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**HOUSING FIRST:
ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTING RECOVERY**

FEATURING SAM TSEMBERIS, PH.D.

Founder & Executive Director of
Pathways to Housing in New York City

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

Loyola University Chicago - Lakeshore Campus
6525 N. Sheridan, Chicago

This day long conference will explore the challenges and opportunities presented by the housing first model — that is, housing that does not require abstinence as the ticket for admission. It will bring together providers who work with homeless people who use substances and participate in other high risk behaviors, and who are not ready for (or reject) abstinence-based treatment programs. The focus will be on pragmatic applications of harm reduction within a supportive housing setting.

Watch for complete registration details & information in April 2009

Dr. Tsemberis founded Pathways to Housing after years of working with street outreach teams and drop-in center programs and encountering innumerable barriers in securing housing for those clients. Dr. Tsemberis is on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry of the New York University Medical Center, and is principal investigator for several federally funded studies of homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse. He has published widely on the topic of homelessness for people with multiple disabilities.

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