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**Care For the Homeless Hosts Policy Forum on “The Trauma of Homelessness”**

*New York non-profit gathers a panel of experts to discuss and answer questions on  
“The Trauma of Homelessness”*

**New York, N.Y.** – Care For the Homeless (CFH) has gathered a panel of experts to discuss and answer questions regarding the “trauma of homelessness.” The seminar will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and be held on the Sixth Floor Conference Room Center at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY.

Attendance is free and open to the public. However, guests must first [register on Eventbrite](#) to reserve their seat and allow time for security check-in. Photo ID will be required to enter the building.

A light breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. followed by welcoming remarks at 9:30. Afterwards, the panel discussion will go from 10-11 a.m. and conclude with an hour-long Q&A session.

Moderator: **George Nashak**, Executive Director, *CFH*

Panel Experts include:

- **Michael Austin**, Client Advocate, *CFH*
- **Scott Auwarter**, Assistant Executive Director, *BronxWorks*
- **Dr. Andrea Littleton**, Medical Director, *BronxWorks*; Physician, *CFH*
- **Dr. Regina Olatin**, Chief Medical Director, *CFH*
- **Frances Pierre**, Commissioner, *Suffolk County Department of Social Services*

The panel of experts will address how trauma is related to the causes and perpetuations of homelessness. Specific topics will include *street homelessness*, *substance use disorder*, *adverse childhood experiences (ACES)*, and *family homelessness*.

“Trauma is a frequent precipitant of an episode of homelessness,” states George Nashak, Executive Director, CFH. “And it is challenging to end an episode of homelessness without addressing the trauma that was experienced by the individual or family.”

“This policy forum brings together experts and people with lived experience of homelessness to shed light on the interaction between homelessness and trauma, and to suggest approaches that can be taken by practitioners and designers of programs.”

“The Trauma of Homelessness” is the first in a series of in-depth discussions being organized and presented by CFH. Future seminars will address issues related to poverty, health care, employment, housing, and more.

CFH is also grateful to its event host, the Region II, New York Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

**About Care For the Homeless:**

*Care For the Homeless (CFH) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and is committed to providing individuals experiencing homelessness with high quality medical, mental, and behavioral health care services. In addition, CFH actively advocates for policies to prevent and end homelessness. CFH also currently operates Susan’s Place and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Women’s Center, transitional shelters for mentally ill and medically frail women as well as multiple health care delivery sites across four New York City boroughs. For more information, visit [www.careforthehomeless.org](http://www.careforthehomeless.org).*

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