

## Resources

### General:

- ❖ The National Alliance to End Homelessness has provided recommendations to nonprofits and advocacy groups on specific steps they can take to increase coverage of homelessness and poverty issues. Even with little to no funding available for communications efforts, these valuable tools can be utilized to encourage print, broadcast, and online media to cover the issues that are important to you. Learn how to write a press release or opinion piece, pitch reporters, conduct an interview, effectively monitor the media, and more in this easy to read how-to guide. <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/2058>
  
- ❖ The Springfield Continuum of Care recently developed a board game which gives players a taste of the struggles facing people who are homeless. Anyone interested in getting one or learning more about the game can contact Michelle Garand at Community Partnership at 417-888-2020 or [mgarand@commpartnership.org](mailto:mgarand@commpartnership.org).
  
- ❖ New on MHDC Website: Community Initiatives Link. You can now log on to <http://www.mhdc.com/ci/index.htm> to find information about all the programs involving the Community Initiatives Department. The website includes links to the MHTF, GCEH, 10-year plan, Balance of State and more.
  
- ❖ *The Homelessness Resource Center* fosters the development of an interactive learning community of providers, consumers, policymakers, researchers, and government agencies at federal, state, and community levels—with the goal of bringing together state-of-the-art knowledge and promising practices to prevent and end homelessness among people with mental health and substance use disorders, and trauma histories. <http://www.homeless.samhsa.gov>
  
- ❖ *Ensuring Access to Education For Homeless Children and Youth*  
The National Center for Homeless Education recently released a report compiling three years worth of data on homeless children. [http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/data\\_comp\\_03-06.pdf](http://www.serve.org/nche/downloads/data_comp_03-06.pdf)

### Housing:

- ❖ A service to help you find quality affordable rental housing in the state of Missouri. This service lists properties that are visited periodically by the Missouri Housing Development Commission for quality purposes because they participate in state and federally funded programs. Use this service to search for affordable rental housing and to help put you in contact with these properties. <http://ahl.mhdc.com>
  
- ❖ The USDA has a website for multi-family housing rentals. This is a comprehensive resource for the entire country. To begin a search, follow this link: [http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select\\_state.jsp](http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_state.jsp)