Aid International member agencies assisted more than 4 million people. In-depth services including housing, transportation assistance and casework were provided to more than 200,000. Short-term

counseling, shelter, food and clothing, financial aid, and other assistance are available from member agencies. Individuals must contact the Travelers Aid member agency in their state.

United Way of America

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United Way of America (UWA) is the national service and training center supporting United Way organizations by helping them pursue dual strategies of adding value to the community and conducting cost-effective, donor-oriented fundraising to increase financial resources. UWA's mission is to respond to, support, and serve local United Way organizations to help increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another. In 1999, nearly 1,400 United Way organizations were members of UWA.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors

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Founded in 1932, the Conference of Mayors represents the mayors of U.S. cities with populations of 30,000 and above. Its Task Force on Hunger and Homelessness, formed in 1983, serves as the focal point for its efforts in these areas. Under the auspices of the Task Force, the Conference has published more than 20 reports on hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Most reports are available for \$15.

■ Consumer/Self-Help

Center for Self-Help Research

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The Center for Self-Help Research brings together consumers, mental health service providers, and researchers to study aspects of consumer-directed, self-help mental health and its relationship to the public mental health system. Its major current project is an outcome study of participants who are homeless and mentally disabled in self-help agencies and professionally-provided mental health services. The Center disseminates its findings through publications, conferences and a series of working papers.

National Empowerment Center

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The National Empowerment Center is a national technical assistance center funded by the Center for Mental Health Services' Community Support Program and run by people who have recovered from mental illness. The Center develops and disseminates information on consumer-run programs, client-practitioners, recovery, and empowerment. Every other year, the Center convenes a national consumer conference.

National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse

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Funded, in part, by the Federal Center for Mental Health Services' Community Support Program, the Clearinghouse encourages the development and growth of consumer self-help groups. Staff provide individuals and groups with information, materials, and referrals for a wide range of technical assistance issues, including fundraising, publicity, membership, and advocacy/legal advice. The Clearinghouse maintains a national database and list of consumer consultants and works with other federally-funded technical assistance centers to develop and disseminate materials on reasonable accommodations in the workplace for persons with psychiatric disabilities. At least once every year, the Clearinghouse convenes a major, national consumer conference.

National Stigma Clearinghouse

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The National Stigma Clearinghouse (NSC) works to end sensationalism and eliminate stereotypes of mental illnesses in the mass media—television, films, print media, and advertising. The NSC assists media watchers to mobilize local “stigmabusters” groups and issues Stigma Alerts to organizations and individuals when depictions of mental illnesses are clearly exploitative. The NSC hub in New York City furnishes information about stigma from its articles file to consumer/survivor groups, the media, mental health organizations, educators, students, researchers, families, and professionals in the mental health field. The NSC “Stigma Home Page” provides links to anti-stigma activity on the Internet.

■ Employment/Rehabilitation

Association for Persons in Supported Employment

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The Association for Persons in Supported Employment (ASPE) was created to improve and expand integrated employment opportunities and services for persons with significant disabilities, including mental disabilities. APSE advocates for, and provides information to, developers and constituents of supported employment services. The organization also educates the general public and the business community on the value of employing people with significant disabilities.

Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation

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The Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation is affiliated with Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Boston University. The Center is a research, training, and service organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons who have psychiatric disabilities by improving the effectiveness of people, programs, and service systems. The mission of the Center is to increase knowledge in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation and to apply this body of knowledge to train treatment personnel, develop effective rehabilitation programs, and assist in organizing both personnel and programs into efficient and coordinated service delivery systems. The Center, under the direction of

William A. Anthony, Ph.D., has been jointly funded since 1979 as a Research and Training Center (RTC) in mental health by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) and the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Center has been designated as a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center in Psychiatric Rehabilitation. Publication catalog and workshop brochures are available on the Center's website.

Home Builders Institute

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Home Builders Institute (HBI), the workforce development arm of the National Association of Home Builders, has operated eight U.S. Department of Labor-funded training and employment programs for persons who are homeless around the country. Currently, HBI provides training for people who are homeless in Columbia, SC, under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. Homeless Employment And Related Training (HEART) combines pre-apprenticeship construction skills training, provision of extensive social services, opportunities for housing, and job placement. HBI also trains and places adult and youthful offenders for work in the home building industry. Contact HBI for a copy of its manual, HEART TO HEART, a step-by-step guide to setting up and running a training and employment program for persons who are homeless and other information on industry-sponsored training programs. HBI, in cooperation with state and local Home Builder Associations across the country, sponsors other construction training programs for economically disadvantaged individuals, adult and juvenile offenders, at-risk youth, and welfare workers.

International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services

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International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (IAPSRS) promotes the expansion and improvement of psychosocial rehabilitation services. It assists agencies and practitioners with issues such as program development, evaluation and follow-up procedures; staff utilization and training; management and administration; and improved understanding of

the needs of psychiatrically disabled persons. A quarterly newsletter, The PSR Connection, and a quarterly journal, the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journals are available to members. Contact IAPSRS for membership/subscription information.

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The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) provides information on practical accommodations that can be used in business and industry to enable persons with functional limitations (including those caused by physical, mental, or learning disabilities) to be productive in the workplace. Established in 1984 by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, JAN collects and disseminates job accommodation information to help employers retain disabled employees and reduce disability costs. JAN services are free and may also be used by rehabilitation professionals and individuals with disabilities.

National Council on Disability

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The National Council on Disability, an independent agency established in 1978, is the only federal agency charged with addressing, analyzing, and making recommendations on issues of public policy that affect people with disabilities. Through promoting policies and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities and monitoring key pieces of federal legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, the National Council facilitates community integration and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The National Council submits an annual report to the President and Congress, National Disability Policy: A Progress Report.

National Rehabilitation Information Center

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The National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC) is a library and information center on disability and rehabilitation. Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), NARIC collects and disseminates the results of federally-funded research projects. The collection, which also includes commercially published books, journal articles, and audiovisuals, grows at a rate of approximately 300 documents a month. NARIC currently has more than 50,000 documents on all aspects of disability and rehabilitation, including physical disabilities; mental retardation; psychiatric disabilities; independent living; medical rehabilitation; special education; employment; assistive technology; and law and public policy. REHABDATA, a bibliographic database, contains citations and abstracts of the materials in the collection. NARIC's information specialists and users search this database to obtain lists of materials that suit the users' needs and interests. NARIC's website includes directories, publications, and four searchable databases.

National Research and Training Center on Psychiatric Disability

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The University of Illinois at Chicago National Research and Training Center on Psychiatric Disability is conducting a comprehensive series of research and training projects over a five-year period that focus on increasing self-determination for persons with psychiatric disability. The Center's current projects comprise five core areas: (1) choices in treatment decision-making; (2) economic self-sufficiency; (3) consumer advocacy under managed care; (4) career development through real jobs for real wages; and (5) strengthening self-determination skills and self-advocacy. These core areas ensure that people with psychiatric disability have the right to maximal independence, which grows out of making choices in the decisions that affect their lives. Outcome and measurement tools developed for each core area will assess key outcomes

and program policies related to self-determination. The project will include a collaboratively planned state-of-the-science conference on self-determination and psychiatric disability and a comprehensive report on self-determination. Additionally, the Center conducts evaluation and basic research, and trains rehabilitation, education, and mental health service providers, consumers, and families. Training topics include employment, housing, and education; peer support and consumer service-delivery; familial experiences; transition-age youth; multicultural and gender initiatives. Numerous publications are available at replacement cost by contacting the Center or visiting its website.

■ Families/Children

The National Center on Family Homelessness

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The National Center on Family Homelessness, created in 1988, has as its mission translating findings and field experiences into innovative programs to benefit families who are homeless across the country. The National Center has formed a network of caring people and organizations across the nation who share a common goal: preventing the next generation from becoming homeless. This not-for-profit, non-endowed charity works toward long-term solutions to family homelessness. The three divisions of the National Center—research/evaluation, program development and support, and public education—work together to understand the issue of family homelessness and to design and support program models that help families and children who are homeless.

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

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The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health is a national, parent-run organization focused on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families. The Federation provides leadership in the field of children's mental health by offering information and engaging in advocacy concerning research, prevention, early intervention, family support, education, transition services, and other resources needed by these children and youth and their families. Individual, family, and organization memberships are available. Members receive the quarterly newsletter, *Claiming Children*. National conferences are held annually in November.

Institute for Children and Poverty

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The Institute for Children and Poverty (ICP) seeks to provide innovative strategies to combat the impact of homelessness and urban poverty on the lives of children and their families through the development of effective public policy initiatives and the dissemination of quantitative research findings. ICP conducts in-depth trainings for service providers, government agencies, and community-based organizations on the implementation of effective, innovative homelessness prevention and anti-poverty programs. ICP also conducts trainings and provides technical assistance in the area of effective management practices. In the field of research, ICP conducts primary data collection and analysis on poverty issues in urban settings, particularly with regard to children. Furthermore, the Institute provides information to public policy decision makers, the nonprofit community, the private sector, and educational institutions through trainings, technical assistance, publications, symposia, and public speaking forums.

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The Institute for Health and Disability, housed in the University of Minnesota's Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, brings together research, training, and information dissemination projects and centers dedicated to the study and promotion of the psychological and social well-being of children and youth with disabilities and their families. Current Institute projects include The Center for Children with Chronic Illness and Disability (C3ID); The National Center for Youth with Disabilities (NCYD); Project Connect; Project Resilience; Special Kids; and Children, Youth, and Families: Building on Cultural Strengths. Additional projects include Project Launch; Family Stories: An American Indian Family Project; and Parents-as-Teachers. In addition to responding to technical assistance requests, the Institute provides a variety of resources for families, professionals, and agencies, including a National

Resource Library; Health Issues, a newsletter that details current thinking on topics related to children and at-risk youth; and CYDLINE Reviews, a series of topical annotated bibliographies. Monographs and other publications, as well as a link to the National Resource Library, the Institute's database, are available through its website.

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The National Association of State Coordinators for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NASCEHCY) is the only national group focused on specific issues related to education for children and youth who become homeless. NASCEHCY sponsors an annual professional development conference on education for this population; publishes a quarterly newsletter, The BEAM; and provides a clearinghouse for information and research on this issue. They also publish an annual position document, which profiles state and local school efforts and initiatives to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who are homeless in America's public schools.

National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth

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The National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY) was established by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) to serve as a central resource on youth and family policy and practice. FYSB is the lead agency on youth and families within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NCFY produces technical assistance materials on youth and family programming, operates an information line through which family practitioners, policymakers,

and the general public can access information on youth and family issues, and distributes materials at conferences and training events.

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The National Network for Youth is a 27 year-old nonprofit membership and advocacy organization committed to advancing its mission: to ensure that young people can be safe and lead healthy and productive lives. Through its relationship with regional and state networks, the National Network represents over 1,800 constituents, primarily community-based youth-serving agencies. The National Network actively engages in public education efforts, promotes youth/adult partnerships, supports the delivery of high quality, effective programs and services among youth-serving agencies, and provides training and technical assistance in areas including professional development of youth workers, youth leadership, youth/adult partnerships, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention, grant writing and organizational development. The National Network holds an annual conference in Washington, D.C. and publishes Network News and Policy Reporter.

National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health

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The purpose of the National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health is to improve service delivery systems for severely emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. The population of children and youth in at-risk situations include homeless and runaway youth, children who are homeless and their families, and children and youth in out-of-home situations who are at risk for substance abuse and HIV infection. The Center provides technical assistance to grantees of the Center for Mental Health Services Child and Adolescent Service Systems Program, as well as to others concerned with these issues, and disseminates new information on

service delivery for the target population. The Center also sponsors conferences, workshops, and training initiatives. A free, quarterly newsletter, National Network News, is available.

Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health

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Created in 1984 to address the need for improved services for children with serious emotional disturbances and their families, the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health receives funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and the Center for Mental Health Services. Staff conduct research, synthesize and disseminate information, provide training and consultation, and serve as a resource for policymakers, researchers, parents, and advocates. The Center's resource materials include research results, policy briefs, annotated bibliographies and conference proceedings.

Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health

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The Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health is dedicated to promoting effective community-based, culturally competent, family-centered services for families and their children who are, or may be affected by mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders. This goal is accomplished through collaborative research partnerships with family members, service providers, policymakers, and other concerned persons.

The Research and Training Center serves as a national resource on improvement of mental health services to children and families. Major efforts in dissemination and training include: an annual conference, Building on Family Strengths, highlighting innovative programs and research on family-centered services; an award winning website to share information about child and family mental health services and policy issues; Focal Point, a national bulletin on family support and children's mental health; and publications discussing state-of-the-art approaches to service delivery and policymaking in children's mental health. Focal Point is available free of charge at the Center's website, and publication information is available by e-mailing rtcpubs@rri.pdx.edu.

■ Nonprofit Support

Accountants for the Public Interest

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Accountants for the Public Interest (API) is a national nonprofit organization whose purpose is to encourage accountants to volunteer their time and expertise to nonprofits, small businesses, and individuals who cannot afford professional accounting services. Twenty-two affiliates located in 20 states match volunteers with organizations and individuals requesting accounting assistance. In addition to providing accounting assistance, API publishes user-friendly accounting management guides available to nonprofits at a reasonable cost.

Alliance for Justice

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The Alliance for Justice, comprising environmental, civil rights, and consumer public interest organizations, focuses its efforts on strengthening the public interest community, securing access to justice for all Americans, and fostering the next generation of advocates. Through workshops, publications, and technical assistance, the Alliance informs nonprofit organizations about the permissible forms of nonprofit advocacy, including voter registration, voter education, and lobbying. The Alliance also offers information and assistance to foundations on funding advocacy.

Coalition for Low Income Community Development

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The Coalition for Low Income Community Development (CLICD) is a coalition of grassroots and national groups organized to ensure that low-income people benefit from community planning and development programs. CLICD's mission is to improve low-income groups' access to funds for community revitalization and to implement model community planning processes. Its special expertise is community-based planning and community mapping using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. CLICD brings together the power of new information technologies and traditional community organizing to the field of housing and community development.

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Community Economics, Inc. (CEI) provides public agencies, tenant groups, community organizations and local governments with expert technical assistance in the areas of housing, real estate, and community development. In addition to providing direct project technical assistance, CEI has been involved in housing policy evaluation and development. It has assisted in formulating programs for new construction and rehabilitation, developing anti-displacement and anti-gentrification strategies, and has been active in using community and local government resources to maximize the benefits of programs for low-income residents.

National Community Reinvestment Coalition

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National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) is a nonprofit, proactive community reinvestment movement with the goal of ending discriminatory banking practices and increasing the flow of private capital and credit into traditionally underserved communities across the country. The Coalition has played a lead role in the new CRA regulatory examinations rewrite, and, at the request of President Clinton, mobilized a national response effort to include a performance-based CRA evaluation system, small business reporting, and a strategic plan option. NCRC continues to advocate for strong community reinvestment and fair lending laws. In addition, NCRC operates a number of programs including financial literacy education, small business lending, and processing housing discrimination complaints.

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The National Development Council (NDC) is a nonprofit corporation specializing in economic and housing development finance. Organized in 1969, NDC's professionals work with local government and nonprofit officials to create job opportunities and generate investment in distressed communities. NDC delivers a unique combination of economic and housing development services to its client communities, including technical assistance, training, and financial services. NDC's finance experts stimulate development by designing and implementing innovative programs that link public and private financing. NDC has assisted more than 300 cities, counties, and states structure and secure financing for hundreds of business expansion, real estate development, and affordable housing projects. NDC also has created several wholly-owned subsidiaries that offer innovative financing solutions for development projects in client communities.

National Training and Information Center

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Neighborhood representatives from across the country established the National Training and Information Center at the first national gathering of grassroots organizations to discuss housing, held in Chicago in the early 1970s. NTIC's mission is to build grassroots leadership and strengthen neighborhoods through issue-based community organizing. NTIC offers special training by using the Community Reinvestment Act in assisting communities with the following: loan acquisition; restoring abandoned buildings from FHA foreclosures; and working with institutions and small businesses to create and retain jobs. In addition, it offers assistance on how to develop leadership and strengthen fundraising campaigns. Easy-to-read publications and organizing manuals focus on concerns such as effective research, how to use the Community Reinvestment Act, how to organize against crime and drugs, and other neighborhood issues. NTIC also publishes a bimonthly newsletter, DISCLOSURE, which covers neighborhood events and campaigns.

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Public Advocates is a nonprofit, public interest law firm based in San Francisco. Throughout its history, Public Advocates' purpose has been to challenge the underlying causes and effects of poverty and discrimination and to work for the empowerment of people of color, providing them a voice in governmental, corporate, and other institutions. Currently, Public Advocates is pursuing statewide (CA) strategies in the areas of education, health, telecommunications, and insurance. Public Advocates uses creative and diverse litigative and non-litigative strategies, including administrative and judicial actions, advocacy projects, negotiation, and multicultural coalition building.

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