## February



## SOCCEED

## (Systems of Care in Community Emergent Events and Disasters)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	17	18 Monthly Membership Meeting at 1 p.m. on Webex	19	20	21	22
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In February, we will in part be exploring a topic that there is not much discussion on but there should be. Many of the families that we are serving have experienced homelessness for different reasons and for some, homelessness has been a repetitive cycle. It seems in many of these instances, the support once placed into housing is just not there and children and families wind up back where they started. Getting people into permanent housing is quite the task but so is maintaining that housing because just putting a roof over someone's head does not guarantee they have what is needed to keep it. If we do not equip people with the skills needed to keep that roof over their heads, what have we really accomplished? This month will feature guest speakers discussing everything that goes into not just getting housing but being able to KEEP it. As you all know, stable housing is a contributing factor to physical and mental health, it serves as a platform that makes success later in life, a more attainable goal. The information from these presentations will serve as the foundation for SOCCEED's latest initiative and that is FISH or Full Involvement in Sustained Housing. This will be explained in more detail in February prior to the official launch however briefly here, FISH empowers people to mitigate risk factors to the extent possible that may

circumvent their abilities to maintain the newly found housing. FISH will be completely free of all costs. The premise on which FISH is based is the Chinese proverb; "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." The goal of FISH is to have a long-lasting impact on homelessness in our communities.