Donation Drive a Big Success!

The Coalition held a donation drive to benefit the YMCA of Central Ohio’s new temporary shelters for homeless men and women and the Social Isolation and Quarantine shelters. The YMCA opened these facilities with amazing speed in the midst of the coronavirus emergency. Thanks to everyone who donated sheets, blankets, underwear, toiletries, and other useful items for people who stay in these shelters. Your generosity is so heartwarming and highly appreciated!

- Keith -

Steve Skovensky from the YMCA writes:

“Thank you again for coming out this morning with the donations. And thanks to everyone...on behalf of the YMCA of Central Ohio, our housing and shelter team and most importantly the people we serve in housing and shelter, thank you! The items will be distributed between our de-concentration shelters and our isolation and quarantine locations. Please send my thanks to all the great Coalition members that have made this happen.

Thank you!

- Steve -

Street Speech is a street newspaper published by the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless since March 2008. We are a member of the International Network of Street Papers.

Our mission is to 1) act as a voice for the most vulnerable of the community while advocating for issues of social and economic justice, 2) foster self-sufficiency by providing a source of income to people living in poverty, and 3) create awareness of the issues of poverty and homelessness through newspaper content and positive interaction between vendors and community members.

Vendors buy Street Speech from the Coalition for $0.35, which pays for a portion of our production costs. Vendors then offer it to the community in exchange for a donation of an amount chosen by the donor (a typical choice is $1). This donation provides the Vendor with income and involves them as participating members of the local economy and the Coalition’s Workforce Development mission. Vendors must abide by a Code of Conduct which can be found at our website. Contact the vendor manager for more information about the vendor program or if you would like to become a vendor.

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- Write a check to: Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
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  Columbus, OH 43222

Give a hand up... not a hand out
The Effects of COVID-19 on Shelters
featuring Sue Darby, Senior Vice President of Housing, YMCA of Central Ohio

How have things changed for the YMCA since the start of the coronavirus emergency?

People enduring homelessness have significantly more health problems than the general population. To meet their basic needs, they either have to search for unsheltered options or go to a congregate living space. Neither is a healthy alternative during this public health crisis. The first urgent change for the YMCA was to start deconcentrating the Van Buren Center. We had close to 700 individuals living in a very congregate setting. With our partners at the Community Shelter Board, we stood up 3 additional facilities in less than 4 weeks. This allowed us to decrease the population at Van Buren by half.

We now have the ability to keep everyone even safer by providing proper social distancing. Our second focus was to help reduce hospitalizations by setting up the Shelter Isolation and Quarantine “SIQ” facility. We have two high-risk shelters specifically designed for people experiencing homelessness who either have or have been exposed to COVID-19. We are thankful to our medical partner, Lower Lights. Their support and guidance have been unbelievable during this process.

Is it harder for people to move through the shelter and find housing now?

Absolutely. Due to the pandemic, many property managers have limited hours to show and lease apartments. Along with a lack of truly affordable housing units and slower financial subsidy response, individuals experiencing homelessness are seeing a rise in shelter isolation and quarantine. Our second focus was to help reduce hospitalizations by setting up the SIQ facility. We have two high-risk shelters specifically designed for people experiencing homelessness who either have or have been exposed to COVID-19. We are thankful to our medical partner, Lower Lights. Their support and guidance have been unbelievable during this process.

What effect have the new YMCA shelters opening had on the system?

The additional shelters have definitely helped with personal distancing. However, nothing is as safe as your own space. As you know, the potential for widespread transfer of COVID-19 within this vulnerable population is great. So it is extremely important to continue to deconcentrate the shelters, find homes rapidly, or secure additional hotel rooms for the most susceptible in this population.

We will probably need to keep the temporary shelters open so the system can stay deconcentrated for a while, at least until the six-foot radius and masks and glove rules are still in effect. The people we serve who are homeless are often medically fragile. I would not be surprised if the temporary shelters are in place another six months.

Has anything good come to light as a result of the coronavirus emergency?

Definitely supportive partnerships and increased individual advocates. The YMCA could do nothing without the support of key partners like Community Shelter Board, CMHA, OhioHealth, and Battelle, just to name a few. It’s also very humbling to see the outpouring of individuals who want to volunteer or give. Even the smallest amount of light shines bright in such a dark time.

Do you think Columbus has enough shelter space for homeless adults?

I don’t think it’s a question about shelter space, but about affordable housing. Quite simply, housing solves homelessness. As a community, our focus should be squarely on stabilizing households, developing new, truly affordable housing, and enhancing existing homes.

What would help people move through the shelter system faster?

Access to quality, safe, and affordable housing. Housing is the key to reducing or even stopping intergenerational poverty and increasing economic mobility. It’s important to not only think about individuals experiencing this crisis today—we must focus on how we can completely stop it from happening tomorrow.

The biggest thing we’ve got to advocate for is to get as far upstream as possible to try to prevent homelessness before people go to a shelter. I think we need to keep people in their homes and find ways to decrease the eviction rate. We need more prevention services and solid resources to help them stay housed. It is so much less expensive to keep people in their current housing. Everyone who experiences homelessness goes through something very traumatic. Whatever we can do to keep that from happening, we need to try very hard to do.

What can the Coalition do to help the YMCA?

We have a need for PPE, not only for our staff but for those we serve. Masks and gloves are a privilege—a privilege many don’t have. We need to be able to secure needed sanitization, hygiene, and PPE for individuals on the land and in shelters.

Can you help the YMCA by donating masks, gloves, cleaning products, and hygiene products? Please visit the YMCA website at www.ymcaofcolumbus.org or call 614-573-3616 to learn more about how to make a donation. Thanks for your support!

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The now iconic picture [taken by photographer Tod Seelie] of dozens of people experiencing homelessness sleeping in a Las Vegas parking lot while thousands of empty hotel rooms sit in the background. These are just some of the many headlines and images this month in the United States. These are headlines that address both systemic racism and the need to provide a safe place to call home for all our citizens.

INSP North America director Israel Bayer calls for short-term relief and sweeping changes from the US federal government as the coronavirus pandemic ravages the homeless community and plunges those in uncertain housing predicaments into greater uncertainty. It is an opportunity, Bayer writes, “to create a national housing justice movement that addresses both systemic racism and the need to provide a safe place to call home for all our citizens.”

INSP North America director Israel Bayer: “The issue of homelessness and housing in America has been a tinderbox waiting to catch fire for generations. It’s time for change.”

“It’s a time bomb: 23 die as virus hits packed homeless shelters.”

“Positive cases of COVID-19 at San Francisco homeless shelter grows to more than 90.”

“One in three among Boston homeless test positive for coronavirus.”

The now iconic picture [taken by photographer Tod Seelie] of dozens of people experiencing homelessness sleeping in a Las Vegas parking lot while thousands of empty hotel rooms sit in the background. These are just some of the many headlines and images this month in the United States. There will be more. The global respiratory disease known as COVID-19 is hitting America’s homeless population, and it’s hitting it hard.

Unfortunately, it’s not a surprise. There is no place for people experiencing homelessness to shelter in place and emergency shelters aren’t the most ideal setting to fight against a global pandemic. It’s a harsh reality for more than 500,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night.

We shouldn’t be surprised. The issue of homelessness and housing in America has been a tinderbox waiting to catch fire for generations. We know that housing specifically has been used as a weapon against people of color in America for centuries. To add insult to injury, the massive disinvestment in housing for America’s poor during the past 40 years, the lack of mental and physical healthcare, ongoing racial discrimination and most of all, the lack of leadership at a federal level, has led us to the situation we find ourselves in today.

It’s time for change. We must not forget the one time America did attempt to create a social safety net for all its citizens during the Great Depression — creating national jobs and housing programs — it did so in response to both market forces and social unrest. The federal government didn’t just wake up one day and say “we want to help the poor”. With the collective circumstances we find ourselves in today, we have a similar opportunity for much different reasons.

There’s no question the coronavirus pandemic is a nightmare for people on the streets, and the poor, among others. The nightmare is far from over. In fact, it’s just begun. Without bold action, an entire new generation of people will be thrown into poverty and homelessness without the necessary support and safety nets put in place.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition, and other national leaders, including the International Network of Street Papers North America, is calling for the following in the short-term.

• Emergency funding of $11.5 billion to minimize the number of people who live in homeless encampments and congregate shelters, and identify alternative space, including hotels, for isolation and self-quarantine, as well as funding for short-term rental assistance and housing stabilization services. Funds should also be used for medical respite care, outreach and street medicine for people experiencing homelessness.

• A national, uniform moratorium on evictions and foreclosures. Congress should implement a uniform policy that assures that renters and homeowners will not lose their homes during a pandemic. A lot of tenants will be responsible for paying back unpaid rent. The law should prohibit it rent arrears — accumulated during the period covered by the moratorium — from forming the basis of an eviction.

• Emergency rental assistance and eviction prevention of $100 billion. A moratorium on evictions, on its own, is not enough. Congress must also provide tens of billions of dollars in rental assistance to avoid creating a financial cliff for individuals and families that will fall off when eviction moratoria are lifted.

• Emergency funds for already existing affordable housing in both rural and urban environments, including tribal lands. Providing resources for already existing affordable housing efforts is critical in maintaining people’s housing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• Access to legal services and housing counseling. Resources for legal services are needed to protect tenants from unlawful evictions that may occur after any moratoriums are lifted, or if moratoriums are not put into effect. Housing counseling can help renters and homeowners remain stably housed during and after the coronavirus outbreak.

• Moratorium on sweeps of homeless encampments. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise localities to not sweep homeless encampments or force people to relocate during the pandemic if there are no alternative housing options available to them. Federal resources should be tied to a requirement that states and localities institute a moratorium on homeless encampment sweeps.

It’s also important to remember there was a housing crisis in America before the pandemic. Long-term the United States must move to create a new housing strategy that provides massive ongoing investments in supporting the production of millions of new housing units, rent assistance for our most vulnerable citizens, and protections for renters and homeowners nationwide.

The reality is, for millions of people out of work and facing housing instability, surviving the pandemic will only be the first hurdle in the long road that lies ahead. We have the opportunity to do much more. We have the chance to create a national housing justice movement that addresses both systemic racism and the need to provide a safe place to call home for all our citizens. There’s no better time than the present.

Find out more and take action at the National Low Income Housing Coalition website.

Israel Bayer is director of INSP North America.

Many street paper vendors are homeless or struggling with housing. While they can’t sell on the streets, street paper organizations are providing alternatives to the public to help support them.
A Brief History of Homelessness in Columbus

Part I: Homeless Men and Women

by Keith McCormish

The 1980’s was the beginning of mass homelessness in America. Ronald Reagan was busy de-regulating corporations and cutting federal spending. As a result, the savings and loan industry crashed and banks failed when risky investment schemes crashed. The federal government bailed out banks to the tune of nearly a trillion dollars. The pattern of “socialize the losses and privatize the profits” emerged between the government and big corporations.

Reagan thought it was OK to bail out rich people, but he really didn’t care to help poor people much at all. He cut the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans from 70% to 28%, and cut federal spending at the same time, which was incredibly harmful for the poor. Contrary to the magical “trickle-down economics” idea, the private sector simply did not help anyone if they couldn’t make money on the deal.

Reagan cut the HUD budget by 70%, ending rent subsidy for millions of people and setting the stage for the new era of homelessness. At the same time, state psychiatric hospitals were downsizing in a policy shift known as “de-institutionalization.” Thousands of people who were in long-term hospital settings ended up wandering the streets and homeless. Ohio cut welfare assistance for single adults with very low income. Cities closed down rooming houses and SRO hotels with new zoning laws and regulations.

These colossal failures in policy created homelessness on a scale never seen before. The shelter system emerged as an effort to manage the fall-out and at least keep people alive. In December of 1983, Kent Beittel started The Open Shelter. It was the first 24-hour emergency walk-in homeless shelter in Columbus. Located in an old warehouse close to where COSI stands today, it wasn’t elegant, but it was a refuge for thousands of men to find help and start over. The Open Shelter launched several creative programs, such as supervised beds for people who were intoxicated, a payee program for people who couldn’t manage money, and outreach services for people living on the land.

The Open Shelter didn’t fit in with the city’s plans to gentrify Franklinton, however, and they were asked to move in 1999. They refused. They were de-funded by the Community Shelter Board and the old building was torn down. The Open Shelter still provides a day-time drop-in center, meals, clothing, supplies, and support for the most vulnerable homeless individuals in downtown Columbus.

Friends of the Homeless also opened in 1983 on the east side of Columbus with shelter and support programs. Founded by Bill Faith and a few other conscientious folks, Friends of the Homeless converted an old glove factory into a shelter for up to 120 men. Recovery services for shelter residents were added through a program called “Solutions and Possibilities.” Friends of the Homeless also developed a women’s shelter, known as Rebecca’s Place, and transitional housing apartments in the neighborhood close to the shelter.

Long before homelessness became a full-blown crisis, Faith Mission was offering food and shelter for people without resources in downtown Columbus. Faith Mission started in 1966 with daily hot meals and a few beds for homeless men. Faith Mission has grown steadily since then, and now operates two large men’s shelters, a women’s shelter, a community meal program, a health center, and many other programs for homeless folks in Columbus.

The YMCA got into the shelter business when they opened Van Buren Shelter on the southwest side of Columbus in 2014. The large building at Van Buren filled several needs – more family shelter space, a replacement for Rebecca’s Place women’s shelter as it was closing, and more capacity for single men. The Van Buren shelter was filled to capacity from the day it opened, proving once again that there is much more demand for shelter than capacity in Columbus.

Van Buren has also been the “winter overflow” shelter site for several years. During cold weather, the shelters are well over capacity, and a “winter overflow” system kicks in to prevent people from freezing to death. The existing shelters increase capacity and a temporary shelter opens at Van Buren to serve about 200 more homeless adults each night. Around mid-March the winter overflow system shuts down, leaving many homeless people without a place to go. This year, due to the coronavirus emergency, the Community Shelter Board decided not to end overflow, and opened several temporary shelters with the YMCA as the operating partner.

Shelters are almost always full in Columbus, and there is often a wait list for single adults. Shelters have not kept pace with demand in Columbus, mostly because the Community Shelter Board wanted to spend more money on housing and less on shelter. The theory was that if they created enough supportive housing, the need for shelter would be lower. But it didn’t happen that way, and demand for shelter continued to increase. This puts tremendous pressure on shelters and funders alike. They can’t solve the problem by building more shelters.

We are not addressing the root cause of homelessness, which is low income and lack of affordable housing. Homelessness affects African American citizens a disproportionate amount due to systemic racism and economic inequality over many generations. Making housing a basic right of citizenship in the United States would help. If people can’t afford housing, the government would be required to provide housing or rent subsidy. As the coronavirus situation has shown, the federal government can get out the checkbook, bail out huge corporations, and hand out cash with trillions of dollars of “stimulus money” when the house of cards that is our economic system is about to collapse. Apparently being homeless is not a big enough emergency to make politicians care enough to address the problem.

But as millions more become homeless each year, this is likely to change. The role of government is to take care of people and problems when the marketplace fails to help. Ronald Reagan started the country down a dangerous path of abdicating the role of government, ignoring the poor, and making rich people even more wealthy. Unless this changes, you will only see more shelters, more tent cities, and more people begging for money on the street.
How have things changed at the shelter since the start of the coronavirus emergency?

It’s been a big change. We had to try to space people out more in the shelter to maintain social distancing. We were able to send 70 people down to new YMCA shelter to relieve some of the crowding here. We’re putting people into every other bed now to keep better distance. The question now is, how do we proceed and operate in this new environment and try to get people housed with this “new normal?” We take everyone’s temperature twice a day and have a set of screening questions that we ask at least once a day to determine possible exposure and try to spot something right away. We don’t allow visitors in the shelter now, only staff and residents. Our meal providers have been great through all this. They are dropping off meals from their cars, and we then take the meals inside and serve residents ourselves.

We’ve stepped up cleaning and disinfectant of the “heavy touch” areas in the shelter. We have a hand-washing station outside the front door and ask people to wash up before they come in. There is a sense of comfort that a lot of our staff have now with all the preventive things we’ve put in place. We’re part of Southeast Healthcare, and we all started immediately with being pro-active and getting out in front of the emergency. I’m on a conference call 4 days a week now with system providers, and that gave me a sense of confidence that we can do this together. Now we have a weekly staff meeting to talk about COVID-19 and what we are doing to make things safer. Our hope is that residents become so familiar with all the temp checks, screening questions, and hand-washing that they will do them automatically and also let us know if they are at higher risk.

Is it harder for people to move through the shelter and find housing now?

Yes. A lot of offices people need are closed. They can’t get the documents they need to process a housing application, like birth certificate or driver’s license. Luckily CSB has made it easier to process the Direct Client Assistance applications in light of all the difficulty we’ve had. Rental office are often closed or have different hours. It makes it harder for people to apply for housing and look at apartments.

What effect have the new YMCA shelters opening had on the system?

It’s made it easier to implement a lot of changes we had to make. It’s one thing to do all of the new procedures with 145 men as we did before this emergency – but much easier when we only have 73 men in the shelter. We’ve been able to do the temp checks and screening easier with a smaller group vs. a larger group. The new Social Isolation and Quarantine shelter has been helpful too, because they can take people who test positive or have symptoms. Sometimes when people are doing intakes over the phone it’s hard to detect symptoms of illness. Once we see them in person, if they are sick, now we have a place for them to go to receive shelter.

Has anything good come to light as a result of the coronavirus emergency?

The staff have really come together and rallied around the cause. They are helping each other, and the residents have taken it seriously. We’ve had no push-back from residents or staff because they know it’s coming from a place of safety. It all hit home for me when they said they were thankful we haven’t had any cases of COVID-19 in the shelter. The shelter is probably safer than a lot of other public places right now.

Do you think Columbus has enough shelter space for homeless men?

It ebbs and flows, to be honest. We can always use more shelter space, but I always view homelessness not as a problem, but as a symptom of something bigger. We have to address the overall problem. It’s like when you have a cold and you take medicine to treat symptoms. You haven’t addressed the actual cause. I think we could use more shelter beds, but we also need to look at what is causing this to continue to happen? Why are we putting all these resources in and getting the same result? Who’s not at the table that needs to be there to change things?

What would help people move through the shelter system faster?

I think the go-to answer is affordable housing, but the more I look at it, I think that’s too easy to pinpoint. That’s not all we need. I seriously think we need to look at the overall issue of homelessness. A deeper look. We need to bring other people to the table. We can’t be afraid to really think outside of the box. The same way we literally stopped everything because of the pandemic, if we could pay attention to homelessness with the same intensity, we’d see more changes. We need a different look.

Are there any specific things that FOH needs from the public right now?

We need donations of sheets, toiletries, and of course financial contributions. But the biggest thing we need from the public is for them to understand that once things get back to normal, the issues of homelessness are still going to be in place. People are still going to be struggling, going through some things, and we need to pay attention to what’s going on once we get past this. There are still some things that deserve our attention. Because so many people have been impacted by this emergency, the funds that are going out have been tremendous. My fear is that the folks we’ve been tasked with helping – people with the very lowest income - may get pushed further back for assistance.

What can the Coalition do to help FOH?

Remember you used to do a day-long workshop on homelessness? What happened to that? I think that was great for the partners and people on the front lines to get together. Would it be possible to bring that back? They had training and workshops and CEU’s. It was really interesting to get people from outside the system to attend and share some of their thoughts and ideas, too.

Antonio Caffey, Executive Director
I've been through a lot of these viruses, such as Ebola, Sars, Aids and Swine Flu among others. But nothing quite like Coronavirus. People hoarding food and toilet paper and wearing masks. Yeah, it’s definitely crazy. But, I know one thing for sure, I ain’t gonna live in fear, scared to go outside. Because if it’s my time to go, it is what it is. Hoarding groceries and toilet paper ain’t gonna help. You can’t take it with you. I do thank all the heroes the healthcare workers and truck drivers. I don’t understand why in America the healthcare workers don’t have the supplies they desperately need. Let’s also think about the homeless. While we’re in our houses chilling they have nowhere to go. Also a lot of the places that they go are shut down. I just hope the Lord got their backs. I just hope things get back to normal. I miss selling my papers. People need to get back to work so they can pay their bills and feed their families. God bless everyone and God bless America.

We Need Your Help

The Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, just as many other non-profit organizations has been impacted by what is happening in our world today. This pandemic is far reaching and devastating. With heavy hearts, the Coalition has made the decision to suspend our printed monthly publications for the safety of our vendors and the public until further notice.

So many of our citizens’ livelihood have been affected by this pandemic. For many of our vendors, Street Speech is a major resource for their well-being and unfortunately, they are not eligible to file for unemployment.

We are looking for ways and asking for your suggestions as to how we can continue to support our less fortunate neighbors that have fallen on such catastrophic times.

We have chosen to continue with our issues of Street Speech, but using a different format until we are beyond the limitations and restrictions that are in place for now and the near future. Street Speech will be published online at: http://www.columbushomeless.org.

The Coalition would like to ask for your support in keeping Street Speech viable and continuing to support our vendors. Donations can also be made online at http://www.columbushomeless.org.

We appreciate all of the support that we have received from the Columbus community and we are COLUMBUS STRONG!

You remain in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your continued support.

- The Coalition -
The following is a limited listing of area organizations that assist people experiencing homelessness. To receive information on additional resources, please contact HandOn Central Ohio at 614-221-2255 or 2-1-1.

**Eviction Assistance**

**COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES OF CENTRAL OHIO**

For tenants facing eviction by their landlord to maintain their housing 614-222-7911 or visit communitymediation.com

**Employment Assistance**

**OHIO MEANS JOBS**

614-225-0990 ext. 1301

**Food, health care, childcare, energy assistance**

578 E. Main Street, 614-224-9121 ext. 1270

**veterans call or apply in person M – Th- 1-4pm**

**Military veterans resource center**

2323 Lexington, 614-365-5140, ext. 225 M – F: 8:00 – 12:00

**Ensure educational rights of homeless youth**

1421 Hamlet St. 614-256-5500 Mon & Tues 9am - 1:30 & 3:00

**SERVICE COMMISSION**

**YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

**SOUTHEAST VOTATIONAL CENTER**

(formerly known as COVA)

1242 North Pearl St. 614-214-3000

**MOUNT CARMEL OUTREACH**

561-458-4201 M - Th 8:00 - 12:00

**Skyline**

Homelessness, Housing, and Drug and Alcohol Alcoholism for 18 and under 1775 Alum Creek 614-449-1330

**COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Low income and Section 8 Call or apply in person 800-800-800. 614-421-6000 M – F: 8:00 – 4:30

**New Life Community Outreach**

1493 S. Michigan Ave. 614-224-9235 M – F: 9:00 – 3:00

**FRESH PRODUCE**

http://jfs.franklincountyohio.gov/

http://benefits.ohio.gov

**Low Income and Section 8 Call or apply in person M – Th- 1-4pm**

**VETERANS & FAMILIES FIRST**

1421 Hamlet St.

**Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs by phone 1-800-827-1000,**

**Homelessness, Housing, and Drug and Alcohol**

**Additional Resources**

**COMPASS**

**Cuyahoga County**

**Community Kitchen**

201 S. 5th St., 614-228-0799

M – Th 8:00 – 4:00  F 8:00 – 12:00

**ACTIVATION**

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE CENTER AT FAITH METHODIST**

Medical, dental, vision, & beh. health 240 N. Grant Ave, 614-224-6617 ext. 2106 M – F: 8:30 – 12:30 & 1:30 – 5:30

**Low income and Section 8 Call or apply in person M – Th- 1-4pm**

**STAR HOUSE**

Ensures educational rights of homeless youth 14-24yo. Food, internet, showers, laundry, counseling

1220 Comograd Way 614-826-5866

**COMPTON, INC.**

Substance abuse counseling and treatment Call for Appointment 614-251-4506

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

**RESIDENTIAL ALCOHOL & DRUG TREATMENT**

Attends court appointments for persons leaving incarceration 614-225-0990 ext. 1301

**UNITED RECOVERY CENTER**

384 hammertown Rd., 614-622-7654

12:30 - 5:30

**COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEALTH**

**OUTPATIENT & long term residential drug and alcohol treatment for women & their children**

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**280 E. Broad, 614-525-2500**

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614-253-8501

9am-5pm M-T-F

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