

Kalamazoo County

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South Central Michigan**

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November Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

Group Agreements

CoC Updates

Service Provider Updates

Housing Updates

Group Agreements

- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.

CoC Updates

CoC Updates: Funding

- **CoC Mini-Grants(up to \$15,000) are available on a rolling basis to CoC member organizations.** Details can be found here: [Mini-Grants – Continuum of Care \(kzoococ.org\)](https://kzoococ.org/Mini-Grants-Continuum-of-Care)

CoC Updates

- 2025 PIT Planning in process – More details to come for those interested in volunteering
- CoC working on updates to Emergency Shelter standards and Coordinated Entry
- Planning to convene local law enforcement agencies to coordinate around encampments (could impact future funding)
- Planning to convene shelter providers regionally to help in coordination between communities
- HCV Waitlist changes update: MSHDA in partnership with CSH held focus groups across the state 10/16 - focus groups to improve the homeless preference process as it relates to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. We hope to have additional updates before the end of 2024.

Winter Shelter Options

Westminster Presbyterian (1515 Helen
Portage, MI)

11/19 through 3/27/25: Tuesday and Thursday
10am-2pm

NOTE: Both Kalamazoo Gospel Mission and
Ministry with Community relax their
restrictions during extreme weather
conditions



Upcoming CoC Meetings

- Wednesday November 19th 3pm Veterans by Name List meeting via Zoom
- Friday November 22nd 11am Shelter Group meeting via Zoom





Summit on Ending Homelessness

Pictured: Anastasia Minott, Amber Pankey, Mary Lindsey, Patrese Griffin, Tanya Wilson, Carrie Bosch



Upcoming Events

And training opportunities



Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission



You're invited to the

RIBBON CUTTING

Ceremony celebrating the completion of the first new homes at

Sugarloaf Mobile Home Park

11489 Circle Drive, Schoolcraft, MI 49087



Ceremony will take place on
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

at 3:00pm

Remarks will be given by KCPHC Chair Patrese Griffin at 3:30pm

Furniture and staging generously provided by:





SURVIVING IN THE REAL WORLD SIMULATED WORKSHOPS

**HOME BUYING WORKSHOP
4 PARENTS**

FAMILY FINANCIAL FUN DAY EVENT

Presented By



**LIMITED TO 60
ATTENDEES**

**INTERACTIVE, ENGAGING, IMPACTFUL
WORKSHOPS**

**LET'S BUILD
GENERATIONAL WEALTH
FOR OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER**

GRADES 4TH AND UP
HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
1941 ALAMO AVE., KALAMAZOO, MI 49006

**NEEDS AND WANTS
WORKSHOP
4 KIDS**

**GROW YOUR MONEY
WORKSHOP
4 PARENTS**

**BUDGETING
WORKSHOP
4 KIDS**

RAFFLE! 4529725

Sponsored by:  **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 11, 2024**
2:00- 5:00 P.M.
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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To register send an email with ALL information below included to acohn@ciskalamazoo.org:

Reminder that aside from a bus token, we do not have transportation for this opportunity.

- Student first and last name
- Students school attending (must be KPS or Paramount Charter Academy)
- Students Grade
- Students Age
- Parents first and last name
- Household zip code
- Parent cell phone #
- Parent email address

If you have an event or happening that you would like to share

Send an email to coc@uwscmi.org with a copy of the flyer and/or the details



Service Provider Updates

Volunteers needed!

We are excited to announce that Community Feast is happening on Wednesday, November 27th! In partnership with Gryphon Place, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, New World Flood, SpartanNash, and YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo, we are planning to pack and deliver 750 Thanksgiving meals to families.

To make this event a success, we need help from volunteers! Please check out our sign up page and volunteer in one or more of the available spots. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A5AC23A2FFC07-53037567-community#/>

HRI HRI's covid relief funding through the City of Kalamazoo and the City of Portage has been expended. These are the last covid relief funds available through any source. Also, we still have tornado relief funds if you interact with anyone impacted that may still be struggling with housing stability

If anyone is housing families with children, we are enrolling families in our Family Stability for Educational Success program and also have some move in supplies for families being housed from homelessness. We also have openings in our Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program for families with children where 1 member of the family has a documented disability. Families can remain in this program up until the youngest child is 18 years old as long as the member with the disability remains in the home and they continue to income qualify.

Both program enrollments go through the coordinated entry process. Please call our main number.



Housing Provider Updates



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting:
Tuesday December 17th,
1pm**

