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Annual Training Institute to Unite Communities Against Homelessness

HARTFORD – The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) will host the 16th Annual Training Institute (ATI) on May 17th, 2018 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. The ATI is Connecticut’s premier capacity-building event for organizations working to prevent and end homelessness.

Each year, the ATI convenes more than 400 leaders and practitioners working to end homelessness to network, learn best practices, and review national and state-level policy changes as they relate to this work. This year’s ATI will focus on “uniting communities to end homelessness,” offering new insights and emerging best practices to build on Connecticut’s successful efforts to date. In 2015, Connecticut was the first state in the nation to be recognized for ending chronic veteran homelessness and in 2016, completely ended veteran homelessness altogether. In 2016, Connecticut also led the nation as the first state to match all those experiencing chronic homelessness with housing resources. Connecticut is now setting a path to end youth and family homelessness by the end of 2020. Governor Dannel P. Malloy, whose administration has played a leading role in efforts to end homelessness, will address participants at 12:30.

“Connecticut has seen our annual rate of homelessness decline by 34% in just the past five years, largely due to the work of the providers who attend this training,” says Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, Lisa Tepper Bates. “This training allows providers the opportunity to share lessons learned and discuss promising new approaches so that we can continue pressing forward to advance the goal of ending all homelessness in our state.”

National and state experts will give workshops focusing upon building school-community collaborations, transforming systems of care, engaging new partners, using data to inform decisions, and working with highly vulnerable populations. Dennis Culhane, PhD, Director of Research for the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, will give the keynote address and share lessons learned in through work to end veteran homelessness that can benefit efforts with other populations. The morning speaker will be Tammy M. Sneed, the Director of Gender Responsive Adolescent Services for the Department of Children and Families. Sneed will discuss the relationship between trafficking and youth homelessness in CT and the on-going efforts to end this practice.

The 16th ATI is brought in part by the generous support of the presenting sponsor, Bank of America. The Office of Early Childhood will sponsor the track on Ending Family Homelessness and the Connecticut State Department of Education, Connecticut Department of Housing, and Liberty Bank Foundation are workshop sponsors. Please visit the ATI website for a complete listing of sponsors.



For more information about the ATI, visit cceh.org/2018ati or contact Julia Minchew or (860) 721-7876 ext. 101.

The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, in partnership with members and communities throughout the state, creates change through leadership, advocacy, and building the capacity of members and the field to prevent and end homelessness in Connecticut. Learn more about by visiting cceh.org.