

Kalamazoo County

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**United Way of
South Central Michigan**

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October 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 Board to make funding recommendation for FY24 HUD CoC Funding at a special meeting 10/16

CoC Updates: Planning

- Currently working with agencies on winter shelter planning. Follow up meeting scheduled for Monday October 21st at 2pm via Zoom.
 - Planning to convene local law enforcement agencies to coordinate around encampments
 - Planning to convene shelter providers regionally to help in coordination between communities
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Upcoming CoC Meetings

- Wednesday October 23rd 3pm Veterans by Name List meeting via Zoom
- Friday, October 25th 11am Shelter Group meeting via Zoom
- Free Training opportunity provided by CoC offered by the Disability Network in November, details will be shared in future email



Advocacy Update (State)

Source of Income protection was passed at the state level!

MCAH – Housing Homestretch campaign: pushing legislation to pass 9 essential tenant protections bills before the end of this year

Virtual planning meeting: 10/16 at 11am

Register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Sign on as an organization to support bill (CoC has already signed on!)

Housing Homestretch Legislative Priorities

Source of Income Protections [HB 4062-3](#), [SB 205-7](#)

Eviction Expungement and Sealing [SB 801](#)

Right to Organize & Right to Repair [SB 900-903](#)

Fair Chance Access to Housing [HB 4878](#)

Manufactured Housing Regulation [HB 5157-63](#), [SB 486-492](#)

Rental Junk Fee Regulation [SB 661](#)

Tenants Right to Counsel [HB 5237-8](#)

Tenant Screening Regulation [HB 5605](#)

Just Cause Eviction / Right to Renew [HB 5756](#)

Advocacy Update (Federal)

Advocate for these Funding Priorities:

- Full funding to renew all existing contracts for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program and expand assistance to 20,000 more households.
- \$6.2 billion for public housing operations and \$5.2 billion for public housing capital needs.
- \$4.7 billion for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG) program.
- \$100 million for the Eviction Prevention Grant Program.
- At least \$1.3 billion for Tribal housing programs, plus \$150 million for competitive funds targeted to tribes with the greatest needs.

[Contact your member of congress](#) to advocate for funding increases for HUD in FY25!

National Low Income Housing Corporation has sign on letters to increase access to HUD Housing
[NLIHC Action Center](#)



Upcoming Events

And training opportunities

Turning the TIDE

*Collaborative Strategies
for Ending Homelessness*

2024 MICHIGAN'S SUMMIT
ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS
LANSING CENTER | OCTOBER 29 & 30



Dignity in Motion



Fix-A-Palooza for the UNHOUSED

*this free bike repair is only for people who are unhoused

WHAT: Bikes will be repaired for free

WHEN: 10/22

TIME: 3pm - 5pm

Bikes must be checked in by 4 pm

WHERE: Bronson Park

*Must register for event



Scan to fill out form

*Free bike lights will be distributed to those who have NOT already received them

*Snacks and beverages will be provided while you wait.

*If you need assistance, text Judy at (269)-370-0407

You can find us on the web and on Facebook



OPEN ROADS



[Dignity in Motion & Open Roads Fix-A-Palooza](#)

 **ISAAC 2024 Public Meeting**
Take Your SOLES TO THE POLLS 



ISAAC Family Members, Congregations, Clergy, Partners, Community Members, Public Officials, Candidates and Community Leaders will stand together to **collectively work for policy and practices infused with love, hope, equity and abundance.**

**Anti-Racism Housing
Gun Violence Prevention**

**Thursday, October 24 6:30 - Music & Food,
Meet the Candidates**
Galilee Baptist Church 7:00 - Meeting
1216 N Westnedge Ave



Beloved Community, Let's Get Out The Vote! isaackalamazoo.org

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

MCAH: Training Opportunity dealing with resilience against burnout: <https://www.mihomeless.org/2024/10/10/beyond-self-care-creating-organizational-resilience-against-burnout/>

KCRC training: Extreme Cold Safety for Marginalized Populations Thursday 10/17. Contact Renwick Ballew for more information: rballew@gryphon.org

Kalamazoo Together for the Unhoused (KTV) Hosting Community Laundry day 3-7pm, open to everyone, 4 loads of laundry free, flyers to be shared next week: location in VINE neighborhood



Housing Provider Updates

Hope Thru Navigation: Tiny Homes should be completed by end of month, application and ribbon cutting details forthcoming

Pine Grove: Project based voucher waitlist remains open :

<https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/rental/project-based-vouchers/project-based-developments-listing>



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting:
Tuesday November 19th,
1pm**

