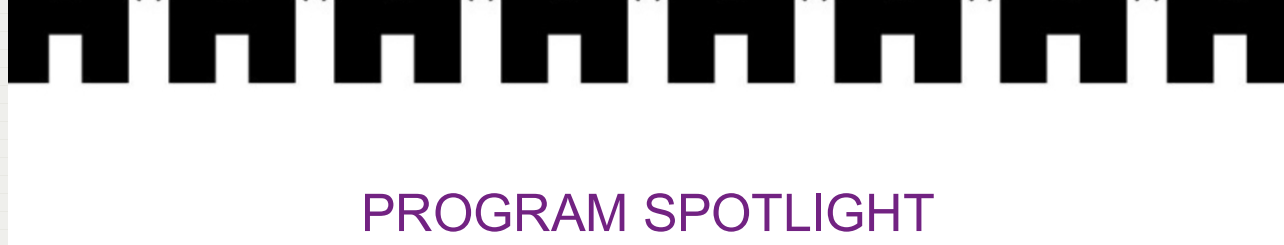
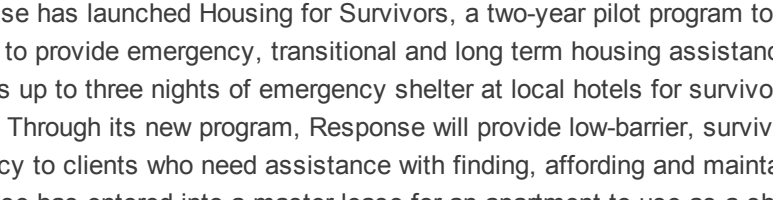


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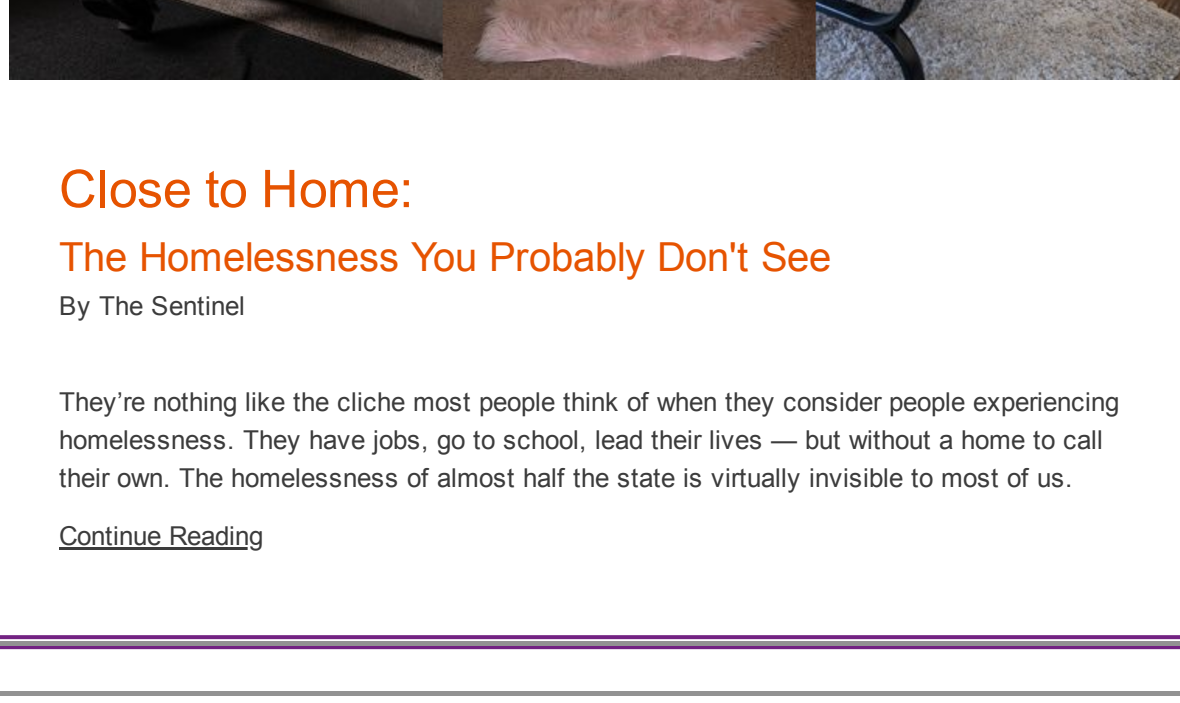
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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Response is a community based organization serving Aspen and surrounding communities. Response has launched Housing for Survivors, a two-year pilot program to work with clients in need to provide emergency, transitional and long term housing assistance. Response provides up to three nights of emergency shelter at local hotels for survivors in imminent danger. Through its new program, Response will provide low-barrier, survivor-driven mobile advocacy to clients who need assistance with finding, affording and maintaining housing. Response has entered into a master lease for an apartment to use as a shelter to provide transitional housing for survivors. Response also provides rental and other financial assistance for things related to Housing as part of its Long Term Housing Program.



Close to Home: The Homelessness You Probably Don't See

By The Sentinel

They're nothing like the cliché most people think of when they consider people experiencing homelessness. They have jobs, go to school, lead their lives — but without a home to call their own. The homelessness of almost half the state is virtually invisible to most of us.

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Upcoming Webinars & Trainings



Save the Date

August 2, 2019

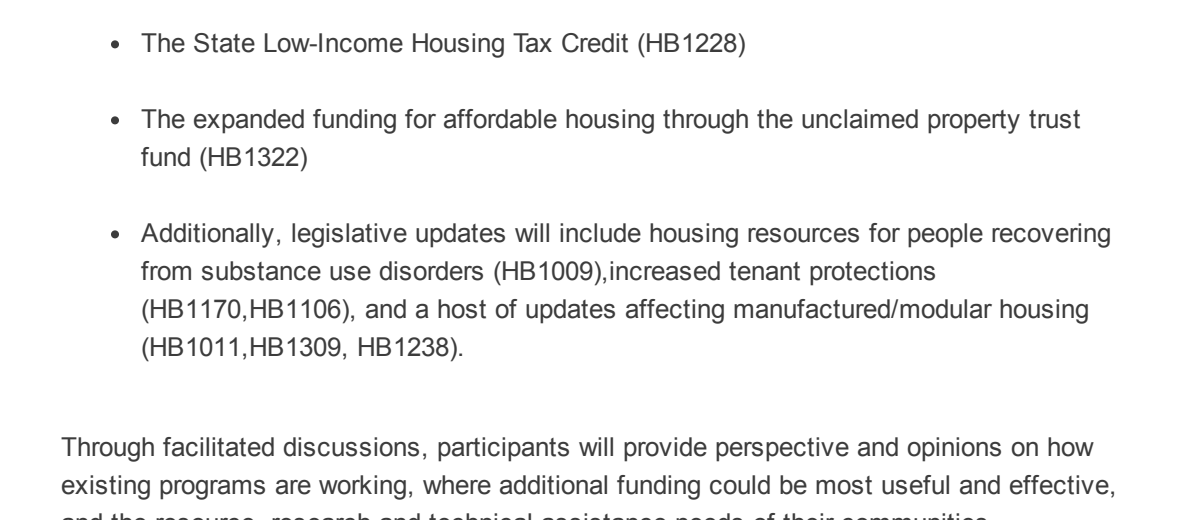
Violence Free Colorado will host a Housing Convening on August 2, 2019. The convening location is still being confirmed, but will be outside the Denver metro area to accommodate rural organizations and programs.

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 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 five 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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Grand Junction Outreach & Training

June 27, 2019
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Pueblo Outreach & Training

July 11, 2019
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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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

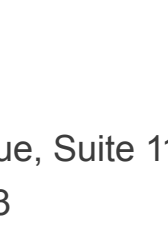
August 29, 2019
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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2019 Permanent Supportive Housing Forum

Please join us at the offices of RubinBrown for a discussion on developing, financing and managing permanent supportive housing in Colorado. Our panel of experts in the field will be covering LIHTC and PSH, team composition, services funding, and operations both on the services side and the real estate side. Project case studies will be discussed and lessons learned. Bring your questions and your appetite. Breakfast will be provided.

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Eviction Prevention Skills

June 26, 2019

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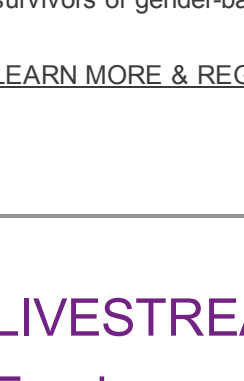
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Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Tenants, management and case management all play a role in the complicated road to eviction. While all may wish to avoid this end result, few fully understand their range of options.

Online registration will close 24 hours prior to class or when capacity is reached. Please email chfareach@chfainfo.com or call 303-297-7497 for inquiries and support.

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Nuisance Ordinances:

How They Work, Who They Harm, and How to Fight Them

July 9, 2019

3 - 4:15 p.m.

Nuisance ordinances – which impose civil and criminal penalties on residents for seeking police or emergency medical assistance – purport to discourage crime and promote safety and quality of life within communities. However, recent advocacy and research have revealed that these laws and policies have the opposite effect.

These policies discourage residents from reporting and seeking emergency assistance for crimes, including incidents of domestic violence, and compromise the safety of survivors. Nuisance ordinances also have been used in targeted enforcement efforts against communities of color.

This webinar provides an overview of how nuisance ordinances jeopardize housing for survivors of gender-based violence, as well as provide tools to combat these harmful laws.

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LIVESTREAM: VRA and COVA Emergency Fund

July 16, 2019

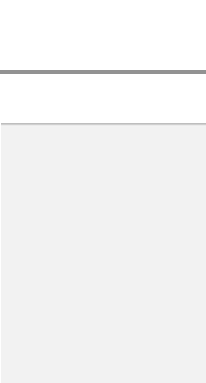
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End your day with the VRA! Did you know there are changes to the opt-in law this year? In this workshop, you will learn the requirements for VRA compliance, common grievance causes and the VRA compliance process.

Learn about the ways that the COVA-administered emergency funds can help victims, and how advocates can apply. We'll conclude with some scenarios to help clarify the things the fund can cover.

Click [here](#) to join the livestream on 3 p.m. July 16. **The link will not work before the scheduled date and time.** GoToMeeting instructions will be provided at the start of the session.

Additional Resources



financial HEALTH institute

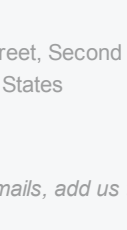
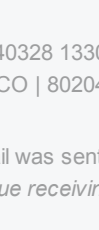
The Financial Health Institute provides in-person and online training modules focused on the psychological aspects of managing money, goal setting around finances, basics of credit/debt/lending and much more. The trainings are framed to recognize trauma and how those things might impact spending habits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

A Resource Guide for Professionals Helping Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Dating Violence Survivors

Published by the National Alliance for Safe Housing and
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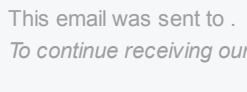


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