

# Member Benefits Orientation

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March 6, 2023



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# Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Who Are We?**
- **Member Benefits**
- **Programs**
- **Q & A**



# Introductions

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# Who Are We?



# CONNECT & LEARN

Our coalition has **160+** members from all over the state.

We hold networking events for our members, both professionally and socially.

Our members receive annual discounts to our **annual conference**.

**Save the Date**

**2023 Housing Matters**

October 19–20, 2023 in Bloomington, IL

*We also offer occasional scholarships & training discounts*



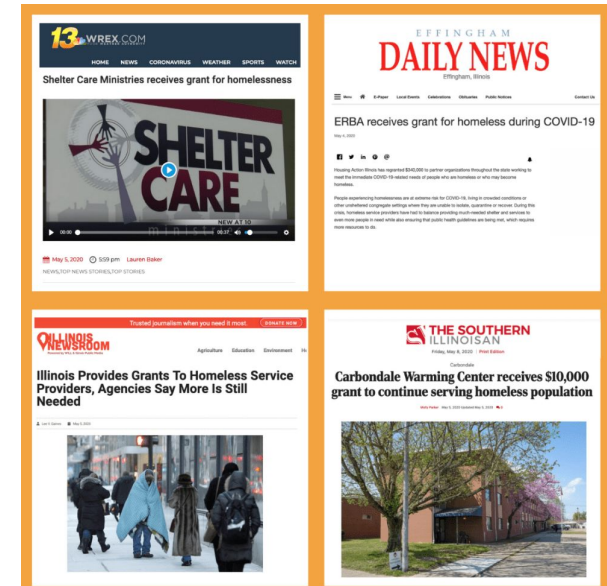
# GET THE WORD OUT

Our newsletter has **7,500+** subscribers!

You can share:

- Jobs
- Resources
- Events

We also feature **member spotlights** in our newsletter and on our website and provide **media referrals** when press cover our issues.



# GROW

Members are eligible to host an AmeriCorps positions!

Housing Action matches up to **30** full-year AmeriCorps members and **30+** Summer Associates with host sites across the state.



# Position Type Overview

	Full Year MEMBER	Summer ASSOCIATE
Term of Service	Full-time, 12-months (August–August)	Full-time, 8–10-weeks (June–August)
Positions Per Organization	No more than three	No more than six
Service Type	Indirect service	Indirect or direct service
Host Site Fee	\$4,000 per position	\$850 per position
Membership Dues	\$50 - \$300 per Year	\$50 - \$300 per Year

# Service Type Overview

	<b>INDIRECT SERVICE</b>	<b>DIRECT SERVICE</b>
<b>Project Examples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Write Grants / Organize Fundraisers</li><li>•Enhance Marketing Tools</li><li>•Recruit Volunteers to Build Houses</li><li>•Write a Financial Literacy Curriculum</li><li>•Build Partnerships</li><li>•Create Volunteer Management System</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Tutor Children in Reading</li><li>•Reorganize a Food Pantry</li><li>•Client Intake &amp; Case Management</li><li>•Build Houses</li><li>•Teach a Financial Literacy Course</li><li>•Deliver Meals on Wheels</li></ul>
<b>Project Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Housing &amp; Homelessness</li><li>•Education</li><li>•Hunger</li><li>•Health Care</li><li>•Environment</li><li>•Disaster Services</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Housing &amp; Homelessness</li><li>•Education</li><li>•Hunger</li><li>•Health Care</li><li>•Environment</li><li>•Disaster Services</li></ul>

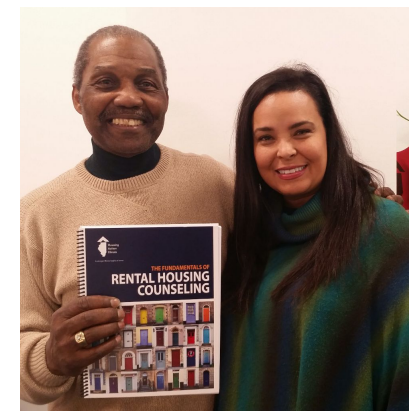
OUR PROGRAMS

# CAPACITY BUILDING

**Together, our impact is greater.**

We help housing counseling agencies, affordable housing developers, and other housing nonprofits build their capacity and expand their resources.

We are a HUD-Approved Regional Intermediary and national HUD Training provider for housing counseling agencies.



# **CAPACITY BUILDING**

Resources, guidance, and support from our housing experts

- HUD Regional Intermediary
- Advice on expanding programs & navigating challenges
- Opportunity to participate in Capacity Building initiatives

# ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING

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 work to increase federal, state, and local investments in proven housing programs, as well as to develop new and innovative policy solutions.



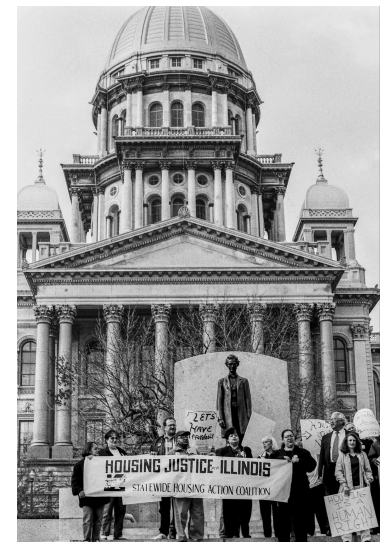
**2023 Policy Agenda:**

**[bit.ly/hai2023policyagenda](https://bit.ly/hai2023policyagenda)**

# STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT

**We are stronger together!**

As a part of our coalition, you strengthen our collective voice to advocate for the policies and resources we need to make sure that everyone in Illinois has a good, affordable, accessible place to call home.



# JOIN US

## Regular Trainings - Virtual

[housingactionil.org/events](https://housingactionil.org/events)

## 7th Annual Toast to Housing Justice

6 - 9 pm on **April 13, 2023** at Catalyst Ranch in Chicago  
Tickets are \$40 and include entry, pizza, and beer

[housingactionil.org/benefit](https://housingactionil.org/benefit)

As a thanks for joining us today, you can use the code **THANKYOU23** to get half off tickets!

## 2023 Housing Matters Conference

Save the Date: **October 19-20, 2023** in Bloomington, IL



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Q&A

# THANK YOU

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