



HUD Happenings Announcements for 2011

Week of April 25, 2011

Updates from the HUD Partnership Center

This April 4th and 5th, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD Partnership Center), along with other HUD staff, participated at the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention in Washington, D.C. Those assembled learned about promising practices for preventing youth violence based on models from the cities of Salinas and San Jose, California; Detroit; Boston, and Memphis. The HUD Partnership Center looks forward to engaging many more faith-based, secular, and civic entities in strengthening our nation's social fabric and preventing youth violence

Week of May 9, 2011

The [HUD Faith-Based Center](#) Participates in the White House “Connecting Communities for the Common Good” Regional Conference

On April 27th, over 500 faith and community leaders from across the Delaware Valley joined the White House Office for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships for a series of innovative workshops, networking opportunities, and conversations with President Obama's 13 Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. HUD staff from the Philadelphia Region III office, Philadelphia HOC, and the HUD Faith-Based Center participated in the day-long event providing outreach materials from various HUD program offices.



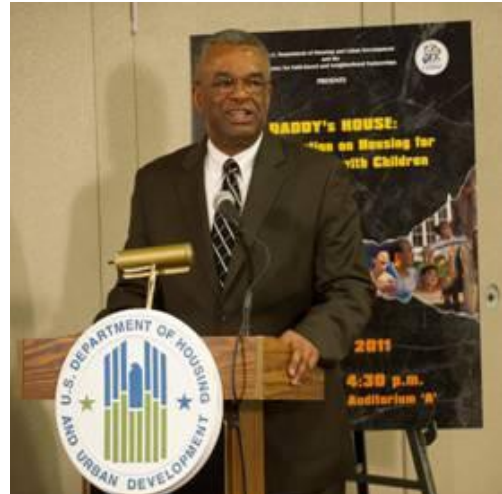
The HUD Faith-Based Center staff also conducted a highly attended workshop on foreclosure prevention and scam awareness. Workshop attendees gained knowledge of all available state and national foreclosure prevention programs available to those in their congregations and neighborhoods who may be on the brink of losing their homes. Faith and community leaders were given the [“Toolkit On Foreclosure Prevention and Scam Awareness for Faith-Based and Community Organizations,”](#) as well as several other tools to share with members of their communities and churches. These resources made available to the community included: Tips to Avoid Foreclosure, [Disaster Recovery Information Guide](#), and Stop Loan Modification Scams .

Week of May 31, 2011

Highlights from HUD's “Daddy’s House: A Roundtable Discussion About Housing For Single Fathers With Children”

On May 19th, the HUD Partnership Center hosted “Daddy’s House: A Conversation on Housing for Single Fathers with Children.” This Roundtable brought attention to a historically small but currently growing underserved population: single men who have primary custody of their children in need of safe, permanent, affordable housing with access to jobs and transportation, quality education, childcare, and healthcare for their children.

HUD Partnership Center Acting Director Paul Lincoln welcomed HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims, who reflected movingly on his own experiences, and White House Office Faith-Based and Neighborhood Director Joshua DuBois who underscored Deputy Secretary Sims remarks by highlighting the crisis of absent fathers and the President's national call to action. Government can help, but it cannot do it all, Joshua reminded the audience.



HUD Partnership Center Senior Project Officer B.J. Douglass and Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Charities Associate Vice President Eileen Higgins presented two success stories of fathers assisted in securing housing and other goods required to build stable, happy lives. Audience members raised important topics such as the need to support prisoner re-entry and the importance of cross-organization collaboration. The HUD Partnership Center will release a YouTube video summarizing the roundtable and will host a webinar based on the discussion to be aired after Father's Day.

Week of June 27, 2011

The HUD Faith-Based Center Shares Information about Disaster Recovery in New Orleans

By: [Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships](#)

On June 6, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (WHOFBNP) hosted the "Connecting Communities for the Common Good" Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The half-day conference is part of a nationwide series being organized by WHOFBNP and its supporting Federal Centers which include the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The HUD Center was well represented by the New Orleans Field Office Staff including HUD New Orleans Field Office Director, Dan Carmon and HUD New Orleans Office of Community Planning & Development Director, Cheryl Breau. Earl Randall, III lent his expertise as Disaster Recovery Coordinator and Community Planning & Development Specialist to the Department of Homeland Security's "Moving Forward...with Disaster Response and Recovery." Earl spoke to the resources the agency has available and how faith-based and community organizations can work with HUD to assist neighborhoods impacted by disasters.

Week of July 25, 2011

July 26-28: HUD Faith-Based Center to Visit Albuquerque, New Mexico to Host the Southwest Tribal Leadership Conference

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) is delivering the Southwest Tribal Leadership Conference, under the auspices of the Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico this week from July 26-28. The theme of the conference, "After the Assessments: Next Steps," is designed to help tribal leaders make effective use of assessment and survey results to develop needed projects and secure the necessary funding. Confirmed speakers include Arthur Allison, New Mexico Secretary of Indian Affairs and Alexia Kelley, Deputy Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.



Conference topics include financial literacy, economic development, infrastructure development, and affordable housing development. Break-out sessions will focus on the nuts and bolts of developing action plans. Technical assistance, delivered the last day of the conference, will focus on capacity building and funding information.

July 27: HUD Faith-Based Center to Serve as Agency Lead for the Connecting Communities for the Common Good Conference in Denver, Colorado

On July 27, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) will be hosting the "Moving Forward...with Housing Solutions for the Homeless" panel at the Connecting Communities for the Common Good Conference. During the HUD CFBNP panel, attendees will learn about national and local initiatives to assist the homeless community in Colorado. Panelists include Gary Sanford, Policy Advisor to Governor Hickenlooper (CO); L. Shawn Berry, Community Coordinator for the Family and Senior Homeless Initiative; Amber Callender, Executive Director for Denver's Road Home; as well as representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and HUD. The Connecting Communities for the Common Good Conference series, organized by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will convene nearly 500 faith-and community-based leaders from the Colorado Area for an exciting opportunity to network with HUD CFBNP staff, as well as the 12 other Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships centers.



Find more information about the conference and [view the Connecting Communities for the Common Good Toolkit](#).

Week of August 1, 2011

August 3: HIV/AIDS Roundtable Discussion

By: [Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships](#)



From 1-4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 3, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, and Baltimore HUD Field Office are partnering to host an HIV Roundtable at headquarters. There, participants will discuss successful collaborations on housing interventions on HIV/AIDS in the 21st century and present information about HUD resources that can help persons with HIV/AIDS. HUD programs demonstrate first-hand how stable

housing is a key aspect to living successfully with HIV. This event will reinforce the essential role faith-based and community organizations can play in fighting stigma and offering the helping hand in improving access to safe, decent, and affordable housing among those affected by HIV/AIDS. This event is free to the public.

Week of August 22, 2011

The Southwest Tribal Leadership Conference, co-hosted by HUD's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, received positive press coverage in Indian Country Today, a major Native American publication. Conference topics included financial literacy, economic development, infrastructure development and affordable housing.

Indian Country (Fogary, 8/3) **Multiple Funding sources the Key to Indian Housing Development.** Leverage, leverage, leverage. That's what the chief of a hugely successful Arizona non-profit told Southwest tribal leaders who want to emulate Native American Connections' track record of developing 18 different locations in Phoenix and seeing 20,000 Native people a year. "The story of Native American Connections is leverage, leverage, leverage," Diana Yazzie-Devine told the recent Southwest Tribal Leadership Conference held in Albuquerque. She described how leveraging --- using available funds to attract more funds from outside sources-- has been key in the development of multiple housing projects, all within close range of public transportation.

Some of the funding sources she uses include the federal New Market Tax Credit Program, the regional Federal Home Loan Banks, the Department of Housing and Urban Developments' section 202 program, local CDFI's (community development financial institutions), big commercial banks for construction financing, the Utah Reinvestment Corp., syndicators like Boston Capital, the HUD section 8 voucher program, and the federal Administration for Native Americans, among others.

"We've really learned how to leverage our projects and make them work financially," she said. Housing nonprofits should also be creative in identifying sources. For instance, New Mexico nonprofits are in the Dallas district of the Federal Home Loan Bank System. But, they can also apply to the San Francisco district for money -- and San Francisco has more money to dispense.

Week of September 26, 2011

D.C. Field Office Teams Up With HUD's Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

The District of Columbia field office, in partnership with the HUD Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, completed capacity building training for nonprofit organizations and faith based organizations on September 14. For three days, more than 80 people learned more about advanced grant management and nonprofit board governance. Anne Davis, Senior Management Analyst for the Richmond Field Office conducted the training. Rahsheim Wright from the office Congresswoman Donna Edwards gave remarks.

Attendee, who represented a variety of organizations types (veterans' housing, affordable housing, homelessness, and education) provided valuable feedback to each other as they networked during breaks. District of Columbia HUD Director Marvin W. Turner stated, "The District of Columbia HUD Office services the entire National Capitol Region. However, we were surprised that people came from as far south as Richmond, Virginia and as north as New Jersey to take the classes. This certainly reflects the level of need in our community and we are looking forward to repeating and enhancing our efforts in the upcoming in the upcoming fiscal year.

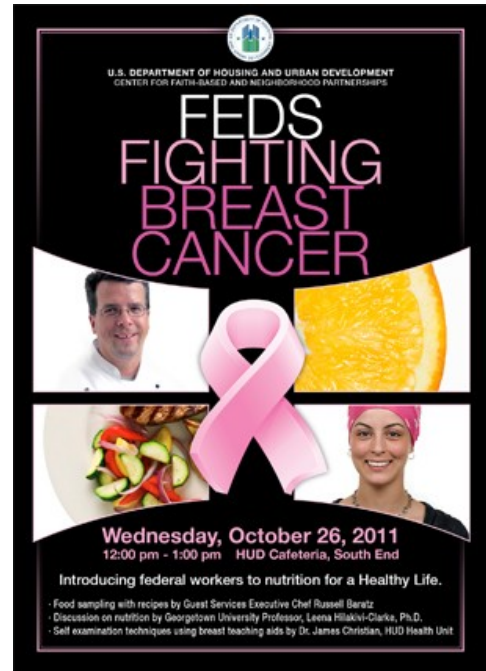


FEDS Fighting Against Breast Cancer for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Second to skin cancer, it is the most common cancer in women, but it can be successfully treated especially when detected early. Did you know that when breast cancer is detected in its earliest stages, the five-year relative survival rate is 98 percent? The survival rate plummets to 23 percent when the disease is detected in its later stages. Screening tests can find cancer early, when it's more treatable.

That's why, this October, as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, HUD would like to help ensure that its employees, especially women, not only know about the life-saving importance of early detection, but also get their mammograms as recommended. HUD encourages you to: Know your risks, get screened, know what is normal for you, and make healthy lifestyle choices. Everyone has a role they can play in encouraging their loved ones to seek the care they need. Getting regular screening tests and effective treatment is the best way for women to lower their risk of dying from cancer.

To discuss these issues in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, on October 26, the HUD Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) will facilitate FEDS Fighting Breast Cancer, an opportunity for federal employees to honor breast cancer survivors and to learn how food and nutrition can help reduce the risk of breast cancer.

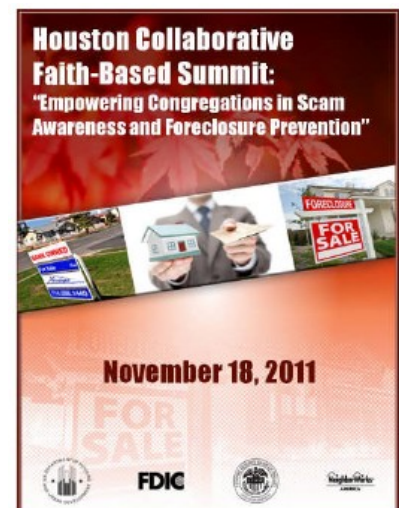


Georgetown University professor Leena Hilakvi-Clarke, Ph.D. will discuss the importance of a balanced diet for risk reduction and treatment of breast cancer. D. James Christina, HUD Health Unit physician, will discuss risk-reducing, diagnosis and treatment options for breast cancer as well as provide a demonstration of self-examination techniques for women and men. Audience members will watch a healthy meals demonstration by Guest Services Chef Russell Baratz and sample delicious treats.

The discussion will run from 12:10 to 1:10PM in the HUD Cafeteria South Lobby area. All are invited to this im-

Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Hosts Summit on Scam Awareness and Foreclosure Prevention in Houston

The Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships collaborated with several agencies to conduct a foreclosure summit for faith based and community leaders in Houston, Texas on November 18. The summit was attended by over 80 local leaders who increased their knowledge of national, state and local foreclosure prevention and scam awareness programs. The Summit was a collaborative effort between the Houston HUD Field Office, NeighborWorks America. Key presenters included representatives from HUD, as well as the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the Greater Houston and Texas Foreclosure Task Forces and the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Lessons learned from the Summit will enable local leaders to assist and provide resources to their clients and congregations who might be at risk of foreclosure and/or loan modification scams.



HUD Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Host Informative Workshops in Chicago

The Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) hosted two workshops for the Chicago, Illinois community focused on affordable housing development resources and grants at the University of Illinois-Chicago Forum.

On December 6, the Center facilitated the “Moving Forward with Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Development” panel during the White House “Connecting Communities for the Common Good” Conference. Faith and community organization representatives learned about leveraging the Community Reinvestment Act and local NSP funds for affordable housing projects, as well as how to purchase FHA and Fannie Mae foreclosed properties. Panelists included Katie Ludwig, City of Chicago Assistant Commissioner of Housing and Economic Development; Apostle H. Daniel Wilson, Valley Kingdom Ministries International; Belinda Robinson, HUD Single Family Housing Supervisor, and Desiree Rideaux, Fannie Mae Business Development Manager.



As a follow up to the panel, the Center also held a half-day workshop focused on the roles HUD and the City of Chicago play in neighborhood. The workshop, titled “Rebuilding Neighborhoods through Collaborations and Partnerships,” highlighted the agency’s place-based grant making strategy. Attendees learned about place-based grant opportunities and the importance of grant applications.



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