The Ontario Housing First Regional Network Community of Interest (OHFRN-CoI) presents a webinar on...

COVID-19, Homelessness, and Housing First

our webinar!

Join

Date and time: Monday April 27th, 10:30am-12pm (EDT)

Register here: <u>https://ohfrn-coi_covid-</u> <u>19_homelessness_housingfirst.eventbrite.ca</u>



During this webinar, you will learn about the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness and Housing First programs. We'll discuss:

- Recent research on the projected homelessness curve due to COVID-19 in the United States and potential impacts;
- Current state of Housing First programs and new challenges in Spain, Toronto, and Ottawa; and
- Different COVID-19 measures put in place in HF programs, including confinement, issues clients are facing, drug use, issues specific to minorities/cross-cultural issues, and more.

Participants from different communities, including international stakeholders are encouraged to attend, and to learn and share their experiences in working with Housing First for persons experiencing chronic homelessness, and the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenters:

- **Dennis Culhane**, Professor, Dana and Andrew Stone Chair in Social Policy, Co-Principal Investigator, Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania
- Roberto Bernad, Habitat Director.
 Housing First research, HOGAR SÍ, Spain
- Pio Giralico, Manager, Housing First Intensive Case Management & Strengthening Communities in Scarborough Programs, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Toronto
- Annette Bradfield, Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Manager, CMHA Ottawa

Moderators and OHFRN-Col Co-Leads:

- Tim Aubry, Professor, School of Psychology & Senior Researcher, Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services, University of Ottawa
- **Geoff Nelson**, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Wilfrid Laurier University

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