

Learning Community Sessions
2017 Annual Convention
Wednesday, August 30

Understanding and Solving Youth Homelessness

This mini-general session will examine youth homelessness with a particular focus on emerging research, shifting practice and policy approaches, and the potential role of Community Action Agencies in preventing and ending youth homelessness. The intersection of child welfare involvement and youth homelessness, and trafficking among youth who have experienced homelessness will be among the topics explored in this interactive session.

- Sharon McDonald PhD, Director, Families and Youth. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Dan Treglia PhD, Lecturer, MSSP Program, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania

Transforming Communities: Advocating for Family Success – A Rural 2-Gen Perspective

[Presentation slides](#) – This session will review the core principles and practices of Allegany County HRDC and Highland County Community Action agency that have been recognized by the White House Rural Council for their 2-Gen work. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from customers who have benefited from a 2-Gen approach firsthand.

- Courtney Thomas, Executive Director, Allegany County Human Resources Development Commission
- Christi Hauke, Director of Emergency Services and Special Projects, Highland County Community Action Organization

Lessons Learned From the Bundled Services LCG

[Presentation slides](#) – Join us to learn about key success factors for planning, implementing, and evaluating bundled services approaches.

- Mary Virtue, President, Cornerstone Consultants
- Rand Clark, Director. Douglas County CARES
- Belva Dorsey, Executive Director, Enrichment Services Program, Inc.

Trauma Informed Case Management

[Presentation slides](#) – Trauma impacts not only the people seeking services, but the helpers as well. That is why it is important to change the way we provide service and also how we support each other as providers. We will discuss common ways trauma rears its head – in a person's actions, thoughts, emotions, and relationships. Case managers will learn how to establish trusting relationships that help program participants feel safe and hopeful about their futures. Finally, we will identify signs of compassion fatigue, discuss how to create self-care plans, and how program managers can promote their practice.

- Corin Tubridy, Homeless Prevention Program Manager, West CAP