



The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness



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2010 Project Homeless Connect Planned for Branson Area

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The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) is planning its second Project Homeless Connect event in Missouri. Hosted by GCEH and several area social services providers, the event is tentatively scheduled for October 2010 in the Branson area.

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event that connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness with on-site medical care and a variety of social services. Project Homeless Connect is a homeless services delivery model, first introduced in San Francisco in 2004. Since that time, more than 200 communities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Australia have hosted Project Homeless Connect events, offering homeless individuals and families much-needed assistance.

In August 2009, Missouri's first GCEH-sponsored Project Homeless Connect event was held in Columbia and provided numerous services to homeless individuals and families, including access to shelter/housing, food and clothing donations, legal assistance, child care assistance, employment resources, haircuts, identification cards, medical check-ups, mental health screening, substance abuse screening, Medicaid and Social Security applications, vision testing and services, credit counseling, HIV/AIDS testing and more.

Project Homeless Connect Co-Chairs Mandy Fangmann and Jenni Miller, both of Missouri Housing Development Commission, hope that the Branson event is as well-received as the Columbia event.

"Our first event in Columbia served the central region of the state, and this event in Branson will assist homeless individuals and families in the southern part of the state," said Miller. "Our long term goal is to have Project Homeless Connect events in each region of Missouri."

Fangmann noted that, "During the July Point In Time Homeless Count, the Branson area had one of the largest populations of homeless persons in the state. We feel that having a Project Homeless Connect event in Branson will help a lot of people that are in desperate need."

Persons interested in joining the Branson Project Homeless Connect Committee or providing services at the event, please contact Jenni Miller at jmiller@mhdc.com or (816) 759-6614 or Mandy Fangmann at mfangmann@mhdc.com or (816) 759-7203.