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HUD Strong Families events are designed bring together partners from HUD, other federal agencies and partners in support of the event.

* As in previous years, HUD does not offer any funding for these events; it is up to the housing authority or multifamily property owners to partner with their local institutions to receive donations.  However, PHAs can use tenant funds to help pay for their events as long as the resident association agrees.
* The goal is to make the event cost free for every HUD assisted housing agency/owner. HUD encourages collaborative partnerships with public and private agencies to assist with resources and services.
* Yes. The event date is at the discretion of the HUD assisted property and can be held in conjunction with another event. The HUD assisted property has the flexibility to hold the event on a date that is beneficial to them and their residents. It’s important that the HUD assisted property registers the event at [www.hud.gov/strongfamilies](http://www.hud.gov/strongfamilies).
* In an effort to keep the message and focus consistent across the country we encourage HUD assisted properties to use the national theme approved by HUD.
* At this present time the program is non-appropriated. HUD assisted properties are encouraged to establish and/or strengthen collaborations where possible to assist with supporting the program.

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* A partner is a non-profit, business, college or university, federal, state, city or local agency other than a Public Housing Agency, Multifamily properties or section 8 property owners.
* Your participation as a community leader will help to revitalize your local community by supporting an program that works to strengthen, empower and improve the quality of life of families living in HUD assisted housing communities. Your participation will help to facilitate new and existing relationships with families, and enhance their capacity to be an economic and social asset.
* There is no fee to participate. All we ask is that you participate by setting up a booth, donating resources or assisting in any way you feel would benefit HUD-assisted families to support the HUD Strong Families.
* Your organization can attend the local event and connect your resources to families living in HUD assisted housing. Your organization can also:
* Work to provide services/resources focused on health, education and economic empowerment
* Serve as a member of the local HUD Strong Families Planning Committee
* Assist with set-up
* Set up resource tables
* Donate or assist with securing resources to support the event
* Partner with other local organizations

* YES! We are excited to be celebrating collaborations with sponsors/host sites and partners from all areas of industry. Partners like the Girls and Boys club, faith-based organizations, local city government, Corporation for National and Community Services, Family Equality Council and many, many more.

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* Our mission is to Strengthen, empower and improve the quality of life of families living in HUD assisted housing communities by providing access to a variety of services through a strategic collaborative approach in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. HUD Strong Families events are celebrated anytime during the year are designed to empower families with resources to ensure positive opportunities.
* Over 22,000 families and partnering organizations have participated and provided services and resources. There have been over 1200 events held at more than 400 HUD assisted housing communities since its inception in 2011.
* There is no cost to attend!
* There will be various types of activities related to health, education and economic empowerment as well as activities such as face painting, essay writing contests, food, inspirational speakers and booths that are set up by local and federal partners.

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* There is not a fee for government agencies to participate. Many federal partners have existing resources in local communities around the country and we ask our federal partners to utilize their existing resources in support of strengthening and empowering families across the nation.
* Federal partners have offices and teams in many communities across the nation. Agencies can connect their local offices with local HUD assisted properties and participate in their HUD Strong Families event. Connecting your resources to fathers, mothers and children living in HUD assisted housing will help to strengthen and empower these families in your local community.
* HUD, through the Office of Public Housing Investments, is the lead agency for this initiative however, WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT HUD-ASSISTED HOUSING AGENCIES, NON-GOVERNMENT SPONSORS, FEDERAL AND LOCAL PARTNERS! The department is striving to encourage ongoing family connections. This can only happen via the collaboration of each partner committed to strengthening and empowering families.
* Other agencies are participating because the HUD Strong Families Initiative is about families! HUD will help identify partners that can assist with your efforts, potentially providing services focused on health, education and economic empowerment. Our new direction is all about supporting families!
* By working with local, state, federal partners and organizations HUD is able to facilitate effective and sustainable engagements focused on strengthening and empowering families. By providing resources, knowledge, contacts and guidance your agency can collectively and positively impact complex community and neighborhood problems.