

Choice Neighborhoods

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Education Toolkit for PHAs and Choice Neighborhoods Grantees

As the coming school year approaches, *Supporting Our Kids' Education: Tools to Strengthen Resident Families & Students During COVID-19 & Beyond* offers PHAs and their partners tools to address learning loss and empower families to support their children's education in the aftermath of COVID-19. The toolkit, developed by the Choice Neighborhoods office in partnership with Choice Neighborhoods grantees and expert consultants, provides case studies, ready-to-use family flyers, and a wealth of evidence-based resource links. Topics include addressing learning loss, strengthening families' ability to support their children's learning, developing high quality out of school time programming and tutoring, and establishing learning hubs.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Family Self-Sufficiency Notice of Funding Availability, HUD

The Family Self-Sufficiency program provides grants to Public Housing Authorities to support the salaries and training needs of Program Coordinators who assist participating families receiving housing assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs. Program Coordinators help connect families to public and private resources to increase their earned income and financial empowerment, reduce the need for assistance, and make progress toward economic independence. Application deadline: September 7, 2021. Estimated total funding: \$105,000,000. Expected number of awards: 700.

Healthy Homes Production Grant Program, HUD

The Healthy Homes Production Program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's Lead Hazard Control programs to address a variety of environmental health and safety hazards. Application deadline: September 21, 2021. Award ceiling/floor: \$2,000,000/\$1,000,000. Estimated total funding: \$40,000,000. Expected number of awards: 25.

Eviction Protection Grant Program, HUD

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research is making grant funds available to non-profit or governmental entities to provide services in areas with high rates of evictions or prospective evictions, including rural areas. Application deadline:

September 10, 2021. Award ceiling/floor: \$3,000,000/1,000,000. Expected number of awards: 20.

Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program, HUD

The Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) program provides grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of residents and links them to local training and supportive services. Application deadline: September 17, 2021. Award ceiling: \$737,550. Expected number of awards: 125.

EVENTS & TOOLS

Community Resilience Toolkit

HUD's Community Resilience Toolkit is intended for states, local governments, and people to identify natural hazards and take actions to reduce the risks of natural climate change hazards. The toolkit identifies opportunities to use HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds and showcases community examples.

Identifying COVID-19 Vaccine Deserts

The Vaccine Equity Planner is a tool to help researchers, healthcare providers and public health officials identify Vaccine Deserts and plan for potential new vaccination sites. The tool is powered by Google's COVID-19 Vaccination Access Dataset. The tool is designed to identify Vaccine Deserts based on travel time via different modes of transportation (driving, walking and public transit) to show decision makers where further intervention is needed.

Returning to School Safely

This National League of Cities article by Dr. Miguel Cardona, the US Secretary of Education, provides examples of how school districts and communities are promoting vaccinations for students.

Trauma-Informed Training, October 5 – 8, 2021

The Case Western Reserve University Center on Trauma and Adversity will host the 3rd Annual Expanding the Toolkit: Trauma-Informed Practice Institute in October 2021 virtually. Four keynote speakers will focus on the role of the nervous system in healing from individual, intergenerational, and collective trauma. Registration cost: \$150

PHA Best Practices During COVID-19 (recorded webinar and materials)

This webinar discussed some of the challenges PHAs face maintaining physical conditions of public housing units, including resuming inspections and addressing work order backlogs. This webinar is part of a series: PHA Best Practices During COVID-19 Webinar Series.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Case Study: Using Data to Reduce COVID-19 Racial Disparities

An [article](#) shared by the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership describes how the [Black Equity Coalition](#) in Pittsburgh successfully used data to advocate for programs and policies to decrease racial disparities in COVID-19 response in Allegheny County.

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