

**Directions to the
Courtyard by Marriott
Grappone Conference Center
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH 03301**

I-93 Traveling North or South

Take Exit 15W.

Take first right onto Commercial Street.

Take right at stop sign and follow 1/4 mile.

Hotel and Conference Center will be on your right.

Traveling from the Seacoast

Take Route 4 West to 393 West.

Follow 393 West to first set of lights.

Take right onto Commercial Street.

Take right at stop sign and follow 1/4 mile.

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Traveling from Keene/Vermont

Take Route 89 South to Route 93 North.

Take Exit 15W.

Take first right onto Commercial Street.

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**2016 New Hampshire
Conference on
Homelessness
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**New Hampshire Coalition to End
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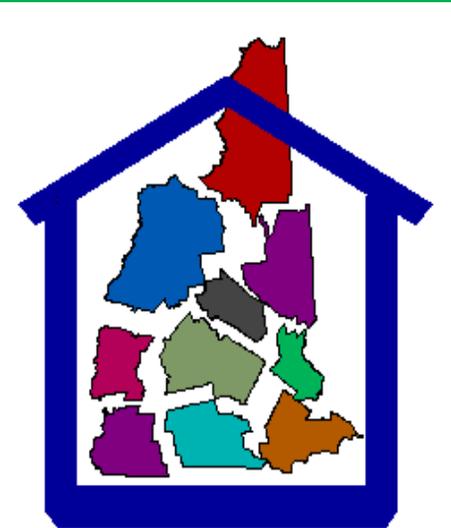
**NH Department of Health and
Human Services**

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*To provide collaborative training
for administrators, staff and
outreach personnel working
with the homeless.*



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September 29 2016

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2016 New Hampshire Conference on Homelessness

Thursday, September 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Registration from 8:00 a.m.— 8:30 a.m.)

Pre- Registration is required

Conference registration fee is \$60 per person, made payable BY CHECK ONLY to Belknap-Merrimack CAP but mailed to Julie Lane at the Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services. Please complete the entire registration form that accompanies this brochure and be sure to select your preferred break-out sessions. Breakfast and lunch are provided during the conference. Registration form and fees must be received by September 19, 2016 at the address on the form.

Support the “Hope Starts Here Scholarship”. During the conference we will be raffling off several donated gift baskets and hosting a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. Please help support this unique scholarship for homeless youth by taking a chance on either bringing home a basket full of great items or some extra cash. Or consider donating a basket to be raffled off at the conference. For more information, please contact Kyle Beaulieu at kbeaulieu@nhceh.org.

Morning Keynote Speaker

Lynda Coates

Communication Across Barriers

Morning Breakout Sessions

I: “Get the Ball Rolling: Youth and Young Adult Homelessness”

James Bolas, Executive Director,
Coalition for Homeless Youth

II: “Improving Communication and Relationships with Families Facing Poverty”

Lynda Coates
Communication across Barriers

III: “The Science of Hope: How Vulnerability, Reflection and Compassion Change Lives”

Cassie Yackley, Psy.D., P.L.L.C.
NH Licensed Psychologist

IV: “Breaking the Cycle: Recovery from Addiction”

Sandi Coyle, Executive Director,
Granite Pathways

Meghan Shea, LICSW, MLADC
Clinical and Supportive Service
Manager,
Families in Transition

Afternoon Keynote Speaker

Juston McKinney

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

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James Bolas, Executive Director,
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II: “Building a Connected Approach for Supporting Families Experiencing the Trauma of Poverty”

Lynda Coates
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III: “Local (Municipal) Welfare - What Every Advocate Needs to Know”

Elliott Berry, Managing Attorney,
New Hampshire Legal Assistance

Candace Cappio Gebhart
Paralegal
New Hampshire Legal Assistance

IV: “Medicaid: The Next Frontier for Supportive Housing”

Cheryl L. Winter, MPH, LGSW
Senior Program Manager
National Consulting Services
CSH

Morning Breakout Sessions

I: “Get the Ball Rolling: Youth and Young Adult Homelessness” James Bolas

This session will give a background on youth homelessness and focus on the prevalence of youth homelessness, in PIT Count’s and CoC’s; Strategies for Identifying and building inclusive and appropriate services for homeless youth and transition aged young adults; and Introduce the Community Readiness Model as a community change tool.

II: “Improving Communication and Relationships with Families Facing Poverty” Lynda Coates

Learn concrete tools for building stronger relationships and communicating more effectively with families who live in the crisis of poverty. After this session, participants will have skills for: 1.) Understanding of the many different types of poverty and how to best reach and assist people from generational, working class, immigrant and situational poverty experiences; 2.) Self reflecting on their own attitudes and beliefs about poverty and those who live in it; 3.) Motivating and providing meaningful incentives to assist people in stepping outside their comfort zones; 4.) Communicating in ways that remove the shame, rebuild the hope and create shared meaning and actions to overcome poverty obstacles.

III: “The Science of Hope: How Vulnerability, Reflection and Compassion Change Lives” Cassie Yackley

During the last few decades, there has been a flurry of research on the role of hope in recovery from medical and psychological adversity, including traumatic exposure. It is becoming clear that hope and hope- and relationship-focused practices are critical components of resilience and recovery. This presentation will inform participants about the current science of hope as it relates to the use of relationships to build resiliency in the face of adverse experiences.

IV: “Breaking the Cycle: Recovery from Addiction” Sandi Coyle and Meghan Shea

Learn how recovery oriented systems of care and recovery support services can assist individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders. SAMHSA has established a working definition of recovery as a process of change which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives and strive to reach their full potential. This workshop will provide a deeper understanding for barriers to recovery, associated stigma, and a framework that supports All Paths to recovery. The presentation will also include aspects related to co-occurring mental health issues, identifying and referring to resources.

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

I. “Digging Deeper Into Understanding Youth and Young Adult Homelessness” James Bolas

This Round Table will be a follow up discussion from the morning workshop on Youth Homelessness. The purpose of this session is to allow participants to “dig deeper” into the issue of youth homelessness, raising unique community challenges, recommending appropriate strategies and identifying key community informants. Discussion will expand on understanding Youth and Young Adult Homelessness and service and housing options, as well as provide a chance for professionals to build linkages and supports.

II: “Building a Connected Approach for Supporting Families Experiencing the Trauma of Poverty” Lynda Coates

Participants will learn about proven models for building the capacity of children and families to move out of poverty. Lynda will walk participants through a research based Opportunity Community model that has proven success in breaking poverty barriers. This model will assist participants in: 1) removing the shame/judgment inflicted by poverty; 2) rebuilding the hope for families in poverty and helping professionals; 3) reducing the isolation of poverty which perpetuates it; and 4) connecting children and families to a poverty informed communities to increase access to resources and supports.

III: “Local (Municipal) Welfare - What Every Advocate Needs to Know” Elliott Berry & Candace Cappio Gebhart

This training will describe what Local Welfare is, walk you through the model guidelines and application process and describe what the municipality must do to assist and how to best advocate for your clients. There will be time for an interactive discussion of common misunderstandings/ misconceptions about Local Welfare as well as “hot button” issues. Participants are encouraged to bring questions about situations they have encountered.

IV: “Medicaid: The Next Frontier for Supportive Housing” Cheryl L. Winter

A dozen homeless services providers have been training with NH’s Medicaid Institute, a pioneering collaboration between Housing Action NH and CSH, intended to open new avenues through Medicaid to pay for supportive housing services. Hear from CSH staff and participants about what they’ve learned, and find out where things stand on advocacy to include pre-tenancy and tenancy supports among services covered under Medicaid. The workshop will also review new data that supports investments in supportive housing in NH and national trends in health and housing partnerships.

2016 New Hampshire Conference on Homelessness Registration Form

Agency: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(required for registration confirmation)

Please indicate your preferred sessions on this registration form before returning it. Please note that we cannot guarantee a specific session at a specific time, but we will make every effort to accommodate you.

A.M. Breakout Session Preference
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P.M. Breakout Session Preference
1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Please return this conference registration form and a **\$60.00 check payable to Belknap – Merrimack CAP** to:

Julie Lane
BHHS
DHHS Brown Building
129 Pleasant St
Concord, NH 03301

No Later than September 19, 2016