

**Preliminary Conference Schedule – Day One**

11:00am-12:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
12:00pm-1:00pm	<b>GCEH Welcome</b> <i>Anthony Smith, Chair</i>
	<b>Morning Plenary – Youth Homelessness</b> <i>Presenter: Miguel Jaramillo, Synergy Services</i>
	<b>Annual Poster Contest Recognition</b> <i>Presenter(s): Craig Rector, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Carolyn Stemmons, Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office</i>
1:00pm-1:15pm	<b>Break</b>
1:15pm-2:30pm	<b>Session One Options</b>
	<b><i>Successful Transitions for Foster Care Youth</i></b> This session will provide information on youth who exit foster care, their risk of homelessness, the barriers they face in securing stable housing, and the services available.
	<b><i>Engaging Local Political/Community Leaders: Advocacy Training</i></b> This session will focus on why advocacy is important to all of our work, regardless of our title or daily tasks, how it is best accomplished, simple ways to do advocacy and why it is our responsibility.
2:30pm-2:45pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45pm-4:00pm	<b>Session Two Options</b>
	<b><i>Strengths Based Case Management for Program Staff</i></b> This session will explore some of the ways in which case workers can operate from a strengths perspective in their work with individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Participants will also learn how to use the strengths assessment and goal plan.
	<b><i>Strategies for Working with Culturally Diverse Youth</i></b> This session will focus on programs serving homeless youth and their approach to providing culturally competent and appropriate services to diverse populations. Strengths and challenges of their approaches will also be discussed.
	<b><i>The Needs of Children Experiencing Homelessness</i></b> This session will offer information on the barriers children experiencing homelessness face to enroll in school and the strategies you or your agency can use to prevent and end youth homelessness in your community.
4:00pm-4:15pm	<b>Break</b>

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### **In Our Own Words: Youth Perspective Discussion**

This is a unique opportunity to hear homeless youth discuss what they want from service providers, what has helped them, and what additional assistance they may need.

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## **Preliminary Conference Schedule – Day Two**

8:00am-8:30am

### **Registration**

8:30am-9:00am

### **Morning Plenary**

*Presenter: Derrith Watchman-Moore, Department of Housing and Urban Development Region VII*

9:00am-9:15am

### **Break**

9:15pm-10:30am

### **Session One Options**

#### ***HEARTH Act Overview and Progress***

This session will provide an update on the status of the HEARTH Act and an overview of the new proposed, interim and final rules that have resulted from implementation of the HEARTH Act.

#### ***Visualize Your Data, Tell Your Story***

This session will use examples from homeless service providers in the Balance of State Continuum of Care highlighting the different types of stories that can be told with data visualization techniques.

#### ***Strategies for Ending Homelessness among Veterans***

This session will provide an overview of veteran homelessness on the national and local level including the various veterans' housing programs, trends in veteran needs, and strategies to ending veteran homelessness in Missouri.

10:30am-10:45am

### **Break**

10:45am-12:00pm

### **Session Two Options**

#### ***Closing a Homeless Encampment: The Tactical Plan***

This session will provide a best practice approach to closing a homeless encampment and relocating residents to stable housing under the transition in place model. A homeless encampment near the Mississippi River in downtown St. Louis City will be used as a case study.

#### ***Strategies for Employing People with Disabilities***

This session will discuss strategies, community partnerships, and programs that serve to increase employment among those who are homeless and disabled.

#### ***Partnering with Public Housing Authorities***

This session will provide information on what public housing authorities need from their partners in order to create permanent supportive housing to serve homeless households.

12:00pm-12:15pm

### **Break**

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### **Lunch and Learn – Landlord/Tenant Law and General Housing Information**

This session will review Missouri landlord-tenant laws, the legal eviction process, tenant rights, fair housing, and discrimination issues. *\*\*Must pre-purchase lunch through conference registration website.*

1:15pm-1:30pm

### **Break**

1:30pm-3:00pm

### **Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Panel**

This is a unique opportunity to hear formerly homeless individuals share their stories, discuss what has helped them and what has not, as well as their own ideas and solutions to preventing and ending homelessness.

### **Closing Remarks**

*Anthony Smith, Chair of the GCEH*