**Maine Continuum of Care and Portland Continuum of Care Presents**

**Understanding General Assistance**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Ellen Moore**

**Maine DHHS General Assistance Field Examiner**

**And**

**David MacLean**

**Social Services Division Director, City of Portland**

**Wednesday, July 13th, 10-12**

**City of Portland Building, 196 Lancaster Street**

**This will be a combination general overview of state policies regarding General Assistance with specifics regarding the City of Portland’s General Assistance Program followed by a question and answer session**

* **Is there a difference between state policies and local rules / practices?**
* **What documentation is needed to apply and qualify for General Assistance?**
* **What are the rules / expectations of General Assistance once a person is approved?**
* **What are the expectations of the cities / towns in terms of budgeting for General Assistance?**
* **What are the requirements of cities / towns to be available and respond to requests in a timely manner?**
* **Is there an appeal process?**

**Who Would Benefit from Attending?**

* **Case Managers**
* **Direct Service Staff**
* **Landlords**
* **Housing Programs**

**Please RSVP your attendance by July 8th or direct any questions to either Aaron Geyer at** **aeg@portlandmaine.gov** **or Steve Ellis at** **sellis@peabodycenter.org**

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