



Rental Assistance Demonstration RADBlast!



Photo Essay: RAD in Chicago, Illinois

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) has been using RAD to transition about half of its public housing portfolio to Project Based Vouchers (PBVs). Through RAD, CHA has been able to rehabilitate existing buildings, build new housing on under-utilized land, and bring affordable housing to low-poverty neighborhoods in mixed-use settings, providing affordable housing opportunities for Chicago's lowest income seniors, families, and people with disabilities. Further, CHA has used its flexibilities provided as a participant in HUD's Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration to streamline its program administration and maintain self-sufficiency programs for residents as they transition from public housing to the PBV program.

CHA has been able to leverage these two demonstrations to benefit communities across the City of Chicago. This [photo essay](#) highlights the innovative approach CHA and city of Chicago are using to transform the lives of residents in two senior properties: Fannie Emanuel in Chicago's West Side community of East Garfield Park, and Caroline Hedger/Concord at Sheridan in the North Side community of Rogers Park, just blocks from Lake Michigan.

Please read the Chicago photoessay here:

[https://spark.adobe.com/page/Ol73jvn\[qn70u/](https://spark.adobe.com/page/Ol73jvn[qn70u/).



"I had a lot of reservations. But we came into the building, and all of that went out the window. I was impressed with everything: the building, the people, everyone I met was pleasant."



Updated Completion Certification Instructions Now Available

HUD has updated the instructions for completing and submitting a "Completion Certification" for all converted public housing conversions. As a reminder, owners are required to submit a completion certification for all public housing properties that have converted through RAD. The document is updated to include instructions for submission of completion certification for conversions that did not involve any immediate rehabilitation and makes updates to the instructions for conversions with rehabilitation or construction. The instructions can be accessed on the RAD Resource Desk:

<https://radresource.net/output.cfm?id=instructionscofcert> .

In case you missed it:

HUD has posted a webinar describing ***Resident Rights and Engagement in Public Housing Conversions***. The webinar describes all of the resident rights and protections and touchpoints for resident engagement across the RAD conversion process, applicable to public housing RAD conversions.

The webinar can be accessed on the RAD Resource Desk:

https://www.radresource.net/webinar_show.cfm?vid=113.

Thanks!

-The RAD Team

This photo essay is part of the [RAD Photo Essays](#), a series that documents the resident experience for properties that go through a RAD conversion. The purpose of RAD is to preserve and improve affordable housing so that residents can live in stable, healthy, and safe environments. This series highlights the quality-of-life impact of RAD on people. After all, the success of RAD isn't measured in dollars but in people.