

**Homeless Provider Forum  
July 2, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

**Shelter Information & Openings**

Serving People in Need (SPIN) - GAPP Housing program has limited funding for first-time homeless families that are in need of permanent housing. They have immediate openings for the month July. Clients must be employed, or recently laid-off, and have children under the age of 18. If you have any questions, you can contact Serving People in Need (SPIN) directly at 714-751-1101 and speak with a case manager Katie Hook ext. 15, Carlos Lariz ext. 20.

Agencies can access the network through Diane Ferrante, Coordinator of Community Outreach and CCNOC (Christian Church Network Orange County), at [outreach@covp.org](mailto:outreach@covp.org) or 714-637-8833. They ask the agency to contact them first to tell them about the family and what the needs are. If they can help, they will give you the phone number for the client to call.

Community of Faith has a new location – First Baptist Church of Anaheim, Broadway Christian Center, 701 West Broadway Avenue, Anaheim 92805. They will be serving hot food and giving out groceries every Friday. They welcome all comers. For more information, you can contact Kay Womack at 714-774-4444 ext. 14 or [kay@fbcanaheim.org](mailto:kay@fbcanaheim.org).

Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter's funding sources for our Emergency Shelter Program have been dwindling over the past few years. Due to the budget constraints, the agency needed to make the decision to close their Emergency Shelter for families with children as of July 1, 2009. If they should get funds to support the Emergency Shelter in the future, they will initiate the program again. The families who are currently in their Emergency Shelter Program will remain here until they are able to transfer them into their or another agency's residency program. No current residents will be asked to leave, unless a serious rule violation occurs. They will continue to operate their transitional housing programs in Costa Mesa, Tustin and Santa Ana. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Miller via email at [Lmiller@ocinterfaithshelter.org](mailto:Lmiller@ocinterfaithshelter.org).

Support for student's whose families have lost their homes to foreclosure: If your family owned its home and lost it to foreclosure, or if your family was renting a home and the landlord lost it to foreclosure, and you are now living in a temporary situation, your preschool-aged and school-aged children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible for the support provided by the McKinney-Vento Act, contact the school district's Local Liaison or your State McKinney-Vento Coordinator. If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at its toll-free Helpline: 1-800-308-2145.

Grandma's House of Hope will have two openings in the next two weeks for single women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Backgrounds may vary from Domestic Violence, addiction and recovery, mental health, physical disabilities and/or human trafficking. (Ages range from 18 to 80) This is a two year transitional living home that offers group and individual counseling, job search assistance, food, clothing, internet access, bible studies (voluntary) and most importantly; a safe place full of the promise of healing a hope. Weekly program fee is \$125 per week. Please refer your clients to Je'net Kreitner at (714) 457-3187 or (714) 636-3690. [www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org](http://www.GrandmasHouseofHope.org)

Eli Home will have one opening in their Transitional Housing Program as well as their Shared Housing Program as of next week. Please call 714-300-0600 for further information.

South County Outreach has 4 openings in South Orange County for families with 1 to 4 children in their Transitional Housing Program. Call (949) 380-8144, ext. 205, for more information.

The Hospital Association of Orange County is planning training this summer for Medical Services Initiative (MSI) application assistors. MSI is a free health insurance for adults who are not eligible for Medi-Cal and functions like an HMO, including primary and preventative health care. This is a great opportunity for those who serve the homeless to connect their clients to health insurance and a medical home. The training is completed in one day and you can send any staff member. Applications are usually done by front office staff at clinics and hospitals. If you are interested, please contact Maria Velez, MSI Program Coordinator at 714-750-0788 ext. 17.

Department of Veterans Affairs is conducting the annual CHALENG assessment. The Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education, and Networking Groups (CHALENG) for Veterans is a nationwide initiative in which VA medical center and regional office directors work with other federal, state, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations to assess the needs of homeless Veterans, develop action plans to meet identified needs, and develop directories that contain local community resources to be used by homeless Veterans. If you have Veterans in your program and you would like to participate in this assessment, please contact Richard Sells at [richard.sells@va.gov](mailto:richard.sells@va.gov) or at (562) 754-9568.

My name is Robert Foster with OC Homeless Prevention Division. I am currently planning our awareness booth for the OC Fair and would like to ask that homeless service providers join us. If you would like an opportunity to promote your agency and the services you provide to Orange County's population, we are looking for information packets of homeless service providers to be displayed at our booth. Please drop off informational packets, brochures, pamphlets, cards, etc. at Orange County Partnership (OCP). I will pick up the packets on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, so please drop them off by Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The items you leave we be displayed at our Homeless Prevention Booth. Any extra items at the end of our 3 days can be dropped off back at OCP, if requested.

**Formerly the Anaheim Collaborative is now** The Collaborative to Assist Motel Families meets the first Tuesday of the month 9:30am-11:00am (or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday following a holiday) at the Anaheim Downtown Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim 92805. Government, school districts, faith-based organizations, housing organizations, and community based organizations join together for monthly network and resource sharing to increase the self-sufficiency of motel clients. Contact: Bob Cerince, Community Services Supervisor, (714) 765-4486 or [bcerince@anaheim.net](mailto:bcerince@anaheim.net) for further information.

**American Family Housing has the following openings within their agency's programs:**

- 2 openings in their Interfaith Shelter Network and 2 openings in the S.H.I.P. program for unaccompanied adults. Contact Ralph at American Family Housing at 714-897-3221 ext. 121
- 3 openings in our family transitional apartments, call Angel ext.104 or Darla ext.105
- 3 openings for single moms with children under 9, call Darla ext.105
- 6 openings for unaccompanied adults in our Jackson transitional program, call Darla ext. 105
- 2 openings in our Kermore program for unaccompanied adults with a dog or cat, call Darla ext.105
- Permanent affordable housing: one and two-bedroom apartments available in Long Beach, call Cinthia ext.114

Barbara Nelson with Mary's Shelter has one to two openings for pregnant youth.

Camille Hill with Family is Home has openings in their Case Management Program for families that have a child 0-5 or if the mothers pregnant. The family must already reside in a motel in the Anaheim/Garden Grove area.

### **Featured Topic: Caring for the Caregivers**

Claudia Ellano with the Caregiver Resource Center, St. Jude Brain Injury Network shared a presentation on "Taking Care of Yourself in Uncertain Times".

**Next Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for**

**August 6, 2009 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am**  
**Topic: Psychology of Homelessness**