MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS 11:00AM - 12:30PM

How Housing Works: Housing Programs in Rhode Island - Student Union Ballroom

How does Rhode Island define "affordable housing?" What is AMI, and how is it used in calculating affordability? How do different subsidy programs work? What is public housing, and how is it different from other types of affordable housing? How does affordable housing get built? If you have ever asked these questions, this session is for you! HousingWorks RI will lead a presentation that will cover definitions, characteristics of long-term affordable homes, how affordability and income categories are determined, and key housing programs in Rhode Island. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with local leaders in public housing, community development, and affordable housing finance.

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Presentation by Annette Bourne, HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University
Panelists: Peter Asen, Providence Housing Authority, Joe Garlick, NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley,
*   Sharon Morris, Omni Development Corporation*
Panel moderated by Brenda Clement, HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University

How Housing Works as Healthcare - Faculty Center Main Dining Room

The impact that housing and neighborhood conditions have on our health has gained increasing attention among the public and policymakers in recent years. This session will include a brief overview of the intersection of housing and health by HousingWorks RI, followed by a panel discussion with local experts working at this intersection in Rhode Island communities and at the state level. The panelists bring a diversity of perspectives through their work on initiatives that span environmental justice, supporting people with special healthcare needs, healthy housing, healthcare systems, and health equity.

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Presentation by Carinel LeGrand, RI Alliance for Healthy Homes & HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University
Panelists: Laura Brion, Childhood Lead Action Project, Carinel LeGrand, RIAHH & HWRI at RWU,
*   Corinna Roy, RI Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals,*
*   Allegra Scharff, ONE Neighborhood Builders & Central Providence Health Equity Zone*
Panel moderated by Jim Ryczek, Horizon Healthcare Partners

The Struggle for African American Civil Rights in 20th Century Rhode Island - SU Room 307

"The Struggle for African American Civil Rights in 20th Century Rhode Island" is a lecture developed as part of a National Parks Service grant to research and interpret this largely unknown history. The areas of focus include fair employment, fair housing, and the deconstruction of neighborhoods and affordable housing displacement during the Urban Redevelopment era between 1955 and 1975, particularly in the College Hill, Lippitt Hill and Fox Point neighborhoods of Providence, along with the West Broadway and Memorial Blvd neighborhoods of Newport. The lecture includes many images of historic people, places and events, along with extensive images of news clippings of the day.

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Presentation by Keith Stokes, 1696 Heritage Group

Education Advocates are Housing Advocates - Faculty Center South Dining Room

Education advocates are housing advocates - housing and education are inextricably linked. This session will provide an overview of how student achievement is maximized when there is access to safe, decent, and affordable homes. An informative presentation led by the Opportunity Starts at Home national multi-sector campaign will touch on the legacy of school and neighborhood segregation, the impact of housing in school funding, and the role that affordable homes play in student development, recruiting and retaining educators, and educational success. Following the presentation there will be an interactive panel and audience discussion with local education and housing advocates.

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Presentation by Chantelle Wilkinson, Opportunity Starts at Home
Panelists: Tatiana Baena, Central Falls School District, Stephanie Geller, RI KIDS COUNT, Cris Potter, UPD Consulting,
*   Jacqui Tisdale, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island*