

A letter from Lisa Tepper Bates

Hello friends,

As we start September, Connecticut still does not have an approved budget for this fiscal year. The cuts to funding and the uncertainty that this situation creates are taking a toll on providers, and risk reversing the progress we are making in CT to end homelessness.



Connecticut needs a final budget that fully funds important social services like efforts to end homelessness. Help us to send that message to our legislature by turning out at the multi-coalition rally September 7 at the Capitol! Bring your staff, your clients, your Board members and volunteers! Please see details, below.

Your work is important. Every day, you are saving lives and saving public funds by ending homelessness, one person and one family at a time across Connecticut. Your efforts are working! Please help us to preserve the resources you need by raising your voice to advocate with us!

Sincerely,



Lisa Tepper Bates
Executive Director

Rally To Protect Community Services!

Join us to protect funding for community services. A strong turnout is critical!

WHEN: Thursday, Sept., 7; 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

WHERE: CT State Capitol, North Capitol Steps; 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford CT

We Need Your Help!

Together with our nonprofit partners we are organizing a mass rally to protect community services, and we need your help turning out as many

people as possible.

Every day that goes by without a State budget, the pressure on nonprofits grows and so does the possibility of permanent program reductions, closures, lay-offs and harm to communities. Community nonprofits work with people who have behavioral health issues, feed the hungry, protect children, house the homeless, work with the developmentally disabled, and much more. These are not optional services. They are necessities for our neighbors, friends and families. Join us in support of passing a budget that protects funding for community services.

Get all the rally information [here!](#)

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Fox at sfox@cceh.org.

Survey and Update on Accessing Substance Use Treatment Services

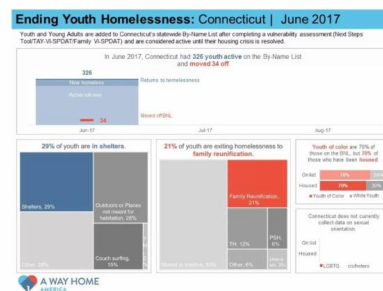
CCEH is working together with Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to help ensure that homeless service providers can connect clients to the substance use treatment services they need, when they need them. Please click [here](#) to access a Power Point by DMHAS Regional Managers related to the ACCESS line/transportation enhancements.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#) to help us understand what is working, and what opportunities we might have to improve on the connections you need to serve your clients.

A Way Home America's Connecticut Dashboard

The Connecticut dashboard just went live on the AWAHA site!

Last week, AWAHA and MANY gathered a work group of federal partners who have been meeting regularly to advance efforts related to youth homelessness data. The data from several different communities, including Connecticut was shared which shows Connecticut is making strides against ending youth homelessness.



We know that engagement can be particularly challenging for individuals who refuse offers of housing from the CAN. This webinar will highlight the guidance from the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to identify refusers within your CAN and ensure that you have a process in place to offer them housing resources when available. You can read the policy [here](#).

Wednesday, September 13th from 4-5 p.m.

Leigh Shields-Church (DOH) and Fred Morton (DMHAS) will give an overview of the guidance, and Beau Anderson (DOH) will walk you through the process in HMIS.

Please [click here](#) to register for the webinar.

If you are unable to attend, CCEH will be sending out a recording immediately following the webinar.

Save The Date: Iain De Jong Coming To Connecticut

Iain De Jong will be conducting trainings across the state of Connecticut on October 3, 4, and 5th. Please check your email for further information in the coming week.

Carl Asikainen: Youth System Coordinator

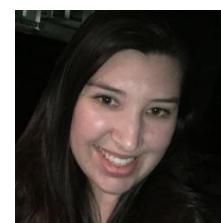
Carl Asikainen has been with CCEH since April 2016 as the Community Impact Coordinator for the Waterbury-Torrington and Central CT communities. Carl is now switching roles and will be our new Youth System Coordinator.



Carl will be leading the 2018 youth count and helping with school engagement to support both the identification of homeless or at risk youth. Carl will also be helping with efforts to engage with outreach providers and direct service organizations to craft a plan that addresses a more comprehensive plan for outreach statewide. You can read Carl's [full bio here](#).

CCEH Welcomes New Staff Member: Michelle

CCEH is excited to welcome Michelle Pomerantz who will serve as the Program and Development Associate at CCEH.



Michelle attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she received her Bachelors of Science in Public Health before continuing onto the University of Connecticut where she received her Masters of Public Health and a certificate in nonprofit management. You can read Michelle's [full bio here](#).

Michelle looks forward to starting her career at CCEH and working to improve the community we live in. She can be reached at Mpomerantz@cceh.org or (860) 721-7876 x 101.

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