

HOPWA Program Overview and Housing Assistance Training

DATES: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 - 9 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, January 16 – 9 AM – 12:30 PM

LOCATION: New Orleans HUD Field Office

PRESENTERS: Rusty Bennett and Crystal Pope, Collaborative Solutions, Inc.

TRAINING TITLE: HOPWA Program Overview and Housing Assistance Training

TRAINING OVERVIEW:

The training will provide an overview of the HOPWA program including a discussion of HUD's program goals, program regulations, and other HUD guidance. HOPWA housing assistance especially through the provision of Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility payment and tenant-based rental assistance will be discussed. The training is particularly beneficial for HOPWA grantee and project sponsor managers/directors and other staff directly involved in the program. Topics to be covered include:

HOPWA 101: Program Overview

- Overview of HOPWA standards and regulations
- HUD expectations, performance goals, housing stability
- Uses of grant funds, client eligibility
- Costs and activities allowed

HOPWA Housing Assistance Overview

STRMU - Short Term Rent Mortgage and Utility Assistance:

- Additional standards for rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Policies and procedures, STRMU administration
- Assistance calculation and tracking

TBRA – Tenant-Based Rental Assistance:

- Implementing TBRA in an HIV/AIDS housing continuum
- Standards and regulations for TBRA
- Client eligibility
- Rent and income calculations; earned income disregard

The training topics above were suggested by the HUD New Orleans Field Office, the City of New Orleans, the City of Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana; the need for information and training in these areas was also noted by a number of providers. Staff turnover, changes in client needs and circumstances over the past two + years and reporting changes have all contributed to the need for updated HOPWA training. We encourage all formula and competitive HOPWA grantees and sponsors to attend.

TRAINING AGENDA

January 15, 2008 – 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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| 9:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:15-10:30 AM | HOPWA Program Overview, Part I |
| 10:30-10:40 AM | Break |
| 10:40 – 11:30 AM | HOPWA Program Overview, Part II |
| 11:30-1:00 PM | Lunch – on your own |
| 1:00 – 2:30 PM | HOPWA Housing Assistance: Short-term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) Payments, Part I |
| 2:30-2:40 PM | Break |
| 2:40-4:15 PM | HOPWA Housing Assistance: Short-term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU) Payments, Part II |
| 4:15 – 4:30 PM | Review Plan for Day 2/Wrap-up |
| 4:30 PM | Adjourn |

January 16, 2008 – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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| 9:00 AM | Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:15-10:30 AM | HOPWA Housing Assistance: Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Part I |
| 10:30-10:45 AM | Break |
| 10:45 – 12:15 AM | HOPWA Housing Assistance: Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Part II |
| 12:15 – 12:30 PM | Wrap-up and Training Evaluation |
| 12:30 PM | Adjourn |