It’s hard to believe that we are already heading into summer!! We appreciate your commitment to expanding affordable housing opportunities and housing advocacy throughout the State of Illinois as well as supporting the legislative issues put forward by National NAHRO.

We recognize that there will be various priorities that vie for your attention over the course of the summer, however, we hope that you will consider joining us in Indianapolis in a few short weeks. Illinois and Indiana State Chapters of NAHRO are partnering this summer combining our annual conference. The conference is being held in Indianapolis, IN July 29-31st and we hope that you will carve out time in your schedule to attend. We have planned a very rich conference which includes sessions for Commissioners, Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing staff as well as Community Development organizations.

Additionally, as you plan for your “Strong Families” events throughout the State during the month of June, please make sure that you share pictures and any information with ILNAHRO so that we can feature your events in our upcoming newsletters. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to receiving those pictures!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie L. Newman
ILNAHRO President
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Creating Connections

2019 INDIANA ILLINOIS NAHRO CONFERENCE

JULY 29 - 31, 2019

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis
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Mark your calendar for the 2019 IN/IL NAHRO Conference! REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

If you have questions regarding the conference, please call Jessica Matuska at 260.267.9300 x7312
2017 Amendment – Illinois Education for Homeless Children Act

Submitted by: David A. Northern, Sr., Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority of Champaign County

I just wanted to be sure my fellow colleagues were aware of this 2017 Amendment to the IL Education for Homeless Children Act (if weren’t already aware). I suggest you make contact with your local school district related to this amendment.

Statutes Amended In Order of Appearance – 105 ILCS 45/1-17 new

Synopsis As Introduced:

Amends the Education for Homeless Children Act. Provides that if a child loses permanent housing and becomes a homeless person, within the meaning of the Act, and the parent or guardian of the child finds temporary housing or shelter that still renders the child homeless within the meaning of the Act and if the school district of the child’s school of origin is thereby required to pay the transportation costs of the child to and from his or her school of origin and the school district can save money by providing housing assistance to the parent or guardian of the child such that it would allow the child to attend his or her school of origin instead of providing transportation to and from the child’s school of origin, then the school district may, at its discretion, provide rental or mortgage assistance. Sets forth provisions concerning the amount of assistance, providing the assistance indirectly through a homeless assistance agency, providing assistance to those at risk of homelessness, the length of assistance provided, and the school district funds from which the assistance may be drawn. Effective immediately.


Advocating for Tenant Rights Monthly Workshops (RPC)

A workshop focused on tenant rights will be held on three particular dates (please see below). If you’re interested and need more information, please call 217-239-5942.

Advocating for Your Tenant Rights
Monthly Workshops

Landlord won’t do repairs?
Eviction notice?
Damage deposit refund problem?
Domestic/roommate conflicts and the lease?
Lease violations by landlord or tenant?

If you need help with any of these issues, or if you are seeking information on negotiating with landlords, we invite you to join us at our next workshop

Presenter:
Esther Pratt, C-U Tenant Union

Location:
Regional Planning Commission
Brookens Administrative Center
John Dimit Conference Room
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

Time:
5:30pm to 6:30 pm

Dates:
April 24, 2019
May 22, 2019
June 26, 2019

For more information, call 217/239-5942
HUD Agrees to Provide $5M for Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Public Housing After Deaths

White House News (May 20, 2019) – by Suzy Khimm

The announcement follows an NBC News investigation that found at least 13 public housing residents died of carbon monoxide poisoning since 2003.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development announced Monday that it would provide $5 million to install carbon monoxide detectors in public housing, after an NBC News investigation revealed the lack of protections for millions of low-income tenants who live in federally subsidized rental units.

The funding for public housing authorities represents "the first time HUD is targeting grants specifically for the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide detectors," the department said in a press release.

Carbon monoxide detectors are not currently required in HUD housing, despite the deaths of at least 13 residents from carbon monoxide poisoning since 2003, according to an NBC News tally based on federal records, interviews with local housing officials and local news reports. HUD does not keep an official tally of carbon monoxide deaths in the housing that it oversees.

“Carbon monoxide poisoning presents a risk to families living in public housing,” HUD Secretary Ben Carson said in the press release Monday. “This funding will allow more public housing authorities to purchase and install these lifesaving detectors.”

Tim Kaiser, executive director of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, praised the agency for making the funds available. “This funding is necessary because public housing authorities, especially smaller agencies, have been deeply affected by more than a decade of profound disinvestment in the Public Housing Capital Fund,” he said. “PHADA hopes that HUD will continue to provide this vital funding on an ongoing basis.”

HUD announced last month that it would issue a new rule to make carbon monoxide detectors mandatory. But the agency has not unveiled a formal proposal yet, raising fears among housing advocates that more residents in HUD housing could die before landlords are required to install the detectors.

Housing advocates, along with Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., urged HUD last week to take immediate executive action to require detectors, warning that delays could mean more lives lost. But HUD said it would need Congress to pass a new law in order to move faster. The agency is currently helping Menendez and Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., to draft a bill.

A separate bill, introduced in March, would require carbon monoxide detectors in federally assisted housing and would provide $10 million in funding. The bill has yet to advance in either the Senate or the House.

HAI Group

Participating in MTW can be a smart move for your agency and your community. But like anything new and innovative, it can also be challenging. HAI Group is here to help – our newly updated MTW Resources page has the latest information you need to navigate the program. We’ve updated the MTW Guide, added an expert Q&A about the Cohort 1 application process, posted an interview with two long-time MTW participants, highlighted relevant research, and more.

You will learn:

- The benefits and challenges of the MTW program
- How to plan, build support for, and develop your MTW application
- MTW activities your agency can implement
• What early participants wish they’d known when they were starting out
• Why baseline data collection is so important—and why it’s such a challenge
• What you’ll need to do if you’re selected to receive an MTW designation
• More!

Questions? Contact Keely Stater, PhD, Director of Research and Industry Intelligence, at 800-873-0242, x 222 or kstater@housingcenter.com.

Job Announcement – From Illinois State Office of Public Housing/Chicago

The Chicago Office of Public Housing is hiring! The job announcement for a Portfolio Management Specialist position just posted yesterday, and there is both an internal (open to current federal employees only) and external announcement (open to the public). The closing date for these announcements is 6/3/19.

The link to the external job announcement (open to the public) is below:

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/534310300

Be ALERT For Computer Virus Attacks

How to avoid attacks on your computer. This is a concern of everyone, I’m sure. Personally, we have things used and stored on our computers that touch every part of our lives. As a PHA, we hold the information of thousands of people’s social security numbers, addresses, email contacts, etc. We try to protect this information with all types of devices and programs. But it seems like you no sooner get something protected one way, that scammers have figured a way around that and are pushing out a newer scam. Leaving us, again, to try to figure another way to fight against them. It’s a vicious cycle.

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This is long, but worth the read:

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From: Alan Zais
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 10:32 AM
Subject: Another virus alert that I want all of you to be aware of, supposedly from another housing authority

Hello Everyone.

Look at the email below. I received it this morning along with an attachment that read “Capital Fund”. I removed the attachment from this email.

Look how clever it is. The email address looks valid, keokukha@mchsi.com. But the actual email address used by that housing authority has the person’s name with the keokukha, and then the service is mchisi.com. Notice the difference? Just one letter “I”.

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The phone number is also not legitimate. The actual telephone number is 319-524-4386. Notice the difference? It is only one number off in the last four numbers. If you regularly used their number, you would quickly know if the area code or prefix was wrong. But one number in the last four numbers, and in the middle, can go unnoticed.

I telephoned Keokuk Housing Authority to let them know they were being used. I identified myself and started to say “...I wanted to let you know I received an email with an attachment...”, and before I could finish the sentence they told me “we’re getting the calls, it is not from us, don’t open it.”

I wanted to share this to show how innocuous these attacks can be! Again, this person is hoping that with our very busy day we would quickly open the attachment. Look how it’s even attached to a valid string!

Please, always, always remember our system contains names, Social Security Numbers, birthdates, addresses, income and sources, and more for ourselves, applicants and program families. Housing Authorities are tempting targets for this reason. We have very good software protection, but nothing is perfect and the attacks are always changing. Always be very suspicious and cautious of email addresses and attachments.

Thank you, everyone.

Alan

FICTIONOUS EMAIL

From: Donald Amsler [mailto:keokukha@mchsi.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7:03 AM
To: Alan Zais
Subject: Re: Capital Fund Program

Good Morning,

Please see the attached document.

Pass 123.

Have a great day,

Donald Amsler
Executive Director
Keokuk Housing Authority
111 S 2nd St
Keokuk, IA 52632
319-524-4286
Fax 319-524-5004

From: Rick.J.Beal imegcorp.com
Sent: Thu, 07 Feb 2019 20:05:24 +0000
To: MANY OF OUR PHAs
Subject: Capital Fund Program

Please take a moment to view the attachments of the services that we can provide your HA. We have been providing these services to Illinois HA’s for the past 30 years.

I hope that you will consider us for your Capital Program needs. You may send your RFQ’s direct to me. We will be happy to submit a SOQ to your HA.

We are a proud supporter of the IAHA Maintenance and Management Clinic. Please stop by our booth in Springfield this year.

Thank you for your consideration.
Job Vacancies

- Decatur Housing Authority

**Executive Director**

The Decatur, Illinois, Housing Authority Board of Commissioners is seeking a dynamic and highly qualified individual to serve as its next Executive Director. The Board seeks a leader and professional manager with a background in the public sector and experience with social services. The position of Executive Director is a critical, visible position requiring strong management experience, exceptional leadership ability and a successful track record of working with state or local government organizations in affordable housing. The Housing Authority values its dedicated staff and almost seventy years of service to the citizens of Decatur.

This is an exceptional opportunity to lead a dedicated and extraordinary organization and be a respected resident of a dynamic community. Decatur, Illinois, is located in the heart of Illinois and is the ideal hub from which to enjoy all of central Illinois – The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield to the west; Illinois Amish Country to the east; dozens of other Abraham Lincoln historic sites within a 360-degree radius. Following the “Looking for Lincoln Heritage Trail”, the sites of the Lincoln Family’s first Illinois home, Abraham Lincoln’s first political speech, the site where Lincoln was nominated to run for President of the United States, the log courthouse where Abraham Lincoln tried several cases and other landmarks will be found in Decatur, Illinois.

**Desired Education, Background & Competencies**

Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration or Public Administration and/or other degree programs reflecting missions and goals of the Authority. A minimum of five (5) years’ experience in a management position, with supervisory responsibilities, in business, public or social service administration. Knowledge of current public administration management methods, procedures, and functions; thorough knowledge of housing and community development programs and resources; knowledge of federal laws, regulations, and legislative processes pertaining affordable housing and community development programs; knowledge of the principals and practices of such areas such as personnel, finance, budgeting, planning, development and public relations; five (5) years professional level experience in an agency that administers housing and community development programs. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

**Compensation and Benefits**

- Compensation is commensurate with experience
- Comprehensive benefits package, including health, life, and a retirement savings plan

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter with salary history to Human Capital Initiatives by email: recruit@humancapitalinitiatives.com Please include the job title “DHA Executive Director” in the subject line of your email. Do not contact the DHA directly regarding this position.
It is the policy of the Decatur Housing Authority to give preference in employment to Section 3-eligible individuals. The Decatur Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action employer.

For additional information, please visit: http://humancapitalinitiatives.com/news-and-opportunities/

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**Membership Renewals**
It is that time of year!!! Time to consider renewing your membership or consider joining the Illinois Chapter of NAHRO. Your decision to continue or join ILNAHRO through membership keeps the association strong and helps us in our common mission of seeking excellence in both public and affordable housing, as well as, community and economic development.

If you are not a member, this is your opportunity to join forces with other PHA’s and CD organizations. Please consider joining us this Fiscal Year, there are exciting things on the horizon as we “Build Communities Together – through Affordable Housing”.

Please renew or join TODAY. Complete the form located at the link below and return it with the appropriate payment to:

ILNAHRO
Jackie L. Newman, President
200 North Eleventh Street
Springfield, IL 62703

This will ensure that your membership benefits continue or begin promptly. Let us know if we can be of service at any time.

Membership Application and Renewal Form

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IL NAHRO – Mission Statement

NAHRO makes available resources for its members and others who provide decent, safe, affordable housing, and viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income by:

- Ensuring that housing and community development professionals have the leadership skills, education, information and tools to serve communities in a rapidly changing environment;
- Advocating for appropriate laws, adequate funding levels and responsible public policies that address the needs of the people served; are financially and programmatically viable for our industry; are flexible, reduce regulatory burdens and promote local decision-making.
- Fostering the highest standards of ethical behavior, service and accountability to ensure public trust.

NAHRO enhances the professional development and effectiveness of its members and the industry through its comprehensive professional development curriculum, including certifications; conferences; and publications. These efforts work to equip NAHRO’s members with the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to succeed and prosper in a changing environment.

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The newsletter is distributed the entire year and our current subscription list encompasses over 200+ members/individuals.

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