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Hello,

The Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) is excited to offer another semester of HUD’s Technical Assistance (TA) Community Workshops. These Workshops are an opportunity for technical assistance that promotes group learning, peer to peer exchange, and inclusive, collaborative approaches to problem-solving and systems change.

Community Workshops will be offered starting in August 2021 to Continuum of Care (CoC) leaders, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) recipients, and HMIS Leads on specific topic areas to address needs and challenges in communities on ending homelessness. In addition to the foundational racial equity sessions for all participants, areas of concentration include:

Coordinated Entry: Prioritization and Assessment	Coordinated Entry: Referral Best Practices	Housing Focused Practices for Outreach and Shelter Staff
Mobilizing Data to Address Inequities	HMIS Basics	Partnering with People with Lived Experience

Each Workshop lasts 12 weeks, and participants are required to take a 3-week racial equity-focused pre-requisite workshop. Other pre-work may be required depending on the specific workshop.

The Workshops are not simply a set of trainings. Participants must have the capacity to actively engage in regular workshop sessions *and* work with others in their system to test modifications to system processes (i.e., sufficient buy-in from decision-makers at the system and, if needed, provider level, to consider and make changes relating to the Workshop topic). Given this level of commitment, communities must select only one topic to participate in per semester.

Communities are strongly encouraged to be intentional in selecting diverse representation to participate in the Workshop. Participants should anticipate working with a diverse array of stakeholders from their communities (including housing/service providers and persons with lived experience) between sessions to engage in planning and implement changes as a result of the information learned during the Workshop.

This collective approach to TA delivery draws on the strengths of communities and their expertise in the field to foster a space that encourages resource sharing, innovative out-of-the-box thinking, and connections across communities. If you are interested in signing up or learning more about the Workshops, please contact your HUD TA Regional Team Point of Contact.

Sincerely,

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