

## **OHS PRIORITIES CLUSTER TRAINING SERIES #1 – HOMELESSNESS**

**The Bridge; Lubbock, Texas**

**February 9-10, 2010**

### **TRAINING OVERVIEW:**

As the economic crisis worsens, foreclosures increase, and the economy tightens, service providers, schools, and communities are faced with growing numbers of highly mobile, high-poverty, and homeless children, youth, and families. Precious resources will be stretched even further to meet the needs of the growing population of economically challenged people across the state and nation. Participants will learn about the context of homelessness and poverty in the US, the changes in the Head Start reauthorization pertaining to children experiencing homelessness, and the Federal, state and local resources available to help those in need. Practical solutions will be applied to complex, real-life challenges created by the presence of children without homes in Head Start programs and communities. Goals and strategies will be developed for use in program design and implementation that address children and families experiencing homelessness.

### **DAY ONE (Tuesday; February 9, 2010)**

#### **MORNING SESSION (8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)**

##### **Overview of High Poverty, Highly Mobile, and Homeless Situations**

- *Who is My Neighbor?:* overview, statistics, setting the context
- *Making Ends Meet:* Poverty guidelines, budgeting/family needs, building resources
- *Does Working Work:* minimum wage, living wages, employment issues
- *Housing Matters:* affordable housing and housing access, homelessness

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.)**

*1:00 p.m. – Continuation of morning session*

##### **2:00 p.m. – Head Start Reauthorization requirements regarding services to homeless children**

- The definition of homelessness
- Prioritization of services to homeless children
- Identifying homeless children and youth
- Determining eligibility for homeless services
- Enrollment and documentation requirements
- Collaboration requirements with homeless liaisons from school districts
- Issues awaiting clarification in the regulations
- Initial strategies/best practices for implementation

##### **Homeless Scenarios**

**4:00 – Adjourn**

**DAY TWO (Wednesday; February 10, 2010)**

**MORNING SESSION (8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)**

**Overview of community resources for families experiencing homelessness**

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- 11:30 a.m. Continuum of Care/Building Community Collaborations

**AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.)**

**Overview of standards and indicators** for quality programs serving children and youth in homeless situations

**Overview of program outcomes and evaluation design for program implementation**

**Program implementation plans**

**Next steps**

**Questions and answers**

**Adjourn**