

Housing Action Illinois

HUD HOUSING COUNSELING INTERMEDIARY



For more a decade, Housing Action Illinois has provided crucial training and programmatic support to housing counseling agencies. Becoming a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Intermediary in 2014 was a natural extension of this work. Since then, our network has nearly tripled in size from twelve to thirty-two affiliated agencies. We now manage \$1.3 million in counseling funds, helping our affiliates become more efficient and provide more comprehensive services.

As an Intermediary, we secure funding from HUD and pass it on to our affiliated counseling agencies. We help them with administrative functions, and assist each agency to ensure it meets program standards and client needs. We aid affiliates in expending their funds, leveraging other resources, compiling reports, training staff, and staying abreast of new funding opportunities. With our support and resources, these agencies are able to help more families and create more change in their communities.

IN FY20

our affiliates helped



10,074 households understand their housing options



3,370

households improve their housing situation



910

households purchase their first home



241

households prevent or resolve a mortgage default

4,949

households create a healthy budget



216

households facing homelessness find temporary or permanent housing



340

households avoid eviction



TRAININGS

Housing Action regularly hosts trainings, workshops, and webinars to help housing counselors and other nonprofit housing professionals build their skills and knowledge. Our trainings are designed to meet the unique needs of housing organizations, and are informed by feedback from housing counselors.

When counselors requested best practices for working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, we responded with "A Primer on Virtual Housing Counseling." Our Online Study Group launched in 2018 to help housing counselors pass the individual certification exam and become HUD-certified by the August 2021 deadline.

In December 2019, we received funding to take our trainings to a national level.



Last year, our trainings drew a total of 2,019 attendees.

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2020-2021 INTERMEDIARY AFFILIATES

Access Living, Chicago
 Advantage Housing, Kokomo, IN
 Brightpoint, Fort Wayne, IN
 C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation, Effingham
 Center for Changing Lives, Chicago
 Central Detroit Christian Community Development, Detroit, MI
 Community & Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA), Chicago
 Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, Decatur
 Community Service Council of Northern Will County, Bolingbrook
 Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, Ford Heights
 Embarras River Basin Agency, Inc., Greenup
 Genesis Housing Development Corporation, Chicago
 H.O.M.E DuPage, Wheaton
 HOPE of Evansville, Evansville, IN
 Housing Opportunities, Valparaiso, IN
 Housing Opportunity Development Corp., Techny
 The Housing Partnership, St. Louis, MO
 Justine Petersen Housing and Reinvestment Corporation, Granite City
 Kingdom Community, Chicago
 Lake County Housing Authority, Grayslake
 Latin United Community Housing Association (LUCHA), Chicago



Menard County Housing Authority, Petersburg
 METEC, Peoria
 Northside Community Development Corporation, Chicago
 Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Oak Park
 Open Communities, Evanston
 Partners In Community Building Inc. (PICB), Chicago

Respond Now, Chicago Heights
 Restoration America, Inc., Crystal Lake
 South Suburban Housing Center, Homewood
 Total Resource Development Corporation, Chicago
 Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., Steeleville

Current as of December 1, 2020.

BECOME AN INTERMEDIARY AFFILIATE

As an Intermediary, Housing Action's geographic priority region is the midwest, centered around Illinois and ranging as far as Ohio and Iowa. Potential affiliates should be HUD-approved or interested in becoming HUD-approved. Organizations must be registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit or an instrumentality of government to join Housing Action's Intermediary network.

Housing Action can help your agency assess whether it is in a position to become HUD-approved, and work with you to secure approval.

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