

***Housing Cuyahoga County:***  
***A Training Series for Continuum of Care Funded Agencies***  
***PROPOSED TRAININGS (Subject to change)***

**Session 1 – Rapid Exit and Housing Stabilization: The Core Approach**

**May 4, 2011. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio**

This training will address the national paradigm shift to housing first, focusing resources on homelessness prevention and rapid exit from shelter into permanent housing with services provided as needed. The morning session will include an overview of the Continuum of Care – from prevention to permanent housing – as a coordinated system of response to homelessness. In the afternoon, a training on cultural competency in practice will be offered.

**Session 2 – Rapid Exit Best Practices I (late May)**

This session will present the fundamentals for implementing a rapid re-housing program, with an emphasis on rapid exit from shelter and providing supports for residents to maintain housing.

**Session 3 – Utilizing Data to Meet Client Need (mid June)**

Participants will learn about the importance of data to inform the development and implementation of local homeless services. Training on data input and quality will be provided.

**Session 4 – From Transitional Housing to Rapid Exit (late June)**

Hear how other communities around the nation are shifting resources from long-term shelter and transitional housing to short-term shelter stays with rapid permanent housing placements and community-based supports.

**Session 5 – Critical Time Intervention: A Structure for Housing Stabilization (mid July)**

CTI is an evidence-based best practice proven to be an effective tool for case managers working with people struggling to emerge from homelessness and other crises of stability. This session will also include an overview of Stages of Change and the role of the case manager in client advocacy.

**Session 6 – Working with Employment Resources (early August)**

Rapid re-housing often also requires rapid employment. This session will showcase strategies for maximizing local workforce resources for your clients.

**Session 7 – Rapid Exit Best Practices II – Working with Central Intake (early September)**

Cuyahoga County is developing a Central Intake system for homeless assessment, diversion from shelter and targeting the best housing solution for each client. This kind of system is still newly developing among other communities around the country. Two of the most advanced are right here in Ohio. Learn about the new system for Cuyahoga County, as well as lessons from other systems.

**Session 8 – Motivational Interviewing (early October)**

Another proven evidence-based best practice, Motivational Interviewing provides additional tools for case managers to help clients achieve successful outcomes.

**Session 9 – Maintaining Housing and Employment (late October)**

This final training will focus on the role of case managers in assisting clients to fulfill their rights and responsibilities of tenancy to maintain housing. Strategies for connecting clients to financial and other community-based resources will be shared.

*Note: Final session details may vary from this proposed schedule. For the latest information, see [socfcleveland.org](http://socfcleveland.org).*