

HOUSING NOT HANDCUFFS

e-news update

March 2018

Dear Supporters and Endorsers of the Housing Not Handcuffs campaign,

Our campaign continues to grow, over 650 endorsements so far! [Keep encouraging your friends, colleagues, and elected officials to endorse.](#)

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If you have submissions for the next newsletter, send them to skang@nlchp.org by **April 12.**

Report: "Protect Tenants, Prevent Homelessness"

Protect Tenants, Prevent Homelessness discusses the link between homelessness and renters' rights. It details how the lack of affordable housing has increased housing instability and evictions, amplifying the current homelessness crisis. The report also provides solutions to strengthen housing stability for low income renters thereby decrease homelessness.

[Click here to read the report](#), [view slides from the webinar](#), and join the national conversation on social media with #RentersRights!



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Campaign Updates

Encampment Principles & Best Practices

This is a great document to bring to meetings with you when discussing approaches to encampments or impending sweeps. We took all the best practices we found and distilled them into six principles that anyone can apply in their community. This one-pager with the six principles and practices can be found in the [HNH Policy Toolbox](#).

Delaware HBOR Updates

HerStory Ensemble shares that the DE HBOR, SB 49, is still in committee. Allies have proposed splitting the bill into three bills, addressing equal accommodations, fair housing, and equal employment, as a strategy for getting it passed in pieces, but advocates have not yet decided on how to proceed.

SPARC report

Our colleagues at SPARC published new research that documents the disparate impact homelessness has on people of color. The report details the structural racism that has systemically oppressed people of color, particularly Black and Native American communities, by preventing access to housing and opportunity for economic mobility. [Read about their findings here.](#)

Announcements

Law Enforcement & Homelessness: Forging Fruitful Partnerships

Free Webinar | Thursday, April 12, 2018 | 12-1 p.m. CDT

The relationship between law enforcement and homeless communities is sometimes contentious and challenging for officers not trained in crisis de-escalation, and leads to fines, fees, jailtime, and worse for people without homes, and ultimately perpetuates the cycle of homelessness.

This webinar will provide an introduction to the causes of homelessness and its rise across the United States, highlight one city doing promising work in this area, and offer recommendations for communities to collaborate between law enforcement and service providers. In addition to the national perspective of two leading advocacy organizations, the presentation will highlight the unique experience of a former police officer who now provides legal services for people without homes. [Register now.](#)

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Bridges to Justice: Building Coalitions and Collaborations Within and Beyond Psychology



The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues is hosting its summer conference in Pittsburgh, PA, June 29-July 1. An advocate and expert on McKinney-Vento implementation in Delaware and a representative from the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty will co-lead an Interactive Discussion on local and national homeless legislation. [Register now.](#)

Use of Campaign Branding

We encourage campaign endorsers to link relevant events to the national Housing Not Handcuffs campaign. Please see the guidelines for branding your materials [here.](#)

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In the News

The Fayetteville Observer, March 3
[City Council to consider new panhandler ordinance](#)

Evanston Now, March 4

[Sweeping begging ban proposed](#)

Clarion Ledger, March 5

[Did you know Mississippi still can penalize you for being homeless?](#)

Fosters, March 6

[Rochester approves tenting ban, repeals panhandling ban](#)

Colorado Springs Gazette, March 7

[Days are numbered for Colorado Springs homeless encampment](#)

The Blue Banner, March 7

[Solicitation charges highlight homelessness](#)

Times Free Press, March 7

[Chattanooga police chief asks council to pass citywide panhandling ordinance](#)

San Francisco Chronicle, March 10

[Deaths of homeless people go uncounted in Oakland- and most places](#)

Huffington Post, March 13

[Homeless Women Say 'Me Too,' But No One Listens](#)

Westword, March 15

[Right to Rest Bill Dies, Delivering a Devastating Defeat for the Homeless](#)