

**Corporation for Supportive Housing
and
The Supportive Housing Association of NJ
Host**



“Building Tomorrow”

11th Annual New Jersey
Supportive Housing
Conference

Focus on the Future

**December 4, 2009
at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ**

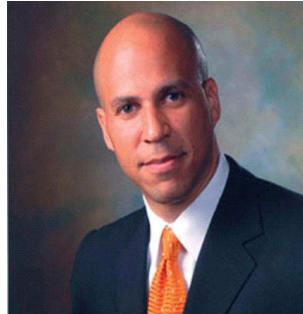
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Conference Keynote Speaker

Mayor Cory A. Booker of
Newark, New Jersey



(Source: Web site for Mayor Booker)

Elected with a clear mandate for change, Mayor Booker has begun work on realizing a bold vision for the city. Newark's mission is to set a national standard for urban transformation by marshalling its resources to achieve security, economic abundance and an environment that is nurturing and empowering for individuals and families.

As of July 1, 2008, Newark, New Jersey led the nation among large cities for reductions in shootings and murders, achieving decreases of more than 40% reductions in both categories. Radical transformation of the Newark Police Department under Mayor Booker's leadership, together with the deployment of over 100 surveillance cameras throughout the City, has led to Newark setting the nationwide pace for crime reduction. Among other recent notable achievements in the past two years the Booker Administration has doubled affordable housing production.

Mayor Booker's political career began in 1998, after serving as Staff Attorney for the Urban Justice Center in Newark. He rose to prominence as Newark's Central Ward Councilman. During his four years of service from 1998-2002, then-Councilman Booker earned a reputation as a leader with innovative ideas and bold actions, from increasing security in public housing to building new playgrounds. This work was the foundation for his leadership as Mayor. For this work, he has been recognized in numerous publications, including, among others, Time, Esquire, New Jersey Monthly (naming him as one of New Jersey's top 40 under 40), Black Enterprise (naming him to the Hot List, America's Most Powerful Players under 40) and The New York Times Magazine.

Conference Awards

The following awards will be presented this year:

Growing Inclusive Community Award

This award is intended to honor local community planning boards and/or planning departments that are working to develop Supportive Housing that is affordable and accessible in an inclusive community setting.

Direct Support Staff Award

This award is designed to honor an outstanding staff person that delivers the highest quality support and services to Supportive Housing residents.

Property Manager and/ or Landlord Award

This award is meant to recognize an individual or organization that has consistently worked with provider agencies to offer decent affordable housing to residents.

Architectural Design Award

This award will honor a project that is innovative in its concept and design and meets the needs of Supportive Housing residents.

Developer Award

This award looks to highlight the efforts a Supportive Housing developer puts in the creation of projects that look to improve the lives of its residents by providing them with quality affordable housing.

For Conference Information

For information or if you have questions regarding the conference, registration, or payment please contact:

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Conference Overview: Workshops

Track I: Direct Services (S)

S1. Promoting Health & Wellness among Supportive Housing Consumers: Many mental health consumers face the harsh reality that they may die an average of 25 years earlier than people without mental illness. Supportive housing offers a unique setting in which to engage and assist people to choose and live a healthier life. This workshop will focus on how to optimize health and wellness within a supportive housing setting.

S2. Serving Those with Active Addictions in Supportive Housing: This workshop will focus on engagement and effectively providing services to those with active addictions in supportive housing. Open dialogue on what direct service staff face and best methods on how to work with this population will be the format for this workshop.

S3. Veterans and Supportive Housing: Currently it is estimated that as many as one in four of the long term homeless are veterans. However, there is a new wave of veterans from recent wars facing homelessness with new issues and needs. Hear how best to provide supportive housing and services to veterans that meet the changing needs of this population.

S4. Employment: Supportive Housing Consumers in the Workforce: Come learn how to make the bridge from supportive housing to employment from consumers who have re-entered the workforce.

S5. Strategies for Serving the “Hardest to House”: Active mental illness, long-term homelessness, substance use, severe medical issues, alone or in combination presents significant barriers in maintaining housing stability. This workshop will be an arena for discussion and ideas on how best to provide services for those with severe housing barriers.

S6. Linking Consumers to Community Resources: With the availability of limited resources and tough economic times, agencies cannot provide every service necessary to help consumers maintain stability. This workshop will focus on how to link your supportive

housing consumers to the services they need and work with the consumers to advocate for the quality services they deserve.

Track II: Development (D)

D1. Dimensions of Quality in Supportive Housing - Physical Environment and Property Management: How do you know that the supportive housing you are providing is of the highest quality and is meeting your tenants’ needs? This workshop will discuss the key factors of quality for supportive housing focusing on the physical environment and property management. Learn how to evaluate your own housing and bring your best practices to share.

D2. COAH & Supportive Housing - How to Make It Happen in Your Town: Supportive housing IS affordable housing and every town must provide their fair share. Hear how some NJ towns have embraced supportive housing and have received the added benefit of it helping to meet their COAH obligation. Learn how to develop local partnerships and the strategies necessary to create supportive, affordable housing in your town.

D3. Collaborations that Create Supportive Housing: Collaboration and partnerships can help bring about supportive housing from community groups and institutions that may have never thought they would provide housing. This workshop will highlight some of these unique collaborations throughout New Jersey.

D4. Legal Issues and Supportive Housing: Everything you need to know about the legalities of developing supportive housing and being a landlord in NJ. Experts will be on hand to answer all your questions.

Track III: Policy & Advocacy (P)

P1. Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program- Changing How We Deal with Homelessness: New Federal Stimulus funding has provided an opportunity to prevent, divert and quickly re-house individuals and families that have entered the homeless system. How does it work and how can a community best use new and old resources to successfully keep people out of homelessness? This

Track III: Policy & Advocacy (P)- Cont'd

workshop will provide answers to those questions and will explore how this new program opportunity can transform the homeless system.

P2. NJ State Policy Update - Olmstead: The State Olmstead lawsuit has been settled so what does that mean for mental health consumers and DD consumers, supportive housing and the implementation of New Jersey's plan? This workshop will provide the latest updates on how the State is moving Olmstead forward.

P3. Advocacy for Supportive Housing and Ending Homelessness: How can you make a difference in the creation of more supportive housing and the fight against homelessness? Come learn what actions can be taken to affect change on a local, state and federal level.

P4. The "New" Federal McKinney-Vento Program: In May of 2009, President Obama signed into law a bill to reauthorize HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs known as the HEARTH Act. This new legislation will redefine HUD homeless programs as we know them. Come hear what this new legislation will mean for your HUD grant now and what it will mean for HUD homeless programs in the future.

Track IV: Funding (F)

F1. Funding Supportive Housing - Making the Difficult Match of Operating & Services: It seems that you can pull the capital together to develop your supportive housing, but you have no operating or service dollars and you don't know where to find them. This workshop will point you in the right direction and focus on how best to combine limited resources to make your project work.

F2. Fundraising for Supportive Housing in Difficult Times: How do you best tap into private funding sources for supportive housing even in tough economic times? Come to this workshop to understand the keys to making the right application to the right private funding source to get the dollars you need.

F3. Utilizing Medicaid Reimbursement for Funding Services: Can Medicaid reimburse your organization for the services you provide? Is it difficult to do? Come learn from the experts on how Medicaid can fund services provided in supportive housing.

Track V: Innovations (I)

I1. Housing First - Making it Work in Your Organization: As a practice, Housing First has been around for many years and is a proven method to house the long term homeless; however, communities and agencies struggle to incorporate it into how they handle homelessness. This workshop will provide direction on how you can make Housing First work in your community and organization, including service system change and staff understanding and buy-in.

I2. Providing Effective Case Management in Homeless Prevention, Diversion, and Rapid Re-Housing Programs: Working with individuals and families that have "moderate" barriers to become or remain permanently housed in a short period of time is the goal of prevention and rapid re-housing programs. How do you effectively provide case management services to meet the needs of those in the program and know they have the tools to maintain stability once their time is done? This workshop will explore best practices in providing case management for these types of programs.

I3. Life Sharing - A Different Way to Provide Supportive Housing: 'Life Sharing' can be an innovative approach to Supportive Housing. This option not only creates a mutually rewarding experience for each person involved, but also fosters a deep sense of belonging and stability that so often is missing from more traditional approaches to residential services. Leaders in the field will detail models of Lifesharing, its affordability, and how to successfully support its development and growth within your organization.

I4. Utilizing Peer Counselors: Peer counselors can be an asset to consumers and the agencies that utilize them. Come learn how best to incorporate peer counselors into your agency.

Conference Agenda

8:00-8:30: Registration/Breakfast

8:30-8:50: Opening Remarks/ Conference Awards

9:00-10:30: Workshops - Session I

- S1: Promoting Health & Wellness Among SH Consumers _____
- S4: Employment: SH Consumers in the Workforce _____
- D2: COAH & SH: How to Make It Happen in Your Town _____
- P1: Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program _____
- P2: NJ State Policy Update: Olmstead _____
- F3: Utilizing Medicaid Reimbursement for Funding Services _____
- I1: Housing First: Making It Work in Your Organization _____

10:45-12:15: Workshops - Session II

- S2. Serving Those with Active Addictions in SH _____
- S6. Linking Consumers to Community Resources _____
- D4: Legal Issues and SH _____
- P4: The "New" Federal McKinney-Vento Program _____
- F2: Fundraising for SH in Difficult Times _____
- I2: Providing Effective Case Management in Homeless Prevention, Diversion and Rapid Re-Housing Programs _____
- I4: Utilizing Peer Counselors _____

12:30-2:15: Lunch & Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speaker: Mayor Cory A. Booker of Newark, NJ

2:30-4:00: Workshops - Session III

- S3: Veterans and SH _____
- S5: Strategies for Serving the "Hardest to House" _____
- D1: Dimensions of Quality in SH _____
- D3: Collaborations that Create SH _____
- P3: Advocacy for SH and Ending Homelessness _____
- F1: Funding SH: Making the Difficult Match of Operating & Services _____
- I3: Life Sharing: A Different Way to Provide SH _____

Conference Registration

You can register online at www.regonline.com/NJ09SHConf
OR complete the information below and send with check (payable to CSH-09 Conference) to:

Corporation for Supportive Housing
 Attn: Barbara Dohrenwend
 650 South Broad St., 3rd Floor
 Trenton, NJ 08611

Pick ONE workshop per session on lines to the left

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Functional Category for your position (Case Manager, Administration, Developer, State Agency, etc.) _____

Do you require ADA accessibility? Yes____ No____

Please identify any serious food allergies. _____

Conference Prices

Early Bird Registration: Deadline October 15, 2009

_____ \$150 General Conference Registration

_____ \$130 *Group Rate

After October 15, 2009

_____ \$200 General Conference Registration

_____ \$150 *Group Rate

*** Group Rate: 5 or more from same agency (per person cost-fill out individual form for each person)**

Conference Logistics

The Conference will be held at:

The Pines Manor
 2085 State Route 27
 Edison, NJ 08817
 (732) 287-2222
 www.pinesmanor.com

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE NORTH

Garden State Parkway South

To Exit 129. Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Interstate 287 South

Follow to Exit 3 (Metuchen-New Durham). Make a right off the exit onto New Durham Road. At the first light, make a left onto Talmadge Road. Go through the first light and prior to the second traffic light, the side entrance of the Pines Manor will be on your left.

New Jersey Turnpike South

To exit 10. Follow signs to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Route 1 South

Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

FROM THE SOUTH

Garden State Parkway North

To Exit 127. Take Interstate 287 North and follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Interstate 287 North

Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Route 1 North

To the Plainfield Ave. jug handle. Cross over Route 1 and go to the second traffic light, which is Route 27 (Lincoln Highway). Make a right onto Route 27 North. Go four traffic lights and Pines Manor will be on the left.

New Jersey Turnpike North

To Exit 10. Follow signs to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Free parking is available at conference site



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