



HUD CENTER FOR FAITH-BASED AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIPS



# HUD Happenings Announcements of 2012

## Week of February 21, 2012

### Upcoming Events February 23: Connecting Communities for the Common Good Conference

On Thursday, February 23, HUD's Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will host the "Connecting Communities for the Common Good" Conference in Portland, Oregon. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will facilitate a panel discussion with the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS); Justice (DOJ); Health and Human Services (HHS); Agriculture (USDA); and HUD. Center representatives will present on how the federal government is working with faith-based organizations to serve those in need, as well as available federal resources for various service programs.

In the afternoon, the HUD Center will facilitate a capacity building training for attending nonprofit representatives. Participants will learn the key elements of how to prepare and compete for federal funding streams, how to understand the grant application process, and the important factors for award. Attendees will also learn about CPD, FHEO, and Housing programs and how they are being utilized in the Portland area.

## Week of April 2, 2012

### Pastors and the White House Partner for the Common Good; White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the SBA Host Economic Recovery Symposium



On Friday, March 23, the White House Office of Public Engagement convened a meeting of 150 African American faith leaders from around the country to discuss issues of concern to pastors and their congregations. Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and Paul Monteiro, Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, welcomed the group. Following opening remarks, Secretary Donovan, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, and Attorney General Eric Holder discussed the top priorities and accomplishments in education, housing, and justice.

During the afternoon, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Director Paula Lincoln facilitated a panel including presenters from HUD, Treasury, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The audience received invaluable information about the mortgage servicing settlement, foreclosure scam prevention, and the President's plan to help homeowners refinance. The day-long briefing concluded with President Obama addressing the delegation in the White House South Court Auditorium highlighting the Administration's accomplishments over the last three years.

## Week of April 2, 2012 Continued

Also last week, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to host a “Symposium to Address Economic Recovery Through Strong Communities and Job Creation” at Norfolk State University, in Norfolk, Virginia. Joshua DuBois welcomed some 200 attendees to the symposium. Keynote Speaker Marie Johns, SBA Deputy Administrator, moderated a plenary panel consisting of representatives from the Virginia District Small Business Administration, the Departments of Labor (DOL); Veterans Affairs (VA) and Treasury’s Offices of IRS and Training and Outreach for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Following panel, attendees participated in concurrent workshops led by SBA, DOL, VA, Treasury, HUD, Education, and Justice. HUD’s presentation, “Foreclosure: Where to Turn when you Don’t Know where to Turn,” was moderated by Anne Davis, Senior Management Analyst, of HUD’s Richmond Field Office with panelists Kelly Gill-Gordon, Home Ownership Education Coordinator for the Virginia Housing Development Authority and Dotty Acompora, Comprehensive Certified Housing Counselor for the Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation. The panel discussed FHA and other resources that will help prevent and resolve these serious issues affecting America’s economic recovery.

## Week of April 9, 2012

### Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Presents at the Hispanic Pastors Association Faith-Based Outreach Event in Orlando

On Thursday, March 29, representatives from the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) met with more than 70 Hispanic pastors and community leaders from Osceola, Orange and Lake Counties, three rapidly growing areas in the Central Florida Orlando Tri-County area. Pastor Javier Figueroa, President of the Pastors Association, organized this historic meeting at Centro de la Familia Cristiana de Poinciana, located in Kissimmee, Florida. After a capacity building workshop, there was an open discussion on issues facing non-profit organizations, faith leaders and their constituents as they relate to regional needs such as housing development, foreclosures, healthcare, jobs and immigration. Fred Washington, HUD Tampa, provided information on ways to build organizational capacity within churches and non-profit organizations. HUD CFBNP Director Paula Lincoln highlighted key points on the mortgage servicing settlement and discussed techniques to prevent scams, and BJ Douglass, Senior Project Officer, answered questions about how faith-based and community organizations can access HUD resources and opportunities. The meeting organizers will be hosting similar events in Miami and in other Hispanic/Latino communities across Florida. For more information about the event, email [partnerships@hud.gov](mailto:partnerships@hud.gov).



## Week of April 16, 2012

### April 18: Understanding the Mortgage Servicing Settlement and the New FHA Streamline Refinance MIP—A HUD National Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships Conference Call

There is a great deal of information about the recent Mortgage Servicing Settlement and FHA Streamline Refinance programs. The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will be hosting a national conference call to explain both plans for faith leaders to share with the congregants and communities. The “Understanding the Mortgage Servicing Settlement and New FHA Streamline Refinance MIP” conference call will be held April 18 at 2PM ET.

## Week of April 16, 2012 Continued

Callers will learn about the mortgage servicing settlement, the new FHA Streamline Refinance MIP options available to eligible homeowners, scam awareness and prevention efforts, and the importance of using HUD-approved Housing Counselors from senior HUD officials including HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. Faith and community leaders will receive information and resources they can use to help congregation and community members facing foreclosure and/or families who might qualify for compensation due to an improper foreclosure practices, mortgage principal reductions and refinancing of underwater homes available for eligible homeowners. Be a part of our audience and help educate your community about saving their homes, and bringing hope to those facing foreclosure.

To learn more about the call and receive copies of the handouts, email [partnerships@hud.gov](mailto:partnerships@hud.gov) or call 202-708-2404. For more information about the settlement, please visit: [www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com](http://www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com).

**You are invited**

Understanding the Mortgage Service Settlement and the New FHA Streamline Refinance MIP: A National Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Conference Call

**Date: April 18, 2012**  
**Time: 2:00 PM Eastern**  
**Dial: 1-800-230-1074**

Join us for a conversation with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan and HUD Program Staff for a conference call on the Mortgage Settlement and FHA Streamline Refinancing plans. Call participants will hear from senior HUD officials and program staff about the types of assistance available to individuals and families who are underwater and seeking refinancing assistance, who were wrongfully foreclosed upon, or are currently facing foreclosure. This call is a chance for faith and community leaders to learn more about the national mortgage service settlement and the new FHA Streamline Refinancing plan, how they may be accessed, and eligibility requirements. Additionally, listeners will be given accurate and up to date information which will allow them to report back to their church or community members on how to avoid the risk of being the victim of a scam.

To join the call and receive copies of the Settlement handouts, please **RSVP** to [Partnerships@hud.gov](mailto:Partnerships@hud.gov) or **CALL** 202-708-2404

**NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT** For more information about the Settlement, please visit: [www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com](http://www.nationalmortgagesettlement.com)

Note that this call is not for press purposes.

## Week of May 29, 2012

### May is National Asthma Awareness Month

**ASTHMA AWARENESS**  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Characteristics of a Healthy Home**

- KEEP IT DRY**  
Fix moisture problems and thoroughly dry wet areas to prevent mold.
- KEEP IT CLEAN**  
Remove dust with damp cloth.  
Remove clutter when entering home to reduce dirt and dust accumulation.  
Wash floors with HEPA (High Efficiency) filters for floors.  
Clean surfaces by wiping off spills and other traces of food from counters, tables, and floors.
- KEEP IT PEST FREE**  
Wash dishes promptly after eating.  
Store food in sealed containers.  
Cigarette ends, ashes and stoves.  
Cuddlers - reduce or eliminate non-essential stuffed items.
- KEEP IT VENTILATED**  
Proper ventilation can reduce the hazards of allergens, mold and carbon dioxide.
- KEEP IT CONTAMINANT FREE**  
Quit smoking and don't let others smoke in your home or car.  
Keep pets away from sleeping areas and off beds.  
Minimize use of VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) cleaning products. Consider using "Green" products or non-toxic alternatives. Always read labels on cleaning and painting tools.
- KEEP IT MAINTAINED**  
Test radon in basements and walls.  
Inspect and qualify for water leaks in home.  
Check for cracking, chipping and peeling paint.  
Check to make sure all windows or windows are tight.

**COMMON ASTHMA TRIGGERS**

- Tobacco smoke
- Mold
- Dust
- Pets
- Perfumes
- Cold weather
- Stress

During the month of May, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships conducted outreach to increase public awareness and promote the understanding that a healthy and safe home can help to reduce asthma attacks.

Awareness of the risk factors, obtaining medical advice and treatment as well as following some of the tips for better controlling asthma, as described in the attached Asthma Awareness Fact Sheet, are all practical steps that can help create a healthier home environment for your family and reduce health hazards that trigger asthma.

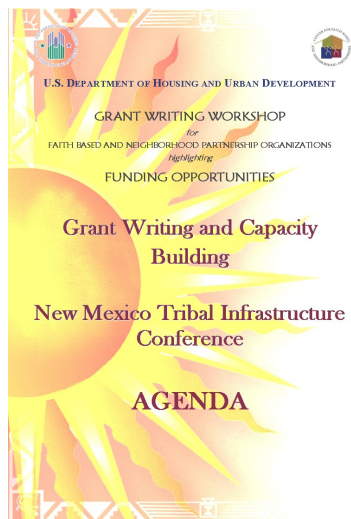
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## Week of June 25, 2012

### Closing the Gaps: New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Conference

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships led the "Closing the Gaps: New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Conference" on May 30 and 31 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Derrith Watchman-Moore, HUD Region VII Regional Administrator and the Secretary's Policy Advisor for Tribal Affairs, offered the keynote address, entitled "Planning, Execution, Management and Sustainability in Critical Infrastructure Projects."

## Week of June 25, 2012 Continued



The Center also delivered its signature Capacity Building and Grant Writing Training to tribal grant writers during the conference, offering valuable information in understanding the grant proposal from the funder's perspective, among other important topics. The Center offered the conference in collaboration with Arthur Allison, New Mexico's Secretary of Indian Affairs, and was assisted by Office of Native American Programs Administrator Carolyn O'Neil and her staff, as well as Albuquerque Field Office Director Elise McConnell. At the end of the conference, attendees had the opportunity of meeting with state, federal and private funders and technical assistance providers.

## Week of July 2, 2012

### HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the National Baptist Convention—Congress of Christian Education

The Faith-Based Center participated in the annual National Baptist Convention (NBC) with an estimated 25,000 participants from all over the United States. The Center staffed a booth in the Convention Exhibition and distributed several thousand copies of information to participants, pastors and ministers. Distributed fact sheets included information on foreclosure prevention, scam awareness, the national mortgage settlement, the independent foreclosure review, as well as other HUD programs. The Center also conducted a Federal Partnership Learning Workshop for 50 NBC faith liaisons to discuss HUD programs and opportunities to partner. The Center looks forward to future meetings with the National Baptist Convention and the NBC faith liaisons.



## Week of July 23, 2012

### HIV/ AIDS Roundtable: Keeping Our Partnerships Alive

The Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (CFBNP) is pleased to announce the release of HIV/ AIDS Housing Roundtable videos on stigma and housing development. These two one-hour videos are a result of the HIV/AIDS Housing Roundtable: "Keeping Our Partnerships Alive: HUD and Faith-Based Community Organizations' Response to HIV/AIDS" that was held on August 3, 2011 and was a collaborative effort between HUD CFBNP, the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing and the Baltimore HUD Field Office. The video release is timely with this week's 2012 International AIDS Conference being held in Washington, DC.

## Week of August 20, 2012

### Farmers Market—Food Desert

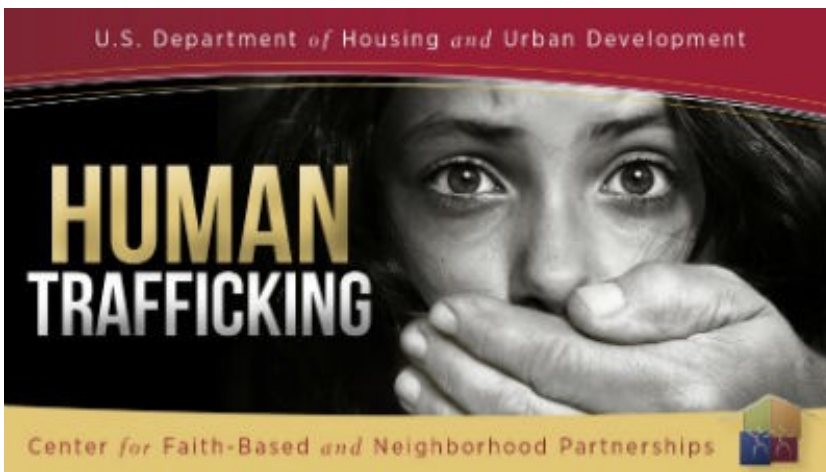
Please join the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Housing (HUD CFBNP) on August 25 at its “Farmers Market: Food Desert” community outreach event to raise the awareness about bringing up a healthier generation of kids in America. HUD CFBNP is happy to partner with the District of Columbia Ward 8 Farmers Market, The District of Columbia Office of Deputy Mayor Victor L. Hoskins, the HUD D.C. Field Office, America’s Miss D.C. Sarah Elizabeth Hillware and celebrity chef RIS Lacoste, Chef and Owner of RIS Restaurant-D.C.

Together they will raise the awareness of how eating nutritious food contributes to good health and well-being. Parents and caregivers play a key role in promoting and teaching children the importance of making healthy choices in nutritious food. Attendees will receive information about planning balanced meals using the USDA’s new healthy “My Plate” food portion initiative, local health and wellness resources available in the District, and have the opportunity to shop for local produce and foods from regional farmers.



## Week of October 9, 2012

### Recognizing Signs of Human Trafficking



Last week, President Obama gave a landmark speech at the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting about new initiatives to fight against human trafficking. The Administration is taking new steps to combat the exploitation of workers and children in the United States and abroad through the recently issued Executive Order which strengthens prohibitions against human trafficking in government contracting, making it applicable to all federal contractors and subcontractors. The new rules also require compliance

for large overseas contracts and subcontracts. The Administration is also providing more training on human trafficking to federal prosecutors, law enforcement officials, immigration judges and others.

In conjunction with the President’s speech, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships released a fact sheet about human trafficking. Though HUD has no enforcement authority or program responsibility in this area, the HUD Center is sharing this information to raise awareness about the issue. You and members of your community can play an important role in identifying and ending human trafficking.

## Week of October 9, 2012 Continued

Join HUD in raising awareness about the issue of human trafficking by reading and printing the fact sheet for your stakeholders, clients and the communities you serve. Thank you for your attention to this important message.

- HUD Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships' Fact Sheet on Human Trafficking
- Articles:
- President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Takes Up Issue of Human Trafficking
- President Obama's press release (9/25/12) on Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking at Home and Abroad

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## Week of October 15, 2012

### HUD Faith-Based Office Hosts Youth Violence Prevention Capacity Building Workshop

On September 19 and 20, the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (HUD CFBNP) collaborated with the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention's (NFYVP) and the City of Boston to host the Boston Massachusetts Training and Technical Grant Writing Workshop. The training was an opportunity for youth-serving faith-based and community organizations to strengthen their capacity and programs targeted to decreasing and preventing youth violence in Boston. This innovative event consisted of the HUD Center's grant writing training on September 19 conducted by HUD CFBNP Trainer Anne Davis. On September 20, federal agency representatives from the Department of Justice, Department of Health & Human Services, the Department on Labor participated in the "Connecting Communities to Prevent Youth Violence: Best Practices and Funding Panel Discussion" followed by individualized assistance with attending faith-based and community organizations.



Information on future Forums may be found at [www.findyouthinfo.gov](http://www.findyouthinfo.gov), under the tab, "Find Youth Topics." For additional information on the event contact HUD CFBNP at 202-708-2404.



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