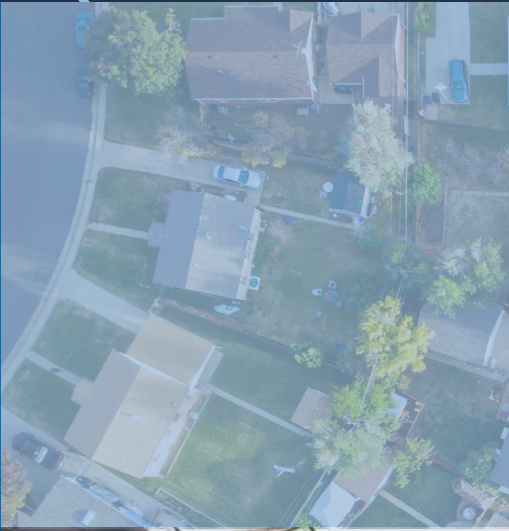




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Illinois will always be our home and the primary focus of our work. But we know that the fate of our local communities is inextricably linked to that of our neighbors, and change means partnering with allies near and far. That's why Housing Action has expanded some of our programs into new states and regions, and it's why the theme of our 2024 conference is **Strengthening Communities in Illinois and Beyond.**

This year, we're looking forward to an opening keynote with **Deputy Assistant Secretary David Berenbaum from HUD.** The federal agency's work affects everyone in our field, and right now, HUD is embarking on a new strategic plan that is important for us to know about. We plan to end on a high note with a conversation on local strategies to increase our housing supply with **Bobby Burns, Councilmember of the City of Evanston; Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor of Bloomington; and Julie Wolfe Moore, Mayor of Decatur.** In between, we have a robust lineup of breakout workshops for you to choose from, with topics ranging from our state plan to end homelessness to helping first-time homeowners navigate buyer agent negotiations. We'll also be hosting a new option for conference participants – a community tour of affordable housing developments in the area.

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 Board Conference Planning Committee – Shalonda Bedenfield from FHLBank Chicago, Paula Bush from North West Housing Partnership, Jackie Newman from Springfield Housing Authority, Cornell Lurry from Midland States Bank, and Laura Olvera Yarza from Community Partners for Affordable Housing – for their time and thoughtful recommendations.

Finally, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support, especially our **Gold Sponsor, JPMorgan Chase & Co.,** and our Silver Sponsors, Associated Bank, Old National Bank, PNC, Regions Bank, and U.S. Bank. Together, we know we can build thriving communities where everyone has a good, stable place to call home.

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# SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:30 am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	PRE-FUNCTION AREA
10:00 am	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <i>The State of Play &amp; Priorities at HUD with David Berenbaum</i>	BRICKYARDS I-IV
11:15 am	BREAK	
11:45 am	<b>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING &amp; LUNCHEON</b> Join us for this once-a-year opportunity to meet in person with our diverse membership and to undertake the core duty of voting on new and renewing members of Housing Action's Board of Directors. This year, we will also discuss trends affecting our collective work to ensure safe, sustainable homes for all Illinoisans, as well as present key issue updates that members should be aware of as we move into 2025 and beyond.  All are welcome to join, whether or not your organization is a member.	BRICKYARDS I-IV
1:00 pm	BREAK	
1:30 pm	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION I</b> Helping Homeowners Navigate the Reconsideration of Value Process Home Illinois FY25-26: Update with the Office to Prevent & End Homelessness* Code Enforcement as a Tool for Safe, Equitable, and Affordable Housing Affordable Housing & Homelessness 101* Bloomington Community Development Tour (1:00-3:00 pm)	BRICKYARD V BRICKYARD VI BROOKRIDGE IRONWOOD OFF-SITE
2:45 pm	BREAK	
3:15 pm	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION II</b> Making Illinois Communities Safer Through Stable Homes Empowering First-Time Homebuyers on Buyer Agent Negotiations Flexible Rent Spending Pilot: A Lift Up and Out of Homelessness Demystifying the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit Workplace Conflict Resolution 101	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. The winner of our 50/50 raffle will be announced at 6:30 pm.	BRICKYARDS I-III

*\*These sessions have been approved for CE (continuing education) credits for LCSW, LSW, LCPC, and LPC licenses; please sign in with a staff member at the session to make sure you get credit.*

# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:30 am	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	PRE-FUNCTION AREA
8:30 am	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION III</b>	
	Expand Your Reach: Become a HECM Counselor	BRICKYARD IV
	Responding to the Supreme Court Decision on Property Tax Delinquencies	BRICKYARD V
	Harm Reduction: Pathways to Recovery for People Experiencing Homelessness*	BRICKYARD VI
	Navigating Accessibility & Sustainability Requirements in Affordable Housing Design	BROOKRIDGE
9:45 am	BREAK	
10:15 am	<b>WORKSHOP SESSION IV</b>	
	Revenue Generation Through Rural Development Loan Packaging	BRICKYARD IV
	IL CRA in Action	BRICKYARD V
	Implications of the Supreme Court Decision to Criminalize Unsheltered Homelessness	BRICKYARD VI
	Fix Our Homes Illinois: Resources for Senior Home Repair	BROOKRIDGE
11:30–1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH &amp; CLOSING KEYNOTE</b>	BRICKYARDS I–III
	<i>Elected Officials Roundtable: Local Strategies to Increase the Supply of Housing with Councilmember Bobby Burns, Mayor of Bloomington Mboka Mwilambwe, and Mayor of Decatur Julie Moore Wolfe</i>	



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# GENERAL SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 10:00–11:15 A.M.

BRICKYARD I–IV

## OPENING KEYNOTE

### **The State of Play & Priorities at HUD**

*David Berenbaum, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, HUD*

The mission of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. The federal agency’s work affects everyone in our field, and right now, HUD is embarking on a new strategic plan. During this opening keynote, you’ll hear from David Berenbaum, HUD’s Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing Counseling, who will discuss priorities and new initiatives the agency is undertaking. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Berenbaum collaborates with HUD’s leadership, professional staff, and partners to provide high impact services to ensure that every American has a place to call home and the ability to achieve their financial dreams.

THURSDAY, 11:45 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

BRICKYARD I–IV

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON

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FRIDAY, 11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

BRICKYARD I–III

## LUNCH & CLOSING PLENARY

### **Elected Officials Roundtable: Local Strategies to Increase the Supply of Housing**

Local governments play a crucial role in expanding the supply of housing. Join our conversation with three local elected officials who are supporting various strategies to increase the supply of homes to meet current community needs, such as focusing on creating housing for the workforce, redeveloping vacant and abandoned properties, and increasing housing affordability. Hear from:

- **Councilmember Bobby Burns** from the City of Evanston, where efforts are underway to develop a new comprehensive plan and update the local zoning code;
- **Mboka Mwilambwe**, Mayor of Bloomington, where planning is underway to expand the supply of housing to meet demands based on local job growth in electric vehicle manufacturing and other areas; and
- **Julie Moore Wolfe**, Mayor of Decatur, where a key strategy is working with the Central Illinois Land Bank Authority to address abandoned homes and stabilize the housing market.

The conversation will be facilitated by Sue Loellbach, Director of Advocacy for Connections for the Homeless, based in Evanston.

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# WORKSHOP I

THURSDAY, 1:30–2:45 P.M.

## Helping Homeowners Navigate the Reconsideration of Value Process

BRICKYARD V

*Leigh Lester, Ubuntu Institute of Learning; Laurie Murphy, IDFPR; Kamil Walton, Cornerstone CDC*

When your client's property doesn't appraise as expected, understanding how to proceed is crucial. Join us to learn about essential tools and strategies to guide your clients through this challenge effectively. Learn how to recognize the red flags, spot discrepancies, construct compelling arguments for reconsideration and when it's appropriate to file a complaint with state officials. Don't let a low appraisal derail your efforts—join us to acquire the expertise needed to navigate appraisal setbacks and achieve positive outcomes for your clients.

## Home Illinois FY25-26: Update with the Office to Prevent & End Homelessness

BRICKYARD VI

*Christine Haley, Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness (IOPEH); Colleen Mahoney, IOPEH/ Illinois Department of Public Health; Richard Rowe, IOPEH/ Illinois Department of Corrections*

Home Illinois, Illinois' Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, sets the foundational vision to ending homelessness in the state through both established and new innovative strategies. Through both established and new innovative strategies, Illinois residents, community agencies, and state government are working together to prevent entries into shelter. When literal homelessness does occur, the goal is that the experience will be brief and one-time. The second two-year HOME Illinois plan will be released during summer 2024. At this session, the senior leadership team for the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (IOPEH) will provide an update on the HOME Illinois plan, discuss key initiatives, and get feedback from attendees. *This session qualifies for CE (Continuing Education) credit for LCSW, LSW, LCPC, and LPC licenses.*

## Code Enforcement as a Tool for Safe, Equitable, and Affordable Housing

BROOKRIDGE

*Professor Andrew Greenlee and Emma Walters, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; Mare Ralph, Housing Action Illinois*

Although code enforcement is vital for the protection of individual and public health, safety, and well-being, it is not a topic often raised when discussing affordable housing. This session presents original research, conducted by Housing Action Illinois and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, evaluating local government rental property regulations and assessing how code enforcement can affect affordability, housing stability, and access to resource-rich neighborhoods. We will also discuss policy recommendations to move towards a community-engaged process of best practices.

## Affordable Housing & Homelessness 101

IRONWOOD

*Kimberly Danna, HUD; Brenda O'Connell, IHDA*

In this session, intended to welcome newcomers to the field, we will provide an overview of the history and current state of the affordable housing and homelessness crises. We'll introduce the many programs, key players, and organizations working to expand access to housing opportunities. Hear from two leaders in our field and come away with foundational knowledge of our key issues, as well as a better understanding of the Housing Action Illinois coalition and how you can play a part in our mission to create an Illinois where every has a stable, affordable place to call home. *This session qualifies for CE (Continuing Education) credit for LCSW, LSW, LCPC, and LPC licenses.*

## Bloomington Community Tour

*\* Please board shuttle at 1:00 pm*

OFF-SITE

*Tour Guides: Bob Campbell, ZION Development; Joe Marone, Pioneer Property Management; David Young, Housing Action Illinois*

During this community tour, participants will take a bus to visit two affordable housing sites in Bloomington and learn how the projects were envisioned, planned, funded, and ultimately brought to life. We will visit Lincoln Lofts II, built and managed by ZION Development, and Washington Apartments, managed by Pioneer Property Management. **Note: Only those who preregistered will be able to join this tour.**

# WORKSHOP II

THURSDAY, 3:15–4:30 P.M.

## **Making Illinois Communities Safer Through Stable Homes**

*Niya Kelly, Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness; Kate Walz, National Housing Law Project*

BRICKYARD IV

Many local governments have enacted so-called “crime-free housing and nuisance property” ordinances (CFNOs), which lead to unfair penalties and evictions of tenants based on alleged criminal or nuisance activity. Under the pretext of fighting crime, these misguided local ordinances actually cause housing instability and homelessness. Join us to learn about the Community Safety through Stable Homes Act, proposed state legislation that will prevent discrimination, help people contact police without fear, and focus on better responses to crime while keeping families in their homes.

## **Empowering First-Time Homebuyers on Buyer Agent Negotiations**

*Laurie Murphy, IDFP; Betsy Urbance, Illinois Association of Realtors*

BRICKYARD V

Join us for a discussion of the recent National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) settlement—a half-billion dollar settlement over a class action lawsuit on the real estate fee structure that has resulted in an updated system in which homebuyers will need to contract with an agent to represent them through the homebuying process before visiting a property. We know this will greatly impact the homebuying landscape, potentially confusing and costing first-time and first generation homebuyers seeking affordable home options.

## **Flexible Rent Spending Pilot: A Lift Up and Out of Homelessness**

*Nicole Morrow, City of Peoria*

BRICKYARD VI

Join the City of Peoria to learn more about the City’s Flexible Rental Pilot Program, launched in January 2024, which assists specific shelter populations not eligible for other services in obtaining permanent housing. We will describe our model, explain the investment per household, and explain how this kind of program can reduce the cost of providing sheltered care, decrease the number of individuals utilizing the shelter system, and expand on services already offered through the Continuum of Care.

## **Demystifying the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit**

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

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The Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit (IAHTC) encourages private investment in affordable housing by providing donors of qualified donations with a one-time tax credit on their Illinois state income tax equal to 50 percent of the value of the donation. Applegate Thorne-Thomsen’s Jolyn Huen and CC Huang will explain the IAHTC and how developers can utilize this tool to develop affordable housing in Illinois.

## **Workplace Conflict Resolution 101**

*Jenna Silver, Center for Conflict Resolution*

IRONWOOD

Conflict, frustrations, and tension can arise in any workplace, and it’s important to navigate these complicated situations professionally. During this session, intended for newcomers to the workforce, we will explore ways to compromise and negotiate in order to reach durable, meaningful resolutions to difficult situations. We will also discuss how to effectively communicate with others in order to avoid disputes before they happen.

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# WORKSHOP III

FRIDAY, 8:30–9:45 A.M.

## **Expand Your Reach: Become a HECM Counselor**

*Vicky Buresh, HODC; Elizabeth Dunn, HUD; Cora Fulmore, DRN*

Join us for a conversation with experts in Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) to demystify the certification exam and assist more homeowners through reverse mortgages and the FHA's reverse mortgage program. Offering HECM counseling can also provide a new way of generating income for your agency.

BRICKYARD IV

## **Responding to the Supreme Court Decision on Property Tax Delinquencies**

*Matt Kreis, Center for Community Progress; Danielle Stanley, NHS of Chicago*

The recent Tyler v. Hennepin Supreme Court decision means that when someone loses a home due to tax foreclosure, there must be a way for them to recover any value in the property that exceeds the amount owed for unpaid taxes and other charges. Illinois state law needs to be changed to comply with this decision. At this session, we'll discuss developing a system that both complies with the Supreme Court ruling and helps more families prevent the loss of their property in the first place. We will also talk about how reform efforts should support efforts to return vacant and abandoned properties to productive use.

BRICKYARD V

## **Harm Reduction: Pathways to Recovery for People Experiencing Homelessness**

*Randi Derrig and Nadia Klekamp, Chestnut Health Systems; James Kowalsky, IDHS*

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BRICKYARD VI

## **Navigating Accessibility & Sustainability Requirements in Affordable Housing Design**

*Mike Davis, Central Illinois Land Bank Authority; Lindsey Elton, Eco Achievers; Jamin Nollsch, Urban Works*

The development of affordable housing in Illinois is dependent on funding and approvals from multiple agencies at local, state, and federal levels, all with their own specific requirements for both accessible design, and sustainability. Projects in Illinois must often comply with no fewer than five accessibility codes/ordinances (ADA, ANSI A117.1, IAC, the Fair Housing Act, and Section 504). Likewise, based on funding and local requirements, affordable housing developers must select a path that can involve three or more sustainability certifications, including, but not limited to EGC, NGBS or LEED certification, Energy Star Multifamily New Construction, and the ComEd Affordable Housing New Construction Grant. In this session, you'll learn practical strategies from industry leaders, who will explain their recommended pathways for navigating these requirements.

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# WORKSHOP IV

FRIDAY, 10:15–11:30 A.M.

## Revenue Generation Through Rural Development Loan Packaging

*Sandy Deters, ERBA; Sacha Pruett, Rural Development - IL Office*

Housing counseling agencies need new revenue to supplement existing resources and need to diversify their overall funding sources. For rural agencies, becoming a USDA Certified Loan packager could help you generate program revenue while you also help low-income rural families to purchase or repair their homes. Hear from ERBA's Sandy Deters on the benefits of becoming a Certified Loan Packager and Rural Development's Sacha Pruett on the agency's programs and steps to becoming certified.

BRICKYARD IV

## IL CRA in Action

*Jane Doyle and Horacio Mendez, Woodstock Institute; James Miller, Housing Action Illinois*

Signed into law in 2021, the Illinois Community Reinvestment Act (IL CRA) will incentivize state-regulated financial institutions to meet the financial services needs of areas with a lack of access to affordable banking and lending services. Now that we have final rules and implementation dates in place, this panel will discuss "where the rubber meets the road." How can communities and nonprofits leverage this law to forge new relationships with covered entities, especially state-chartered credit unions and mortgage companies? What new opportunities does this create for funding relationships and strategic partnerships? How can organizations deepen and broaden their impact via the IL CRA?

BRICKYARD V

## Implications of the Supreme Court Decision to Criminalize Unsheltered Homelessness

*Trudy Bodenbach, Alton Housing Coalition, OSF St. Anthony's, and Greater Alton Community Development Corporation; Arturo Hernandez, Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness; Peter Hough, Alton Mission and Overnight Warming Location*

The Supreme Court's decision in *Johnson v. Grants Pass* allows jurisdictions to arrest and ticket people experiencing homelessness for sleeping outside, even when there are no available shelters options in their community. At this session, we'll discuss the implications of this legal decision for Illinois and share local examples of communities taking more effective, supportive approaches to unsheltered homelessness, such as constructive collaborations with law enforcement agencies. We'll also discuss ways to respond to the decision through state and local public policy advocacy.

BRICKYARD VI

## Fix Our Homes Illinois: Resources for Senior Home Repair

*John Herring, INCIL; Gail Schechter, H.O.M.E.; Geoff Smith, Institute of Housing Studies at DePaul University*

Low-income senior homeowners are in dire need of more accessible home repair resources, an increase in the number and convenient locations of skilled home repair specialist willing to assist them, and a simplified, coordinated system for accessing these vital services. At this session, we will provide an overview of the Pennsylvania Whole-Home Repairs Act as a model for Illinois; identify resources currently available in our state for home repair for low-income seniors; and explain how home repair access is foundational to individual well-being as well as racial equity. We invite all to join the Fix Our Homes Illinois campaign, uniting organizations and seniors dedicated to amplifying public funding and staffing for home repairs.

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Apna Ghar, Chicago  
Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, Chicago  
Arab American Family Services, Worth  
Association for Individual Development, Elgin  
Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, Aurora  
BCMW Community Services, Centralia  
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Center for Disability and Elder Law, Chicago  
Center for Housing & Health (AIDS Foundation Chicago), Chicago  
Central Illinois Land Bank Authority, Danville  
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Connections for the Homeless, Evanston  
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CSH, Chicago  
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Cunningham Township, Urbana  
Disability Resource Center, Joliet  
Dispute Resolution Institute, Carbondale  
Dove, Inc., Decatur  
DuPage County ARES, Glendale Heights  
DuPage County Continuum of Care, Wheaton  
DuPage Habitat for Humanity, Wheaton  
DuPagePADS, Wheaton  
Economic Growth Corporation, Rock Island  
Edwardsville Community Housing Alliance, Edwardsville  
Embarras River Basin Agency, Greenup  
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Everlasting Word Church, Aurora  
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Far South Community Development Corporation, Chicago  
Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, Chicago  
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Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living, Springfield  
Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living, Spring Valley  
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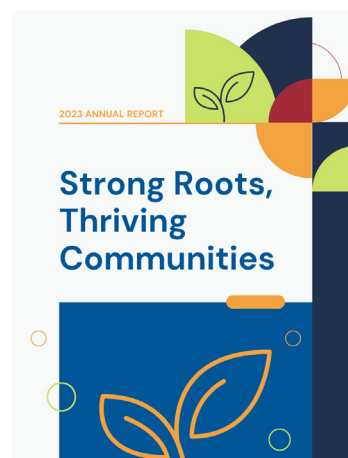
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## **EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE A GOOD, AFFORDABLE PLACE TO CALL HOME.**

Housing Action Illinois mobilizes organizations to end homelessness, address the shortage of affordable rental housing, and expand homeownership opportunities.

Our statewide coalition has led the movement to expand and protect the availability of quality, affordable housing in Illinois for more than 35 years. Our 190+ 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**

### **Doing more together.**

By providing training, consulting, and resources, we help housing organizations – especially housing counseling agencies – better serve our communities in Illinois and throughout the nation. We also advocate for the resources these nonprofits need to most effectively fulfill their missions.

## **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 professionals.



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