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MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR JOSEPH P. GALVAN



Greetings!

am truly delighted to return to my former role serving as the Presidentially Appointed HUD Midwest Regional Administrator. For those of you who may not already know me, I previously served in this capacity under President **George W. Bush's administration from** 2001 to January 2009. I am responsible for the oversight and delivery of HUD programs and services across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin serving as HUD's liaison to elected officials, congressional delegations, city managers, relevant associations and stakeholders. **Here's a recent interview providing a little** more information <u>about me...</u>

It is a great honor and passion of mine to effectuate positive change and help communities flourish to their full potential while working collaboratively with local leaders. I have recently completed my first quarter serving in this capacity under President Trump and Secretary **Carson's leadership and** I have now been to every state in the Midwest Region at least **once. It's been great to** reconnect with so many of you and meet new partners along the way.

We look forward our ongoing partnership and contribution to improving the lives of individuals in our communities.

With warm regards,

Joseph P. Galvan HUD Midwest Regional Administrator

50th ANNIVERSARY of the FAIR HOUSING ACT



President Donald J. Trump has <u>declared April 2018 as National Fair Housing</u> <u>Month</u>. This is a time to reflect on the importance of fair housing and reaffirm the Department's commitment to eliminating housing discrimination and creating equal opportunity in every community. This year is particularly significant as we recognize the milestone anniversary of two pivotal moments in America's history. Fifty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated and one week later, the <u>1968 Fair Housing</u> <u>Act</u> came to be the law of the land.

The Fair Housing Act: 50 Years of Opening Doors is the theme for this year's Fair Housing Month emphasizing the important role this landmark law continues to play in advancing equality in housing. **To view Secretary's Carson's message on the Fair** Housing Act please <u>click here</u>. In case you missed the 50th Anniversary commemoration, you can view the full video and photos here.

We strongly encourage you to take a few moments to read about the 1968 legislation, watch the <u>Reflections of Fair Housing Act</u> video and be sure to visit the <u>#FairHousingis50</u> site often for new events and resources as we will continue celebrating this major milestone all year long! You can also read <u>Assistant Secretary</u> <u>Anna Maria Farias' blog</u> and view her 50th <u>Anniversary Message here...</u>



"Opening Doors" Art Installation

- <u>Presidential Proclamation</u> <u>The Smithsonian Fair Housing Display</u>
- President Lyndon B. Johnson's Remarks upon Signing the Civil Rights Act
- of 1968 Promotional Materials History.com (Civil Rights Movement)
- <u>Reflections on the Fair Housing Act</u>
 <u>Opening Doors Exhibit Photos</u>

EnVISION CENTERS



The EnVision Center demonstration focuses on empowering people to leave HUDassisted housing through self-sufficiency to eventually become responsible homeowners and renters in the private market. In doing so, HUD will be able to make those resources available to others and help more Americans.

The EnVision Centers demonstration is premised on the notion that financial support alone is insufficient to solve the problem of poverty. Intentional and collective efforts across a diverse set of organizations are needed to implement a holistic approach to foster long-lasting self-sufficiency.

Through results-driven partnerships with federal agencies, state and local governments, non-profits, faith-based organizations, corporations, public housing authorities (PHAs), tribal designated housing entities (TDHEs) and housing finance agencies, EnVision Centers will leverage public and private resources for the benefit of individuals and families living in HUD-assisted housing. HUD anticipates that positive outcomes for individuals and households will generate additional positive impacts at the community-wide level. EnVision Centers will also break down the silos of government and co-locate government services that lead to self-sufficiency.

MISSION

To empower Americans to lead self-sufficient lives.

VISION

A housing system that measures success by the number of residents empowered to leave public housing through self-sufficiency rather than the number who enter public housing.

FOUR PILLARS OF OPPORTUNITY



GOALS

EnVision Centers will provide communities with a centralized hub for support in the following <u>four pillars of opportunity</u>:

1) ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: designed to improve the economic sustainability of individuals residing in HUD-assisted housing by empowering them with opportunities to improve their economic outlook

2) EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT: seeks to bring educational opportunities directly to HUD-assisted housing and includes partnering with public and private organizations that approach education in non-traditional ways on non-traditional platforms.

3) HEALTH AND WELLNESS: designed to improve access to health outcomes by individuals and families living in HUD-assisted housing.

4) CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP: designed to enable all individuals and families residing in HUD-assisted housing, especially young people, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by encouraging participation in volunteer and mentoring opportunities.

ENVISION CENTER PARTICIPATION

Residents will be able to engage with EnVision Center services in three ways:

- 1. by visiting a local EnVision Center in their community,
- 2. by downloading the EnVision Centers App for iPhone or Android and
- 3. by visiting an organization that is a part of the EnVision Network.

For more info click here...

SECRETARY CARSON PROMOTES HUD STRONG FAMILIES

View Secretary Carson's Video Message on the HUD Strong Families Initiative



Since the inception of HUD's Father's Day in 2011 we have known that it's the mothers that do much of the heavy lifting as it relates to raising families. In public housing communities where 75% of families are led by single women, that's an enormous amount of responsibility, and one which should be given due consideration.

HUD's focus on Father's Day was intended to bring awareness to the grim statistics children living in father-absent homes face. Fatherhood should not only be a topic with which we speak only with men. Fatherhood programs have more recently found that if they only work with men and never connect with their female partners, then there is less reason for the female partner to want to connect with the father.

Our new focus on both parents will aim to connect men and women to resources that will aid in improving these outcomes and unify the family. Involved fathers empower mothers, and by empowering mothers, families succeed.

CALL TO ACTION: Please join us to help empower <u>Strong Families</u> in your community. <u>Read more...</u>

AROUND THE REGION

Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan Commemorates Fair Housing Month Across the Region

Regional Administrator Galvan joined FHEO Assistant Secretary Anna Maria Farias in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana to help kick off Fair Housing Month. He congratulated Amy Nelson and center leadership on their a Fair



Housing Incentives Program (FHIP) grant and great impact in the Central Indiana community.

Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan provided joined **the Illinois Realtor's Association's unveiling of a** beautiful granite marker symbolizing their monumental commitment to end housing discrimination in Springfield, Illinois. They produced this excellent video to share more about its incredible significance:



Read more

On April 11th he joined the HOPE Fair Housing Center to keynote their 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing conference. The theme of their conference was *Maintaining Hope*. In January 2018, HUD awarded the Hope Fair Housing Center a Fair Housing Incentives Program grant. The Hope Fair Housing Center was recognized for their tremendous impact **under Anne Houghteling's leadership** and all they do each and every day to ensure that the door to fair housing is open for all.

The HOPE Fair Housing conference opened with an incredibly moving <u>Seven Days</u> <u>Documentary</u> on what transpired in the seven days prior to the passage of the landmark legislation. It was very well attended including simultaneous breakout sessions to share promising practices in education and outreach to the latest trends in case law and policy guidance.



HUD Midwest Regional Administrator and key HQ leadership Convene with Detroit EnVision Center Partners

HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan, Deputy Chief of Staff Deana Bass Williams, Senior Advisor Stephanie Holderfield and FOD Mike Polsinelli welcomed a cadre of partners and stakeholders in a convening with the nation's first EnVision Center pilot in Detroit, Michigan.

The HUD team met first in a state and federal interagency capacity then with the local partners who together will comprise the partnership network of the EnVision Center. Each

partner provided an overview of their respective organizations and discussed the programs they plan to bring to the customers of the EnVision Center.



Photo caption: [L-R]: Detroit FOD Mike Polsinelli; Arthur Jemison, Director, City of Detroit Department of Neighborhoods and Revitalization; Regional Administrator, Joseph Galvan and Harold Ince, Interim Director, Detroit Housing Commission.

Minneapolis Promise Zone VISTA volunteers honored as Mayor Frey Proclaims National Service Recognition Day Recognizing Significant Community Impact

Current and former City of Minneapolis national service volunteers were honored by Mayor Frey and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Minnesota Director Sam Schuth at a National Service Recognition Day event at City Hall. CNCS members, including AmeriCorps and Senior Corps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTAs), help communities across the country address critical needs.

In the Minneapolis Promise Zone, five out of seven employees are AmeriCorps VISTAs, providing the Promise Zone the capacity to realize much of its work. The first cohort of nine VISTAs in 2016-17 resulted in four women of color being officially employed by the City of Minneapolis and partner organizations. Two women continue to work on federally funded programs such as: the **Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS)** Resilience in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) program in the City of Minneapolis. It serves North Minneapolis; and the Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) Department of Education Promise Neighborhood.



Springboard to Opportunity and Success in Akron, Ohio

On March 27, 2018 HUD staff participated a neighborhood Workforce Fair held in collaboration with The Taft Promise Neighborhood (TPN), Mercy Hospital, United Returning Citizens, the City of Youngstown and the Corporation for National and Community Service. The job and resource fair was comprised of 20 business seeking employees and six community employment resource tables.

The fair drew 211 participants from across the City of Youngstown. This is the third fair spearheaded by the TPN partnership. The last fair, hosted in September 2017, attracted 180 participants of which 43 successfully gained employment opportunities. One community issue identified during the prior workforce fair was that the community had a high number of felons.

TPN invited Community Legal Aid to the fair in March 2018 to assist residents with criminal record expungements. A total of 40 residents who attended were able to clear their record placing them on a springboard to success and independence. The TPN VISTAs will continue collaborating with Mercy Hospital Human Resource staff in an effort to measure outcomes including the number of participants who were able to was able to successfully gain and maintain employment originating from this coordinated endeavor.

Milwaukee Choice Neighborhood, Westlawn Gardens is awarded HUD Secretary's Opportunity & Empowerment Award

HUD and the American Planning Association (APA) teamed up to award Westlawn Gardens, the <u>HUD Secretary's Opportunity & Empowerment Award</u>. This award recognizes a plan, program, or project that improves the quality of life for low- and moderate-income community residents with an emphasis on how creative housing, economic development and private investments were used to empower a community.

We endeavor to see more public housing communities adopt similar strategies and create a healthy, sustainable living environment for families. Through a holistic, communitybased design process, Westlawn Gardens is successfully being transformed from an aged and stressed community into a lively, mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhood.



Westlawn Gardens Video

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Tools & Resources

Regional Housing Market Data and Analysis New State and Local Comprehensive Market Analysis Reports Regional Housing Market Conditions Narrative Community Assessment Reporting Tool (CART) - HUD investments by Community HUD Resource Locator - offers real-time HUD housing information Community of Practice - resources and information for creating community solutions HUD Exchange - resources and assistance for HUD's community partners AMI: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html#2018

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Close Date
<u>FR-6100-N-41</u>	Family Unification Program Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018	07/24/2018
<u>FR-6200-N-39</u>	Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program	06/25/2018
<u>FR-6100-N-43</u>	2017 Mainstream Voucher Program	06/18/2018
FR-6200-N-38	Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants Program	06/12/2018

All Federal agencies: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANTS:

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-training.html https://www.hud.gov/i_want_to/apply_for_a_grant DUN and Bradstreet DUNS Number Guide - <u>Read the Guide</u>. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/prepare-to-apply-andregister/registration/org-representative-registration/grantsgov-org-registration.htm

RECENT KEY PRESS RELEASES:

HUD Reaches Agreements with Florida, Virginia and California Landlords Settling Claims of Sexual Harassment in Housing (April 30, 2018) Secretary Carson Proposes Rent Reform, (April 25, 2018) Secretary Carson: "Unlocking America's Full Potential", (April 23, 2018) HUD Joins Justice Department in Nationwide Initiative to Combat Sexual Harassment in Housing, (April 12, 2018) HUD Awards Record \$28 Billion to Help Hard-Hit Areas in Nine States, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Recover from Major Disasters, , (April 10, 2018) HUD, VA Team Up to Help Homeless Veterans Find Permanent Homes, (April 6, 2018) HUD Commemorates Fair Housing Month and 50 Years of the Fair Housing Act, (April 2, 2018) President Donald J. Trump Proclaims April 2018 as National Fair Housing Month, (March 30, 2018)

<u>Westlawn Gardens Receives National Community Planning Award</u>, (March 28, 2018) <u>HUD Awards \$35 Million to Promote Jobs, Self-Sufficiency for Public Housing Residents</u>, (February 20, 2018)

HUD Awards \$1.5 Billion to Help Puerto Rico Recover from Hurricanes Irma and Maria, (February 1, 2018)

HUD Awards \$38 Million to Fight Housing Discrimination, (January 22, 2018) HUD Offers \$25 Million to Clean Up Dangerous Lead in Public Housing, (January 17, 2017) HUD Awards Record \$2 Billion to Thousands of Local Homeless Assistance Programs Across U.S., (January 11, 2017)

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PIH Notices:

<u>PIH 2018-05</u>	Issued: 3/23/18	Guidance Related to (1) Eligibility for Potential Shortfall Funding Under the Calendar Year (CY) 2018 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Renewal Set-Aside for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and (2) CY 2018 Administrative Fees
<u>PIH 2018-04</u> (<u>HA)</u>	lssued: 3/22/18	Demolition and/or disposition of public housing property, eligibility for tenant-protection vouchers and associated requirements
<u>PIH 2018-03</u> (HA)	lssued: 2/28/18	Guidance on the Use of Operating Subsidy for Capital Fund Purposes for Subsidy Appropriated and Allocated for Calendar Year 2018 and Subsequent Years
<u>PIH 2018-02</u>	Issued: 2/8/18	Funding Availability for Set-Aside Tenant-Protection Vouchers – Fiscal Year 2017 Funding
<u>PIH-2018-01</u> (<u>HA)</u>	lssued: 1/17/18	Guidance on Recent Changes in Fair Market Rent (FMR), Payment Standard, and Rent Reasonableness Requirements in the Housing Choice Voucher Program



May 2018 is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Celebrate throughout the month of May by exploring this culture's diversity.

HUD is proud to commemorate Asian American and Pacific Islander month! The 2018 theme encourages is to, **"Unite Our Vision by Working Together."** To learn more about ways you can paying tribute to the generations of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history please visit: <u>https://asianpacificheritage.gov/</u>.



Mark your calendar for Public Service Recognition Week, May 6-12! Learn how you can celebrate public servants in your communities by <u>clicking here...</u> #PSRW

Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee

Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee has 8 vacancies for individuals representing: mortgage industry, real estate industry, consumers & HUD-approved housing counseling agencies. Due 5/9/18 <u>Read more...</u>

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Please be sure to visit your <u>State specific News Releases</u> for your respective State data and other updates.

We welcome your feedback and invite you to share your news and events be sending them to: <u>gina.rodriguez@hud.gov</u>.

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