

# HUD Eleventh Annual Peer to Peer Homeless Provider Conference

September 22-23, 2009



**Parke Hotel and Conference Center  
1413 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704, 309-662-4300**

***HUD Chicago Regional Office's Eleventh Annual Peer to Peer Homeless Provider Conference***

The HUD Chicago Regional Office is sponsoring its Eleventh Annual Peer to Peer Homeless Providers Conference held at the Parke Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington, IL, September 22 – 23, 2009. The Conference brings together Illinois' best and brightest homeless services professionals and speakers for networking opportunities, technical assistance, presentations, and sharing of industry and program related information. The one and one-half day Conference will help homeless services professionals respond to the ever changing landscape of housing and program/ service delivery issues. Presenters will lead discussions of topics relevant to the current challenges, enhance grants management and identify technical solutions.

**TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 22**

CONFERENCE AGENDA	Time	Activity	Session Topic
	8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
	9:00 - 9:15	Opening Remarks	
	9:00 - 9:15	Welcome from City	
	9:15 - 10:15	General Session	Keynote Speaker
	10:15 - 10:30	Break	
	10:30 - 11:30	Workshop	Winning the Fight Against Homelessness - Consumer Panel
	10:30 - 11:30	Workshop	Building "Green": Homeless Housing Development
	10:30 - 11:30	Workshop	Serving Chronic Homeless Panel
	11:30 - 1:00	Lunch on your Own	
1:00 - 2:00	Workshop	Winning the Fight Against Homelessness - Consumer Panel	
1:00 - 2:00	Workshop	ARRA at Work Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) Panel	
1:00 - 2:00	Workshop	Domestic Violence Programs	
2:00 - 2:15	Break		
2:15 - 3:15	Workshop	Partnering with PHAs	
2:15 - 3:15	Workshop	HUD/VASH Working with Homeless Veterans Panel	
2:15 - 3:15	Workshop	Continua Discussion - Today's CoC Issues Panel	
3:15 - 3:30	Break		
3:30 - 4:30	General Session	Homeless Reform- Operating under the HEARTH Act	
5:00 – 7:00	Networking		

Dinner on your Own

**WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23**

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Time	Activity	Session Topic
9:00 - 10:00	General Session	Keynote Speaker
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:15	Workshop	Comply with Fair Housing, It's the Law
10:15 - 11:15	Workshop	What's New in HMIS?
10:15 - 11:15	Workshop	Health Care for the Homeless - Best Practices
11:15 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 - 12:30	Workshop	What are My Rights? Housing Laws from the Consumer Point of View
11:30 - 12:30	Workshop	Applying the New SHP Deskguide Q&A
11:30 - 12:30	Workshop	Using Volunteers in Non-Profit Organizations Programs
12:30 - 12:45	Wrap-Up	



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The Parke Hotel and Conference Center is the premiere hotel and conference center in Bloomington, IL. The hotel ushers a new model of understated luxury. The hotel is a 3-story boutique hotel located in the east side of Bloomington. The hotel provides 70 rooms and whirlpool suites; 32 inch LG flat screen in each room; complimentary parking; complimentary high speed internet access; microwave, refrigerators and coffee makers in each room; as well as a convenient shop and business center in the lobby.

The Parke Hotel and Conference Center is conveniently located 1 mile from the Central Illinois Regional Airport (BMI) and offer complimentary shuttle service from the airport as well as the Bloomington Amtrak Station.

#### Room Block

A room block has been set up with the hotel. Conference attendees should call the hotel at (309) 662-4300 and ask for the "HUD Conference" room block. The group rate is \$70 per night plus applicable taxes. The hotel has a limited number of rooms. Please make your reservations as soon as possible and no later than September 6, 2009 to guarantee this rate.

#### Registration Information

There is no registration fee to attend, however registration to attend the Conference is requested. Please go to <http://www.dennisonassociates.com/events.php> to register to attend the Conference. The registration deadline is September 15, 2009.

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#### Directions to the Parke Hotel & Conference Center

From Chicago: Use I-55 S to Exit 171 (Towanda) Go South thru Towanda (about 1 mile) until you get to the 1st stop sign. Turn right and follow road around the curve. Proceed 4.5 miles and the hotel will be located on the right, at the corner of General Electric Rd and Towanda Barnes Road.

From St. Louis: Use I-55 N to Veterans Parkway Exit 157B, proceed North on Veterans approximately 6 miles & turn right or east onto GE Road, continue for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right on Leslie Drive. The hotel is located on the left.

From Champaign: Take I-74 west to Exit 142 (Downs). Go north through Downs, approximately 1 mile until you get to Route 150. Turn left onto Route 150 and travel 2.5 miles until you reach Towanda Barnes Rd. Make a right onto Towanda Barnes Rd (by the Freedom gas Station), and follow for about 7 miles. The Hotel is located on the left at the corner of Towanda Barnes Rd and General Electric Road.

From Peoria: Use I-74 E to I-55 S, to Exit 167 (Veterans Parkway) proceed south on Veterans Parkway to GE Road turn left or east, continue for approximately 3 miles. Turn right to Leslie Drive. The hotel is located on the left.

From CIRA: Exit Airport going right or east on Route 9. First stoplight turn left to Towanda Barnes Road. Turn left at next stoplight onto GE Road and turn left on Leslie Drive. The hotel is on the left.

#### Questions:

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