

Reimagining Housing Solutions in a Post-Pandemic Connecticut

Thursday, November 2nd 2023

Agenda:

8:30 am – 9:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**

10:00am – 10:05 am **Opening remarks**

- Featuring DOH Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno

10:05 am – 10:30 am **What's Cooking in CT?**

- A look at new housing programs across CT
- Featuring DOH Deputy Commissioner Brandon McGee & CEO and Executive Director of CHFA Nandini Natarajan
- Introduction to FullStack Modular

10:45 am – 11:45 am **Breakout sessions**

- Located in meeting rooms 22-27

Noon – 1:00 pm **Lunch & Fireside Chat**

- Featuring Governor Ned Lamont and DOH Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm **DOH's Priority to Advance Innovation**

- Introduction to Matrix Rental Solutions
- Introduction of the Health and Housing Innovation Grant
- Closing Remarks

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Networking Session**



Breakout Sessions



Head Start on Housing

Breakout Session

Room 26

Exploring how to leverage state partnerships to provide housing stability for young children and families

Description:

This breakout session will delve into the groundbreaking collaboration between the Office of Early Childhood and the Department of Housing in Connecticut, which aims to provide housing vouchers specifically designed to support young children and their families. Learn about how this initiative addresses the unique challenges faced by families with young children and how it contributes to the overall well-being and development of children in Connecticut. Experts and stakeholders will discuss the program's success stories, challenges, and future prospects.



Head Start on Housing

Breakout Session
Room 26

Facilitator | Panelists



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Ashley Sandoval
Head Start ECHO Lead



Olivia Capasso
Program Coordinator
Head Start on Housing



Karen Pascale
CT Head Start State
Collaboration Office Director
Office of Early Childhood

CT's regional HUBS

Breakout Session

Room 25

Exploring rapid response solutions to end homelessness that center the in person experience

Description:

Explore the critical issue of homelessness in Connecticut in a post-pandemic world. This session will focus on innovative approaches to providing in-person support systems for individuals experiencing homelessness, specifically through DOH's newly created "Hubs," which are intended to provide additional housing support services within each of the state's seven regional Coordinated Access Networks. Learn from experts and practitioners about how these hubs can be established and effectively operated to provide comprehensive support, including shelter, healthcare, employment assistance, and mental health services. Join the conversation on how Connecticut can create a more inclusive and supportive community for those in need.



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Steve DiLella
**Director of Individual and
Family Support Programs**
Department of Housing



Stephanie Corbin
Director of Programs
Mercy Housing & Shelter Corp



Carmen Ayala
**Director of Diversion Services
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Homes with Hope



Leigh Shields-Church
Coordinated Access Network Manager
Department of Housing



Natasha Dhupan
Accounting Program Manager
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Time To Own

Breakout Session

Room 22

Lowering barriers to homeownership

Description:

Homeownership is a cornerstone of stability and generational wealth-building. In this session, participants will explore the Time to Own initiative, aimed at helping Connecticut residents achieve their dreams of homeownership. Experts will discuss how the program works, eligibility criteria, and the long-term economic benefits to individuals and the state. Discover how Connecticut is fostering a culture of homeownership, creating stability for families, and building generational wealth.



Time To Own

Breakout Session

Room 22

Facilitator | Panelists



Kayla Giordano

Senior Program & Data Analyst
Connecticut Housing Finance
Authority



Jaclynn Alves

Director of Residential Lending
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Lisa Hensley

**Managing Director of
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Dante Galvez

**Affordable Mortgage Lending
Officer**
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Linda Fercodini

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Build for CT

Breakout Session

Room 24

Creating affordable housing solutions for middle income families in CT

Description:

Build for CT program is a collaborative housing initiative between the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). It leverages over \$200 million in state bonding to address the housing needs of middle-income households in Connecticut. This innovative public-private partnership aims to ensure that middle-income residents have access to quality housing, contribute to the state's economic vitality, and future growth. Join our breakout session to explore the program's key components and opportunities for collaboration in this critical endeavor.



Pat Guliano

Managing Director of Multifamily
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Eviction Prevention

Breakout Session

Room 27

Collaborating with tenants, landlords, and the court system to reduce evictions across Connecticut

Description:

High eviction rates can lead to housing instability and have far-reaching social and economic consequences. This session will shed light on Connecticut's Eviction Prevention Fund and how it brings together tenants, landlords, and the court system to reduce eviction rates across the state. Learn about successful case studies, mediation programs, and legal resources available to tenants and landlords alike. Join the conversation on how collaboration and prevention can help maintain housing stability for all of Connecticut's residents.



Eviction Prevention

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Room 27

Facilitator | Panelists



Marina Marmolejo
Director of Housing Innovation
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**Director of Workforce
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The Workplace



Ginny Monk
Housing Reporter
Connecticut Mirror



Sustainable Living for Tenants and Homeowners

Exploring collaborative solutions for a cleaner and greener CT

Description:

Sustainable housing is a vital aspect of modern living. This session will focus on innovative solutions for clean energy in homes, brought to you by leaders in both the private and public markets. Explore alternative energy sources, energy-efficient technologies, and sustainable practices that not only reduce environmental impact but also lower utility bills for homeowners. Experts will discuss available incentives, programs, and the role individuals can play in the transition to a greener Connecticut. Discover how sustainable practices can contribute to a more eco-friendly and cost-effective housing future.

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Breakout Session

Room 23

Facilitator | Panelists



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