

# HIA BUZZ

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## Let's talk about..... Housing & Health!

Affordable and good quality housing is an important social determinant of health. Affordability leads to residential stability while freeing up economic resources for other essential needs. Residential stability in turn leads to community stability. Good quality housing translates into positive health outcomes, as opposed to negative health outcomes associated with substandard housing, such as respiratory diseases, skin allergies and injuries. To learn more, check the following housing & health resources in this month's BUZZ!

### HIA: Curry County Housing Stock Upgrade Initiative Pilot HIA

- ◆ This HIA, which received recognition at the 2015 National HIA Meeting last month, assessed the health impacts of upgraded manufactured housing on residents' health in Curry County, Oregon. Recommendations from this HIA were then used to inform design standards for manufactured housing programs. Learn more about this HIA at the following links: [Pew Charitable Trusts](#), [Curry County](#), & [RWJF](#).

### Resources

- ◆ [Building Support for Affordable Homeownership and Rental Choices](#), provides guidance on how to communicate effectively with both the public and policy makers when advocating for affordable housing.
- ◆ [The Positive Impacts of Affordable Housing on Health](#) provides nine hypotheses on how affordable housing leads to positive health outcomes. These hypotheses are based on a review of studies concerning affordable housing and health.
- ◆ Learn about the [National Housing Conference's](#) policy and advocacy efforts to address affordable housing efforts across the Nation, including its work on federal housing policies to assist low- and moderate-income families, on strengthening the Nation's Housing Finance System and also its efforts concerning the creation of incentives for states/localities to coordinate cross sectoral collaboration between Housing, Transportation, Health, Education and Energy policy making bodies for the development of stronger communities.

### Webinars

- ◆ Check out the [National Housing Conference's](#) recorded webinar series titled [Solutions](#). Topics addressed include health care savings derived from investing in green healthy housing, examples from Massachusetts on how interagency collaboration is being employed to support housing development for veterans and homeless households, and examples of data sources that can be used to inform healthy housing program planning, development and advocacy.
- ◆ Using [Health Impact Assessments to Preserve Affordable Housing](#): This webinar recording provides information on how HIA was employed to inform a public housing project in Phoenix and how it enabled public participation of impacted neighborhood residents.

### Events

- ◆ The National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) is a nonprofit, organization composed of state Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) that advocate for affordable housing across the Nation. The NCSHA's 2015 Annual Conference & Showplace shall take place in Nashville on the 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of September. Click [here](#) to learn more about this conference and to register.

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- » Find info about Housing HIAs in the US by clicking this [link](#) and choosing the 'Housing' option under 'Sector'.

### In the News

- The WI Treatment Instead of Prisons (TIP) HIA was one of two HIAs that received national recognition this year at the 2015 National HIA Meeting in Washington DC. Learn more about this HIA and watch the related and very moving video [here](#).

### Save the Date

- The next Quarterly Section Meeting shall be held on Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am CT.