

→ Improvements to Housing Assistance Programs Head to President

In a win for low-income advocates and a rare act of overwhelming bipartisanship, the Senate on July 14 unanimously passed a bill that will make federal housing assistance programs more efficient and effective, improving lives for low-income families. [READ MORE »](#)

http://www.chn.org/human_needs_report/improvements-housing-assistance-programs-head-president/#.V5JITo-cHy0

→ National Housing Trust Fund

Key Upcoming Dates Related to States' HTF Allocation Plans

NLIHC recently added state-specific national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) allocation plan information on our HTF website at: <http://bit.ly/28SEBVd>. We also provide a calendar of the dates, times, and locations of upcoming public hearings and public comment period deadlines announced by HTF State Designated Agencies. These state pages are updated regularly. [Read more of this article here](#)



For more important congressional actions go here:

<http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e702259618becdc3f0451bd5d&id=726d39f0c3&e=668b9f62ff>

→ Section 8 Gets More Power

John Henneberger, Texas Low Income Housing Information Service

HUD has finally come through with a major rule change that advocates have wanted for years. Here's what it will mean for voucher holders . . . Control click [More](#)

→ New HUD rule

HUD rule would expect Homeowner Associations to end discrimination ...in October 2015 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development promulgated proposed rules and regulations that have the potential to significantly expand associations' involvement in some matters involving disputes among members. The proposed changes would serve to standardize how claims of harassment are to be treated under the Fair Housing Amendments Act, and they address both quid pro quo (this for that) and hostile environment harassment in housing.

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Under this new rule, community association **directors and property management can be found to be directly liable for discriminatory conduct that occurs solely between community residents** if it is found that the association, its board members or property management "fail to fulfill a duty to take prompt action to correct and end the discriminatory conduct which they either knew or should have known existed."

Read more: <http://www.dailybusinessreview.com/id=1202758611126/Proposed-HUD-Rule-Would-Make-Associations-Guardians-of-Civil-Rights#ixzz4AuZPU17N>

➔ News Clips from WLIHA

[REI employees are experiencing housing instability](#)

McCleary: We contributed to an amicus brief, the Supreme Court accepted it, the plaintiffs agreed with it, and now it's gotten some press in the Seattle Times!

Bellevue:

Another building of [affordable units are being redeveloped](#) in Bellevue, for a loss of 76 affordable homes.

Yakima:

Yakima Housing Authority is [proposing a Yakima Veterans Housing Project](#) with 38 units of safe, affordable housing for homeless and low-income veterans located at the former Marine Corps Reserve armory facility. Meanwhile, a HUD grant allows [Yakima Nation to open housing for native veterans](#) and members recovering from addiction.

Spokane:

Public Health Officials and elected officials [discuss regional health care issues](#), including housing and mental health as contributing factors to a person's whole health.

➔ Medicaid Benefit Technical Assistance Training Opportunity



Medicaid Technical Assistance Training.pc

➔ United Way Pierce County – Annual Day of Caring – Sep 23

UWPC is connecting resources to the people and groups in our area that need a helping hand. This year, we are partnering with United Ways in Snohomish, King and Thurston counties to send more volunteers into the community on this one day! At United Way, we believe that working together as a community can accomplish much more than working alone. Info, registration ➔ <http://www.uwpc.org/day-caring>

➔ Returning home from incarceration

According to the Council of State Governments Justice Center, about 9 million individuals are released from prison every year. For many of these people, re-integrating into their communities is difficult. [Control click below:](#)



Finding housing and employment are particular challenges.

In April, the Department of Housing and Urban Development issued guidelines requiring landlords to weigh the nature and severity of a crime and conviction when considering an applicant's application. A number of NeighborWorks network organizations offer programs and services that help former prisoners successfully reach their goals and become strong members of their communities.

→ Adolescent Well-Being after Experiencing Family Homelessness

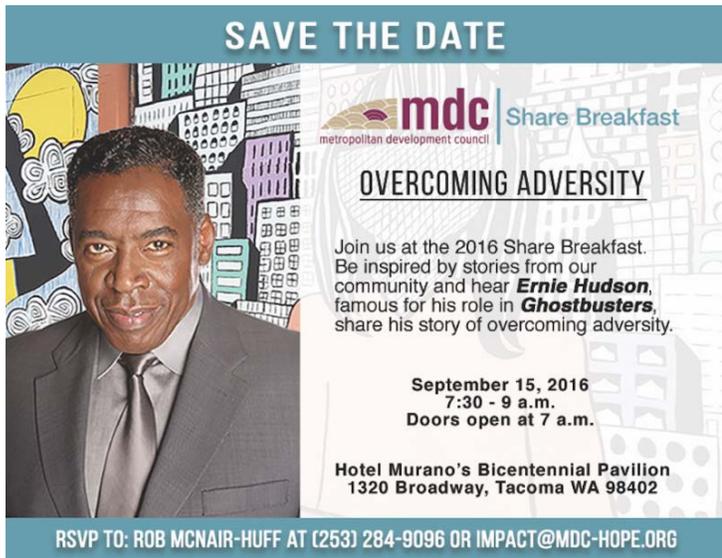
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: The brief examines how adolescents who stayed in shelter with their families are doing 20 months later. Among the finding included that most of the adolescents continued to face housing instability or living in overcrowded situations.

[Read the brief >>](#)

→ Tacoma's rents up 9%

Axiometrics' Top 50 Markets report pegged **Tacoma's growth at 9.0 percent in the past year**, after a 7.6 percent rise for the year ended June 30, 2015. Seattle had a 7.9 percent rise in the most recent 12-months after 7.7 percent the prior year. Click [here](#) to see Tacoma's occupancy rate, which improved over last year.

→ MDC Share Breakfast



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September 15, 2016
7:30 - 9 a.m.
Doors open at 7 a.m.

Hotel Murano's Bicentennial Pavilion
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