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Project Homeless Connect Event Coming to Sedalia in 2011

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness (GCEH) has selected Sedalia as the host city for its 2011 Project Homeless Connect Event to be held in the fall of 2011. The event is designed to serve the homeless population of Pettis County and the surrounding areas.

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event that connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness with on-site medical care and a variety of social services. Project Homeless Connect is a homeless services delivery model, first introduced in San Francisco in 2004. Since that time, more than 200 communities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Australia have hosted Project Homeless Connect events, offering homeless individuals and families much-needed assistance.

The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness has hosted two previous Project Homeless Connect Events in Missouri: the 2009 event took place in Columbia, and the 2010 event was held in Branson. At each of the Governor's Committee Project Homeless Connect events, numerous same-day services were delivered to homeless individuals and families, including access to shelter/housing, food and clothing donations, legal assistance, child care assistance, employment resources, haircuts, identification cards, medical check-ups, mental health screening, substance abuse screening, Medicaid and Social Security applications, vision testing and services, credit counseling, HIV/AIDS testing and more. These same types of services are planned for the Sedalia event.

Project Homeless Connect Co-Chairs, Mandy Fangmann and Jenni Miller, both of Missouri Housing Development Commission, have served as co-chairs for all GCEH Project Homeless Connect events. "The Governor's Committee to End Homelessness selected Sedalia for a variety of reasons," said Miller. "Pettis County consistently reports high Point-in-Time Count numbers of homeless individuals and families, which is a one-day count of the homeless population throughout the state. In addition to those results, we chose this area because of tremendous support from both the city and county to address, prevent and end homelessness."

Persons interested in joining the Sedalia Project Homeless Connect Committee, or to donate your goods and/or services during the event, please email Jenni Miller at jmiller@mhdc.com or Mandy Fangmann at mfangmann@mhdc.com.

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