



# HUD Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships: 2014 in Review

2014 IN REVIEW



CFBNP director, Paula Lincoln, presents members of the Latino Network with the Prestigious Secretary's Award

## Overview

Dear friends,

The past year was terrific for the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP)! In 2014, HUD CFBNP sponsored several successful outreach events, conducted its signature capacity-building trainings, and reached out to new partners by providing technical assistance on HUD programs and strengthening its network of stakeholders. This would not have been possible without your support.

If you're not familiar with the work of the Center, HUD CFBNP builds partnerships and serves as a liaison between the grassroots and federal government, ensuring that groups have the latest information about HUD grants, programs, and other federal resources available to their communities. HUD CFBNP also serves as a resource for community and faith-based nonprofits seeking to partner with HUD in addressing the housing and community-development needs of the neighborhoods they serve. To learn more about these opportunities, contact the Center via the information at the end of this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy some of the highlights of the Center's work in 2014. I wish each of you a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,  
Paula A. Lincoln  
Director

## Hosting The Secretary's Conference-Call Series for Faith and Community Leaders

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) has hosted the HUD Secretary's Conference Call Series for Faith and Community Leaders since 2012. The Series, developed to increase the knowledge of faith and non-profit community leaders, is one of HUD's most popular programs and answers participant questions with assistance from agency program-office subject matter experts. By far, the most popular program questions are related to housing counseling and homelessness. HUD CFBNP is often asked, "How can I become a HUD-approved housing counseling agency?" and "How do I open a homeless shelter using property that the church owns?" In efforts to provide the best and most up to date answers, we collaborate with program staff and host the calls. One such call was conducted entirely in Spanish with the assistance of language translation by the Latino Network, a HUD employee affinity group. This collaboration resulted in the Latino Network receiving the 2014 Secretary's Award for Employee Manager Diversity. The Center is currently planning next year's

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call schedule. To receive invitations and registration notices to participate, email us at [partnerships@hud.gov](mailto:partnerships@hud.gov) so we can add you to the listserv.

## About HUD CFBNP

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) supports the mission of HUD to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality homes for all. Strong communities with safe, affordable housing promote a better quality of life. Non-profits, both faith-based and secular, play vital roles as HUD's partners in implementing HUD's housing development and policy strategies.

HUD CFBNP is part of the HUD Office of the Secretary, and supports the Secretary's priorities and HUD's strategic goals. The Center also supports the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership (WHOFBNP) initiative to ensure that organizations rooted in the community can access and participate in HUD programs to advance shared goals. For more information on the WHOFBNP you can go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ofbnp>.

HUD CFBNP coordinates daily with the WHOFBNP and its 12 sister Partnership Centers including Health and Human Services (HHS), Education, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Labor (DOL), Veteran's Affairs (VA), Commerce and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Center collaborates with federal departments to host outreach and training events which provide a comprehensive view of federal resources and partnership opportunities available to grassroots non-profits; the Center also provides important opportunities for federal officials to receive invaluable input from community stakeholders.

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Participants at a Capacity Building Training

## CFBNP Continues Its Signature 'Capacity-Building for Emerging Organizations' Training Series

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) continues to offer its signature Capacity Building Training for Emerging Organizations series around the nation. This workshop helps demystify the Federal grants process and build organizational capacity. The series also addresses misconceptions surrounding partnerships between faith-based organizations and the government; helps non-profit organizations more effectively achieve economic empowerment and wealth-creation for their communities; and educates faith-based and community organizations about HUD and Federal grant opportunities.

In day-long trainings, participants receive instruction from HUD staff on how to become more competitive for Federal grants, how to become a nonprofit organization, and how to find and apply for funding. Using the HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process as a model, HUD CFBNP trainers show participants how to read the Federal Register, provide an overview of [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov), help participants identify appropriate funding streams and potential partners for their program, and discuss other tools and skills necessary to prepare a successful grant.

Launched in 2004, the Center has presented this training to organizations working in a variety of settings, including urban, suburban and rural communities. Most recently, HUD CFBNP staff presented the training at the 100th anniversary of the Hampton Minister's Conference in Hampton, VA. Held every June, the annual conference is one of the oldest gatherings of African-American

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HUD CFBNP serves as a public resource center to provide information, resources, and training opportunities through our website, in-person presentations, publications, roundtables, and conferences. HUD CFBNP opens doors to connect groups with HUD program offices, **“creating two-way information sharing opportunities,”** and **“leveraging relationships with other federal agencies.”**

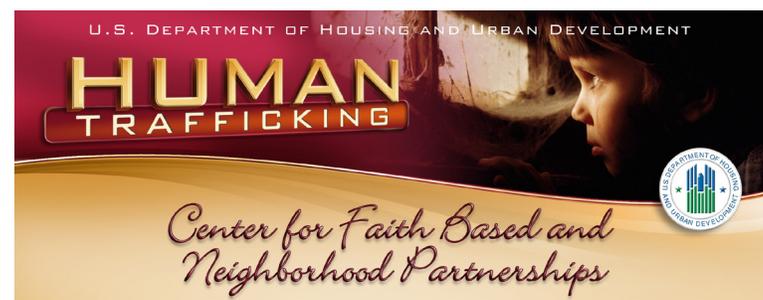


ministers in the United States, and typically draws over 7,000 participants from across the country. At the conference, HUD CFBNP staff also hosted an exhibit booth where conference participants could obtain the most up-to-date information about programs and resources from the agency. In 2014, HUD CFBNP has also conducted capacity building trainings in many locations nation-wide including Brooklyn, NY; at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD; Reno, NV; Raleigh, NC; and as part of Houston, TX Money Week.

For more information about the HUD CFBNP Capacity Building Training for Emerging Organizations series or to request training in your area, please contact [partnerships@hud.gov](mailto:partnerships@hud.gov).

## HUD CFBNP Hosts Listening Session on Housing-Related Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) along with the Office of the Secretary hosted a call entitled, “HUD Listening Session on Housing-Related Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking.” Featuring HUD grantee service-providers from the Continuum of Care program, Community Development Block Grant program, and Housing Counseling program, the listening session was the first of its kind at HUD to address the topic area of housing-related services and human trafficking.



The session was moderated by Todd Shenk, former Special Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and included representatives from the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH), the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), and HUD CFBNP. The session was an opportunity for HUD staff to learn more about the characteristics of human-trafficking survivors served by agency grantees,

as well common housing needs of survivors and how HUD grantees meet those needs. Participants also shared the most significant barriers to meeting the needs of human-trafficking survivors. The listening session builds on other Federal efforts to combat human trafficking, including the April 2013 report of the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, *Building Partnerships to Eradicate Modern Day Slavery*, and the *Federal Strategic Action Plan on Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States*, released in January 2014.

