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# WELCOME

*October 19, 2023*

A good, affordable home is a sustainable foundation from which to build your life; it affects your health, access to education and job opportunities, and how you plan for the future. It helps you put down roots and grow in your community. This year, as we gather for our annual Housing Matters Conference, we will celebrate successes, discuss promising initiatives, and share ideas on how to continue working together to make sure **everyone has access to housing opportunities that help us all thrive.**

We are particularly looking forward to our opening keynote from Housing Narrative Lab's **Marisol Bello**, who will talk about how stories can move people to action, and our closing keynote from author and scholar **Dr. Andre M. Perry**, who will discuss the deliberate, systemic devaluation of Black property and how this shapes our communities today. In between, we have a robust lineup of breakout workshops for you to choose from, with topics ranging from equitable zoning and eviction prevention to managing staff transition and grant prospecting.

A conference like this requires an enormous amount of planning and support and would not be possible without the assistance of many people and organizations, including the presenters who donate their time and expertise. We also want to thank our conference planning committee—Regina Broadnax from Chase, Nicole Clements from PNC, Sarah Leys from the City of Rockford, Paul Lopez from Old National Bank, and Laura Olvera from Community Partners for Affordable Housing—whose assistance and insights helped us reach sold-out capacity for our annual signature event.

Finally, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support, especially our **Platinum Sponsor, JPMorgan Chase & Co.**, and our Silver Sponsors, Associated Bank, Midland States Bank, Old National Bank, PNC, Regions Bank, U.S. Bank, and Zillow. Together, we know we can help individuals and families throughout Illinois set down strong roots and build thriving communities across our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharon K. Legenza".

**Sharon K. Legenza**  
Executive Director  
Housing Action Illinois

# EVENT FLOOR PLAN





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# SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	PRE-FUNCTION AREA
10:00 am	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <i>Story to Action: Moving People for Change with Marisol Bello</i>	BRICKYARDS I-III
11:15 am	<b>MOBILE STREET ART CART   EXHIBITOR MEET &amp; GREET</b> Screen-print your own tote bag with Chicago-based artist and activist William Estrada. Stop by exhibitor tables to make in-person connections with financial institutions and sponsors.	PRE-FUNCTION AREA
11:45 pm	<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING &amp; LUNCHEON</b> During our annual membership meeting, we'll share our recent successes, as well as goals for the coming year. You'll hear from Housing Action Illinois staff about how each of our programs have impacted people from across the state. Our members will also vote on new and renewing members of our Board of Directors.  All are welcome to join, whether or not your organization is a member.	BRICKYARDS I-III
1:00 pm	BREAK	
1:30 pm	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION I</b> Community Engagement & Equitable Zoning Listening Session: Updating our State Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness Updates from the Office of Housing Counseling Understanding Tax Credits for Affordable Housing Development <i>Mobile Street Art Cart</i>	BRICKYARD IV BRICKYARD V BRICKYARD VI BROOKRIDGE IRONWOOD
2:45 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION II</b> Grant Prospecting & Beyond Increasing Local Support for Emergency Shelters Agency Health Check-In: Maintaining a Happy Staff Reasonable Accommodations: Supporting People With Disabilities <i>Mobile Street Art Cart</i>	BRICKYARD IV BRICKYARD V BRICKYARD VI BROOKRIDGE IRONWOOD
4:30 pm	BREAK	
5:00–7:00 pm	<b>RECEPTION</b> Please join us for live jazz from <b>The Reginald Lewis Quartet</b> , hot appetizers, and an open bar. We'll also celebrate the accomplishments of our AmeriCorps VISTA Network and recognize those AmeriCorps VISTA members and alumni in attendance. The winner of our 50/50 raffle will be announced at 6:30 pm.	BRICKYARDS I-III

# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:30 am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	PRE-FUNCTION AREA
8:30 am	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION III</b> Simplifying the Message: Designing Inclusive Communications Eviction Prevention in Supportive Housing Programs Special Purpose Credit Programs Uplifting Communities with Infill Housing	BRICKYARD IV BRICKYARD V BRICKYARD VI BROOKRIDGE
9:45 am	BREAK	
10:15 am	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION IV</b> Smooth Staff Transitions for Housing Counseling Agencies Eviction Mediation Programs: Benefits & Lessons Public Policy to Meet Reentry Housing Needs Strength in Numbers: Leveraging Data to Build Up Community Developers	BRICKYARD IV BRICKYARD V BRICKYARD VI BROOKRIDGE
11:30–1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH &amp; CLOSING KEYNOTE</b> <i>Know Your Price: How Valuing Black Property Shapes Our Communities</i> Dr. Andre M. Perry	BRICKYARDS I–III





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# KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

THURSDAY, 10:00–11:00 A.M.

## OPENING KEYNOTE

### **Story to Action: Moving People for Change**

BRICKYARD I–III

*Marisol Bello*

Stories have power. We know this is true because we hear everyday from the people we serve about how important a safe, quality, affordable home is to them. Imagine the power for change if everyone could hear these stories from trusted people and sources of information, such as social media, TV shows, or the news. A powerful new narrative about housing as a basic need that requires public investment—that’s how we build support for our cause, create solutions, and make positive change.

FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

## LUNCH & CLOSING KEYNOTE

### **Know Your Price: How Valuing Black Property Shapes Our Communities**

BRICKYARDS I–III

*Dr. Andre M. Perry*

Homeownership has traditionally been key to the American Dream, representing success, opportunity, and wealth—but homeownership is farther out of reach for some than others. The deliberate devaluation of Black property and communities has had very real, far-reaching, and negative economic and social effects for all of us. For much of the 20th century, segregation and racist federal housing policy through redlining made it difficult or impossible for Black people to purchase homes, build wealth, start and invest in businesses, and afford college tuition. Today, disparities continue. What is the cost of this racial bias for our communities? Hear from noted educator, journalist, and scholar Dr. Andre Perry, who co-authored the groundbreaking Brookings Institution report “The Devaluation of Assets in Black Neighborhoods”—which includes data on Illinois cities including Chicago, Decatur, Peoria, and more.

# CREATIVE PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY ONLY, STARTING AT 11:15 A.M.

PRE-FUNCTION AREA & IRONWOOD

## **MOBILE STREET ART CART: Strong Roots, Thriving Communities Tote Bag Making**

Screen-print your own Strong Roots, Thriving Communities tote bag with Chicago-based artist and activist William Estrada at his Mobile Street Art Cart, which serves as a platform for community organizing and activism using artistic methods like self-designed stencils, stickers, and other text-based forms. The cart manifests William’s long-standing practice of developing community-based workshops that question power structures of race, economy, and cultural access.

THURSDAY, 5:00–6:30 P.M.

BRICKYARDS I–III

## **THE REGINALD LEWIS QUARTET: LIVE JAZZ**

During our Thursday evening reception, we’ll enjoy live jazz from The Reginald Lewis Quartet, with Reginald Lewis on sax, Emma Taylor on bass, Jamie Mauck on drums, and Leon Lewis Nicol on piano.



### **Marisol Bello**

Executive Director, Housing Narrative Lab

Marisol Bello (she/her) has spent a career championing the stories and voices of people with lived experience, so they lead in creating the solutions that help every family thrive. First as a career journalist—most recently at USA TODAY—telling the stories of families working to make ends meet, and then in the nonprofit world, where she led narrative strategies to change hearts and minds about those living on the brink and move people to action. A first generation American from a Caribbean family full of colorful storytellers, Marisol is originally from the Bronx and yes, she is a Yankees fan. She’s still on the East Coast, where she lives with her family and a pandemic puppy named Chloe.



### **Dr. Andre M. Perry**

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Andre M. Perry is a Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro, a scholar-in-residence at American University, and a professor of practice of economics at Washington University. A nationally known and respected commentator on race, structural inequality, and education, Perry is the author of the book “Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities,” which is currently available wherever books are sold. Perry is a regular contributor to MSNBC and has been published by numerous national media outlets, including The New York Times, The Nation, The Washington Post, TheRoot.com and CNN.com. Perry has also made appearances on HBO, CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, NBC, and ABC. Perry’s research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Perry’s recent scholarship at Brookings has analyzed Black-majority cities and institutions in America, focusing on valuable assets worthy of increased investment. Prior to his work at Brookings, Perry has been a founding dean, professor, award-winning journalist, and activist in the field of education.



### **William Estrada**

William Estrada is an arts educator and multidisciplinary artist. His art and teaching are a collaborative discourse that critically re-examines public and private spaces with people to engage in radical imagination. He has presented in various panels regarding community programming, arts integration, and social justice curricula. He is currently a Teaching Artist at Telpochcalli Elementary and faculty at the School of Art and Art History at UIC. William is engaging in collaborative work with the Mobilize Creative Collaborative, Chicago ACT Collective, and Justseeds Artists’ Cooperative. His current research is focused on developing community based and culturally relevant projects that center power structures of race, economy, and cultural access in contested spaces that provide a space to collectively imagine just futures.



### **Reginald Lewis**

Reginald Lewis is a composer, educator, and musician born and raised in Camden, NJ. At the age of sixteen, Reginald met up with his grandfather, the Philadelphia Tenor Saxophone legend, Robert “Bootsie” Barnes. Once Reginald began saxophone lessons with Bootsie, the rest was history. Reginald was featured in the Universal Studios biopic of James Brown, Get On Up, as a saxophonist in Little Richard’s band. He plays with Simply This, who released their album “Stepping Up” in 2021. A Doctoral Candidate at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, Reginald teaches at Chicago State University and at Illinois Wesleyan University as the Jazz Director. He graduated from Jackson State University with his Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Manitoba with his Master of Music Degree.



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# WORKSHOP I

THURSDAY, 1:30–2:45 P.M.

## **Community Engagement & Equitable Zoning**

BRICKYARD IV

*Sue Loelbach, Connections for the Homeless; Ben LeRoy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

Zoning impacts so many areas of our lives in invisible but significant ways. Learn about a project that analyzed the impact of zoning on those most in need of affordable housing and sought input from those very people on the topic. Whether it's density or parking, building height or "preserving community character," the opinions of minorities, people with disabilities, and people with lived experience of homelessness often aren't heard. This session will describe a range of approaches to community outreach and engagement as they relate to equitable zoning. You will have a chance to role-play real-world decision-making processes that municipalities go through on a regular basis to address the concerns of people across social, economic, and political experiences.

## **Listening Session: Updating our State Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**

BRICKYARD V

*Christine Haley, Chief of the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness*

In July 2022, the State of Illinois' first plan to prevent and end homelessness, Home Illinois, was released. The plan sets the foundational vision for achieving functional zero homelessness in Illinois. Home Illinois is a two-year plan that sunsets in June 2024, and work is underway to develop a new plan. Join us to hear an update from Christine Haley, the Chief Homelessness Officer for the State of Illinois, on the most innovative and important components of the plan currently being implemented. This meeting will also serve as a listening session for people to provide feedback on what parts of the existing plan are most crucial to build upon, as well as to identify any additional priorities that should be addressed in the future.

## **Updates from the Office of Housing Counseling**

BRICKYARD VI

*Jerrold H. Mayer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Jerrold H. Mayer from HUD's Office of Housing Counseling will join us to give an update on HUD programs, new initiatives, the latest revision to the HUD Handbook 7601, new marketing materials for counseling agencies, and National Industry Standards. He will also discuss upcoming opportunities and challenges facing housing counselors in our industry. The session will allow plenty of time for Q&A; this is a unique opportunity for housing counseling staff to ask questions and meet Jerrold Mayer.

## **Understanding Tax Credits for Affordable Housing Development**

BROOKRIDGE

*Jolyn Heun and C.C. Huang, Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen*

Learn the basics of the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit and Illinois tax credits, which are a critical tool used to develop affordable housing. New to tax credits? Attorneys Jolyn Huehn and C. C. Huang of Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen will cover the fundamentals, explaining what a tax credit is, how tax credits are allocated, and how you can use them as a tool to finance affordable housing.

# WORKSHOP II

THURSDAY, 3:15–4:30 P.M.

## **Grant Prospecting & Beyond**

BRICKYARD IV

*Suzy Lee, Forefront*

Join us for a discussion on how to diversify your organization's resources. We'll talk about both traditional grant prospecting with foundations as well as going outside the box to bring in more alternative sources of funding. Start expanding what you think of as possible for your organization's revenue. We'll share tips and go over concrete examples from a variety of nonprofits. Participants will come away equipped with at least three ideas for new funding opportunities.

## **Increasing Local Support for Emergency Shelters**

BRICKYARD V

*Betty Bogg, Connections for the Homeless; Dr. Dawn Broers, Fortitude Community Outreach; Bailee VanAntwerp, City of Champaign Township*

Securing local approval to locate an emergency shelter has always been a challenge. The COVID-19 pandemic refocused attention on this, as shelter providers often had to seek new sites to allow for social distancing. Now, many shelter providers are still working to secure and develop new sites for congregate and non-congregate fixed site shelter. Small groups of opponents often play an outsized role in campaigns to stop shelters. In this session, using current examples from around the state, shelter providers will talk about how community outreach and education, including with local government and elected officials, can change the narrative from NIMBY rhetoric to positive responses. We'll also discuss strategies to continue getting everyday work done, move your project along, and respond to clients' urgent needs when addressing opposition at the same time.

## **Housing Counseling Agency Health Check-In: Maintaining a Happy Staff**

BRICKYARD VI

*Maria Campos, CuraLinc Healthcare*

For years, housing counseling agencies have been in emergency mode, responding to the pandemic and changing client needs, harming our front-line intake, counselors, and management teams. Join us to discuss healthy boundaries that address our clients' mental and housing needs. We'll share best practices starting with a housing counseling agency check-in with advice for triage, pipeline management, and free resources to combat burnout and increase staff happiness.

## **Reasonable Accommodations: Supporting People With Disabilities**

BROOKRIDGE

*Eric Brown, RAMP; Conan Calhoun, LIFE CIL; Andrés J. Gallegos, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym; Ken Walden, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago*

When is a housing provider required to provide reasonable accommodations for someone with a disability? What about a modification? How can you support an individual with a disability in advocating for themselves? What are assistance animals? Join us for a broad-ranging conversation answering these questions and more. We'll cover the essentials of requesting reasonable accommodations and modifications for individuals who are applying for housing or who are existing tenants, then dig into related issues. You'll hear from disability rights attorneys and staff members from Centers for Independent Living, which provide support for people with disabilities so they may achieve independence in every aspect of their lives, including home, work and school. Come ready for an interactive discussion.

# WORKSHOP III

FRIDAY, 8:30–9:45 A.M.

## **Simplifying the Message: Designing Inclusive Communications**

BRICKYARD IV

*Melanie Sampson, Clear Language Lab at Literacy Works*

Join us as we dive into the power of plain language. In this session, we will explore strategies and techniques to create materials that are accessible, inclusive, and easily understood by all. We will focus on designing better materials, including forms, brochures, event flyers, and online registrations. We will discuss the principles of plain language, examine its benefits, and explore real-world examples that illustrate the transformative potential of clear and concise communication. You will learn practical techniques to simplify complex concepts, eliminate jargon, and craft messages that resonate with diverse audiences.

## **Eviction Prevention in Supportive Housing Programs**

BRICKYARD V

*Jake Bradley, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County; Vince Heneghan, Impact Behavioral Health Partners*

Learn how to develop and implement a robust, comprehensive effective eviction prevention program that focuses on assisting supportive housing tenants. We will discuss how to help clients get their needs met while altering behaviors that put their housing stability at risk. We will focus on using methods such as motivational interviewing, trauma-informed care, a Housing First approach, harm reduction, person-centered collaboration, creativity, and a solutions-focused mindset to prevent evictions. Together, we will examine real world Housing First scenarios and challenges, explore different approaches to preserve housing, and talk through practical ideas and solutions.

## **Special Purpose Credit Programs**

BRICKYARD VI

*Don Nash, Homeownership Council of America; Chris Rothwell, FHLBank Chicago*

Special-purpose credit programs set out unique standards and benefits to make loan qualification easier for people who are from underserved populations. Could a special-purpose credit program benefit your pre-purchase clients? Join the Homeownership Council of America's Don Nash and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Chris Rothwell to discuss the origin of special-purpose credit programs, how these programs are different from other financing vehicles, and how they could help more people to purchase a home.

## **Uplifting Communities with Infill Housing**

BROOKRIDGE

*Dena Bell, IFF; Jane Genzel, Peoria Opportunities Foundation; Michelle Sablak and Todd Wiltse, WJW Architects*

Join a panel discussion among non-profit developers and architects with recent experience in uplifting communities through infill scattered site affordable housing development. We will discuss multiple recently-completed case study projects and identify challenges as well as associated solutions, ranging from land acquisition and entitlements to coping with aging public infrastructure and other site-specific and contextual hurdles. Hear about design best practices, strategies for realizing efficiencies, and the transformative potential of infill scattered site projects for communities.



# WORKSHOP IV

FRIDAY, 10:15–11:30 A.M.

## **Smooth Staff Transitions for Housing Counseling Agencies**

BRICKYARD IV

*Cora Fulmore, Diversified Resource Network*

Confidentiality plays a vital role in the non-profit sector, especially in housing counseling. Organizations must establish protocols to protect client information and maintain trust. Staff turnover can jeopardize this confidentiality, so strong on-boarding and off-boarding processes are essential. Join us to discuss offsetting the loss of staff members, lost experience, and knowledge; overseeing transition without interruptions; policies for protecting continuity; ways to motivate departing staff to cooperate; and building a new team member's skill sets. By planning for these aspects of transition, nonprofit organizations can minimize the negative impact of staff turnover, maintain trust and professionalism, and ultimately contribute to your organization's continued success in fulfilling its mission.

## **Eviction Mediation Programs: Benefits & Lessons**

BRICKYARD V

*Rosa Druker, Dispute Resolution Institute; Chris Riehlmann, Resolution Systems Institute*

Join us to hear about eviction mediation programs run by Dispute Resolution Institute and Resolution Systems Institute, two organizations funded by the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation. The first half of the session will be informational, and you'll learn about the mediation process and how the programs function, as well as hear insights staff have gained in the past two years and their thoughts on the future of eviction mediation in Illinois. The second half will involve a role-play session, during which you'll participate in mock-mediation sessions as either the landlord or tenant, and an actual mediator will mediate the case. Afterwards, we will answer questions and reflect on the process.

## **Public Policy to Meet Reentry Housing Needs**

BRICKYARD VI

*Ashley Bishel, Uptown People's Law Center; Jilly Graciana, NiReach; Terrance Chism and Laurie Jo Reynolds, Chicago 400 Alliance*

This session will explore examples of local, state and federal public policies that have changed for the better to create more housing opportunities for justice-involved individuals. Examples include Cook County's Just Housing Amendment, the Illinois Human Rights Act's protections against denying housing based on arrest records, and a recently amended state law to promote access to public housing. We'll discuss the implementation challenges and unmet needs in ensuring housing access for people with criminal records. Key areas for additional public policy change will be discussed, such as reforming housing banishment laws that force people on public conviction registries into homelessness, poverty, and back into prison.

## **Strength in Numbers: Leveraging Data to Build Up Community Developers**

BROOKRIDGE

*Armeca Crawford, Peoria Housing Authority; Kimberly Danna, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Frank Woodruff, NACEDA*

Join us for a roundtable discussing how data from NACEDA's Grounding Values Study can drive positive change in Illinois communities. Learn how the study identifies key financial trends for strong and sustainable community-based development organizations in Illinois. We will explore how community development activities reflect the unique needs of rural, urban, and mixed communities, the ways funding streams shape community-based development operations, and practical strategies for incorporating study findings into community development initiatives—such as policy advocacy, grassroots organizing, and capacity building.

# ABOUT HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS

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## EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A GOOD, AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Housing Action Illinois is a statewide coalition that has led the movement to expand and protect the availability of quality, affordable housing in Illinois for more than 35 years.

Our 180+ member organizations include housing counseling agencies, homeless service providers, developers of affordable housing, advocates, and more.

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### POLICY ADVOCACY

#### Many voices are stronger than one.

We mobilize our members to advocate for policies that help end homelessness, create affordable rental housing, promote sustainable homeownership, and affirmatively further fair housing. We advocate for better policies at the federal, state, and local levels.

### CAPACITY BUILDING

#### We can do more and do it better.

By providing training, coaching, and resources, we help housing organizations better serve communities throughout Illinois. Our experts facilitate workshops, share best practices, and provide one-on-one coaching to nonprofits so they can serve more families and help our communities thrive.

### EDUCATION & ORGANIZING

#### Knowledge is power.

We build awareness, activate change, and shift narratives by sharing information and real-life stories with policymakers, nonprofit service providers, and the media. We organize issue-specific working groups, meet with legislators, and host an annual conference for housing advocates and practitioners.

### Americorps VISTA

Our network of 40+ AmeriCorps VISTA members, placed with member organizations throughout the state, work on projects that help end poverty and homelessness through affordable housing and economic empowerment initiatives.

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Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, Ford Heights  
CSH, Chicago  
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