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**WEBINAR—HOMELESSNESS  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT**  
March 1—2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2427634083076683010>

**Goodwill Industries of Central Florida**

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida will be hosting its Annual Job Fair Day on Thursday, March 10th. Job Fairs will be held at all TEN of the Goodwill Job Connection Centers, in six different counties. If you are an employer and would like to participate in our FREE Job Fair Day, please contact the appropriate office below.

For a list of employers visit: <http://www.goodwillcfl.org/news.php>

Rockledge: 321-890-1676 - Ask for Angie

W. Melbourne:- 321-953-8188 - Ask for Karen

**March 10, 2016**  
**10:00 - 2:00**



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**21st Annual Brevard Stand Down**  
**This is the site to register for Stand Down. <http://vols.pt/>**

## Upcoming Brevard Homeless Coalition Meetings and Events

### Weekly CHAT

Every Wednesday,  
9 am  
Contact Mark Sexton  
[msexton@familypromiseofbrevard.org](mailto:msexton@familypromiseofbrevard.org)

### BHC Providers

Every First Thursday  
9:30 am—11 am  
Commissioners Chambers  
Viera Government Center

### Children in Transition

Every Third Tuesday  
9 am  
BPS, Pod 3, Rm 302B

### Coordinated Assessment Committee

Friday, Feb. 18  
9 am—10:30 am  
Suntree Office Tower  
6905 N Wickham Rd  
Melbourne

The Brevard Homeless Coalition has received a grant from Space Coast Health Foundation in the amount of \$20,000. Thank you Mark for doing a great job writing the grant! The goal of the grant that we have been awarded from the Space Coast Health Foundation will be to further ensure that the Housing interventions that we perform for individuals and families with behavioral health disabilities are successful on a long-term basis. The funds will be used to hire a part-time Case Manager who will be focused on 1) deepening community-wide collaborations with behavioral health care providers and 2) assisting Housing Case Managers working with individuals with behavioral health barriers. This assistance will come in the form of process development, training, technical assistance, mentoring, and support.



## Opportunities for CoC Partnerships with Home Visiting Programs

Home visiting programs can help expectant mothers and families with young children thrive, and there are several opportunities for homeless assistance providers to partner with these programs. To further progress towards the goal of ending homelessness for families with children and youth by 2020 and ensure the well-being of young children, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently distributed guidance to the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Tribal MIECHV, and Healthy Start program grantees on how to provide their services to families experiencing homelessness.

Through evidence-based home visiting programs that can meet families wherever they are, the MIECHV programs provide expectant families and families with children, from birth to kindergarten entry, with resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn. The Healthy Start program provides pregnant women and new mothers with resources they need to nurture their children. These resources could include prenatal and postpartum programs, parenting skill-building, child care, job training, nutrition education, and a host of other supportive services.

### Opportunities for Collaboration

In recent Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), HUD has provided resources to create new projects to serve families experiencing homelessness. HHS's home visiting and Healthy Start programs provide an excellent complement to those resources and foster healthier and more stable families amongst those experiencing homelessness.

Continuums of Care (CoCs) can collaborate with our partners in HHS in several ways. First, they can include MIECHV and Healthy Start grantees as members and active participants in the local CoC. Allowing these grantees to participate in the CoC helps ensure that services available to families reflect the needs of the community. Having these providers as active members in the CoC and as a part of the planning process can help identify not only the concerns of homeless families but also other support services and mainstream programs available to families and other homeless populations.

The MIECHV and Healthy Start programs can be integrated into CoC projects by providing needed and eligible supportive services to program participants. Like other early childhood programs such as Head Start or child care, many of the MIECHV and Healthy Start activities are also eligible supportive services in the CoC program, which means they are eligible to be used as match.

MIECHV and Healthy Start grantees should be included in the CoC coordinated entry process. They can provide outreach to families who need to be connected to homelessness programs and can be used to direct families to the correct access points of entry in a community. In addition, MIECHV and Healthy Start grantees can receive referrals from other agencies that participate in the CoC's coordinated assessment system.

### Additional Information

The MIECHV and Healthy Start programs are just a few federal programs that are collaborating with homelessness providers to end family homelessness.

To find out more about these programs and other agencies in HHS, visit the following websites:

- [Healthy Start](#)
- [MIECHV](#)
- [Administration for Children and Families \(ACF\)](#)
- [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#)
- [Other HHS Homelessness Assistance Programs](#)

## 5th Annual Florida Fair Housing Summit

Thursday, April 28, 2016  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
9840 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819

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