

Housing News

Monthly newsletter on housing and economic justice



Coming Up Short for Individuals: Why Bed Counts Make a Difference

By Joy Moses

As of 2018, 59 percent of year-round beds for individuals are dedicated to permanent housing (such as Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing). This is quite a shift from 2007 when that number was only 35 percent.

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Upcoming Webinars & Trainings



Save the Date

August 2, 2019

Violence Free Colorado will host a Housing Convening on August 2, 2019. The convening location is still being confirmed, but will be outside the Denver metro area to accommodate rural organizations and programs.

This is an opportunity for advocates from across the state to come together to learn with and from one another.

The convening will be an all-day event, covering best practices in housing survivors of domestic violence including but not limited to: general best practices for trauma informed service delivery, funding opportunities, housing protections for survivors, mobile advocacy, and community engagement.

Anyone who works with survivors of domestic violence and housing, supervises housing advocates, or programs interested in developing a housing program are encouraged to attend. Violence Free Colorado will reimburse organizations for one staff member to attend – this includes mileage reimbursement, lodging, and per diem. Please note that Violence Free Colorado can not reimburse for taxes. Depending on attendance, there may be an opportunity for more than one staff member per organization to be reimbursed.

If you are interested in attending, contact Lindsay Christopher, Housing Program Manager, at lchristopher@violencefreeco.org to be added to the event listserv and receive convening logistics and updates.

Housing Protections for Survivors of Domestic Violence

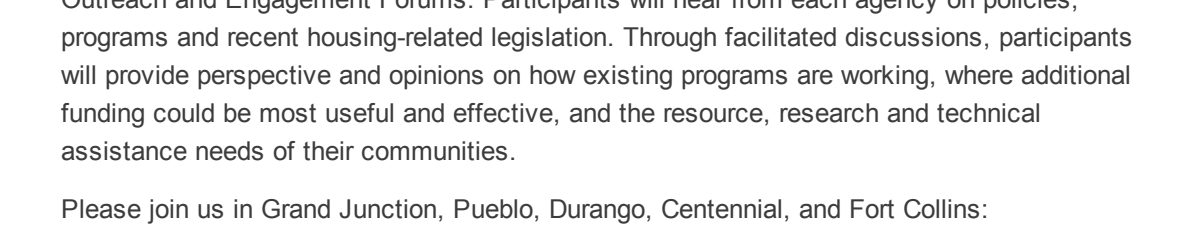
July 30, 2019

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sandra is a dv survivor with a section 8 housing choice voucher. She has moved several times within 3 years and is now receiving a section 8 voucher to subsidize her housing costs. Sandra believes that she was found by her abusive partner's family and is concerned for the safety of herself and her children. She wants to relocate to another community, but waited 2 years for an HCV voucher and is worried that she could jeopardize her housing if she moves.

Have you heard from survivors that they are struggling to balance their housing needs along with their safety needs, like Sandra? The different housing systems and entities can be hard to navigate for advocates, let alone survivors who are in the midst of crisis. This webinar will cover both the federal Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) and the state (Colorado) housing protections for survivors of domestic violence. Advocates and service providers will gain a better understanding of these protections and how they apply within different circumstances and tips for navigating housing systems with survivors.

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Housing Colorado Statewide Outreach

Housing Colorado, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing (DOH) and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) are pleased to host three statewide Outreach and Engagement Forums. Participants will hear from each agency on policies, programs and recent housing-related legislation. Through facilitated discussions, participants will provide perspective and opinions on how existing programs are working, where additional funding could be most useful and effective, and the resource, research and technical assistance needs of their communities.

Please join us in Grand Junction, Pueblo, Durango, Centennial, and Fort Collins:

Participants will hear from CHFA, DOH, and Housing Colorado on policies, programs and recent housing-related legislation, including:

- The new dedicated source of funding through a vendor fee modification (HB1245)
- Incentives for builders to facilitate affordable housing development (HB1319)
- The State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (HB1228)
- The expanded funding for affordable housing through the unclaimed property trust fund (HB1322)
- Additionally, legislative updates will include housing resources for people recovering from substance use disorders (HB1009), increased tenant protections (HB1170, HB1106), and a host of updates affecting manufactured/modular housing (HB1011, HB1309, HB1238).

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Durango Outreach & Training

July 29, 2019

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Centennial Outreach & Training

August 22, 2019

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Fort Collins Outreach & Training

August 29, 2019

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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2019 Housing Colorado Now Annual Conference

Keystone, Colorado

October 9th-11th

Celebrate 31 years at Colorado's signature housing event, gathering affordable housing professionals for creative, inspiring, and thought-provoking sessions and networking opportunities.

Register by August 26 to enjoy the early bird discount:
[Registration and Lodging Information](#)



Fair Housing 101

This free housing anti-discrimination training is a great introduction to Colorado Fair Housing laws. The class focuses on protected classes and disability discrimination, including reasonable accommodations and modifications.

Montrose

August 15, 2019

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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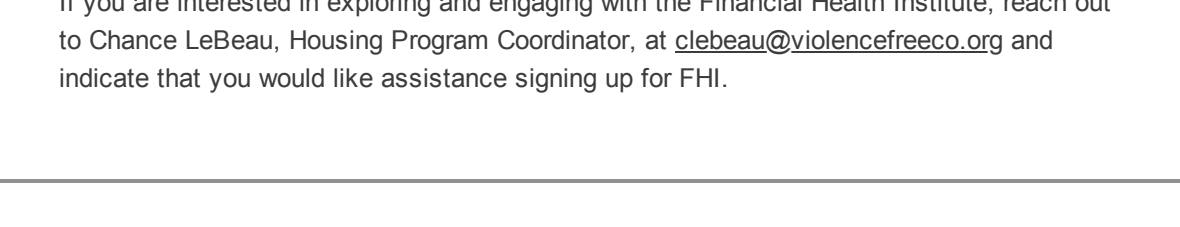
Loveland

August 22, 2019

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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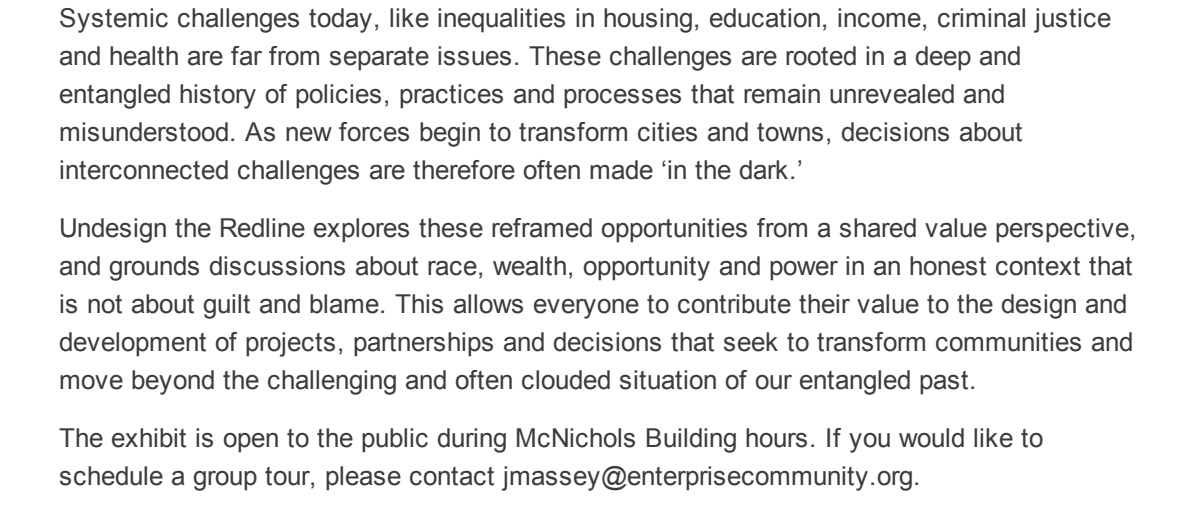
Additional Resources



The Financial Health Institute provides in-person and online training modules focused on the psychological aspects of managing money, goal setting around finances, basics of credit/debt/lending and much more. The trainings are framed to recognize trauma and how those things might impact spending habits and economic impact.

Advocates with user accounts can attend as many in-person trainings around the state as they would like and have access to a variety of online trainings as well. Violence Free Colorado has prioritized these resources for advocates and/or organizations implementing housing programs for survivors of domestic violence.

If you are interested in exploring and engaging with the Financial Health Institute, reach out to Chance LeBeau, Housing Program Coordinator, at clebeau@violencefreeco.org and indicate that you would like assistance signing up for FHI.



Undesign the Redline McNichols Civic Center Building On Display until July 21, 2019

Systemic challenges today, like inequalities in housing, education, income, criminal justice and health are far from separate issues. These challenges are rooted in a deep and entangled history of policies, practices and processes that remain unrevealed and misunderstood. As new forces begin to transform cities and towns, decisions about interconnected challenges are therefore often made 'in the dark.'

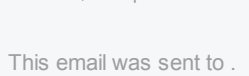
Undesign the Redline explores these reframed opportunities from a shared value perspective, and grounds discussions about race, wealth, opportunity and power in an honest context that is not about guilt and blame. This allows everyone to contribute their value to the design and development of projects, partnerships and decisions that seek to transform communities and move beyond the challenging and often clouded situation of our entangled past.

The exhibit is open to the public during McNichols Building hours. If you would like to schedule a group tour, please contact jmassey@enterprisecommunity.org.

Questions?

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