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Navigating the Intersection of Homelessness and the Criminal Justice System

The relationship between homelessness and juvenile and criminal justice involvement for both youth and adult populations is being tackled nationally and in Connecticut. Having a criminal record poses significant barriers to housing and increases the risk of homelessness. Those experiencing homelessness, youth and young adults in particular, are vulnerable to having their behaviors criminalized, leading them into the criminal justice system. Removing the barriers to safe, stable, and affordable housing for those involved with the criminal justice system is critical to Connecticut's efforts to preventing and ending homelessness.

This IForum will explore the intersection between homelessness and the criminal justice system, and how federal and state policies can support youth and young adults confronting both homelessness and recidivism and guide them onto a path that keeps them housed and stable.

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT
(directions: www.lyceumcenter.org)

8:30am – 9:00am: Breakfast & Conversation

9:00am – 11:30am: Program

Event is free and open to the public. Register early to ensure a seat as we expect strong attendance.

Register online:

<https://april2017iforum.eventbrite.com>

More information:

www.psychousing.org/2017-iforums

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Panel discussion featuring:

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