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may access previous
issues of COHHIO Updates
at:***

http://www.cohhio.org/news_events.php

***Please note that Jonda will
be on vacation the week of
April 25th and will not
have access to email or
voicemail.***

Ohio Preservation Compact's "Marketplace"

The Ohio Preservation Compact is pleased to introduce the "Marketplace," where you can list preservation worthy properties that you are interested in selling or rehabbing and view other properties for sale. The goal of the OPC Marketplace is to connect buyers, sellers and developers of affordable housing in an effort to preserve more of Ohio's assisted and privately owned affordable housing stock. Please download the Marketplace Seller Form below, fill in all the information and scan and email to kelancraig@cohhio.org or fax to Kelan Craig at 614-463-1060 (Attn: Kelan Craig) to have your property listed. The Marketplace Seller Form may be found at

<http://www.ohiopreservationcompact.org/MarketplaceSellerForm.pdf>

Dates To Remember

- ❖ Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) applications are due April 28th to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). For more information - http://ohiohome.org/hdap/PP&D_electronicnotice.pdf
- ❖ National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio is sponsoring Sleep Out to Stop Stigma, a mental illness awareness event on May 10th from 5-10 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse. For more information - http://www.namiohio.org/article/sleep_out_to_stop_stigma_may_10th_at_statehouse
- ❖ Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Office of Housing and Community Partnerships (OHCP) will be holding their Homeless Assistance Grant Training on June 3rd at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) – Broad St., Columbus. More details to follow.



In The News

City Hall exhibit shows dilemma of homeless youths -

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/04/18/city-hall-exhibit-shows-dilemma-of-homeless-youths.html?sid=101 ** to view some of the pictures from this exhibit go to: <http://www.wherewillwesleep.org>



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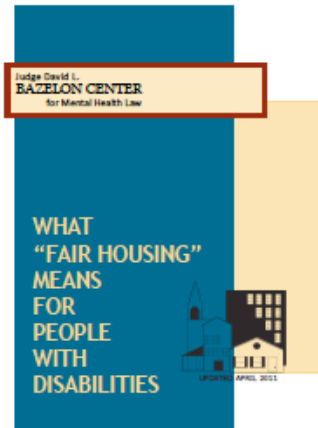
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The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law has updated their *What “Fair Housing” Means for People With Disabilities* publication. The publication is written for people with disabilities who want to rent, purchase, or own a home. Joyce Hill, the Civil Rights Specialist at OHCP, shared the updated copy with me. I have always found this booklet helpful and thought that you might as well. There are some really interesting items noted in it, such as:

- One court has suggested that the Fair Housing Act (FHA) protects tenants in housing operated by mental health agencies.
- Depending on funding sources and how shelters operate, shelters may be covered by the FHA and/or Americans with Disability Act (ADA).
- *Carr v. Friends of the Homeless* ruled that participants in transitional housing programs are tenants and can only be evicted according to regular tenancy eviction procedures. This case is important because it suggests that consumers in mental health-operated facilities do not shed their due process rights simply because they have no alternative but to live in a “program.”
- *Woods v. Foster* found that a homeless shelter is a “dwelling” within the meaning provided in the FHA.
- Current illegal drug users are not covered under FHA or ADA, but individuals with alcoholism – whether or not in recovery – generally are, as are former drug users who have successfully completed an addiction-recovery program.
- Fair Housing Laws apply to property owners, landlords, housing managers, neighborhood and condominium associations, real estate agents and brokerage service agencies – it also applies to anyone else – including banks, insurance companies and even neighbors – who “otherwise make housing unavailable”.

To read a full copy of this book, go to:

<http://www.bazelon.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=EumA1fleQiw%3d&tabid=104>

Additional fair housing resources can be found at:

- HUD - http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp
- Fair Housing agencies in Ohio - http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/ohio/working/the_ofhagencies
- National Fair Housing Advocate Online - <http://www.fairhousing.com/>



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COHHIO's Mission Statement

COHHIO is a statewide advocacy group and service providers network dedicated to ending homelessness and ensuring that all Ohioans have decent, safe, fair, affordable housing, especially those with low-income and special needs.

News

Tina Patterson, Executive Director of Homefull (formerly The Other Place) was recently awarded the **Robert Adams Award of Excellence in Community Service** at the 2011 Miami Valley Fair Housing Luncheon. The award has only been given two times since its inception in 2006.

The award is bestowed selectively upon an individual who, through his or her efforts, honors the memory and embodies the spirit of Bob Adams and his commitment to equal housing opportunity. Robert Adams was a tenured professor of Political Science at Wright State University and a founder and long-time member of the Fair Housing Center. He served on the board of the Fair Housing Center for more than 10 years, including several terms as Chair of the Board during a number of organizational transitions. The Bob Adams Award was first given in 2006 to Bob himself, posthumously after his untimely death and in recognition of the significant contributions that he made to the Miami Valley community through his leadership and volunteer service.

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Luncheon was part of the Fair Housing Month Celebration, and consisted of a morning of educational workshops and the luncheon event with keynote speaker, Sara Pratt, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity U. S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development. The theme was *Changing the Landscape: Sustaining Fair Housing, Diversity and Inclusion for ALL*.



The National Low Income Housing Coalition has released their 2011 Advocates' Guide to Housing & Community Development Policy. This guide can be found at: <http://www.nlihc.org/doc/2011-Advocates-Guide.pdf> The guide is intended to provide information about the most relevant housing and housing-related programs and issues at the federal level. There is specific program or issue information along with its current status.



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Ohio CDC Trainings

Specification Writing and Cost Estimating April 28 (Thursday) & April 29 (Friday), 2011

The course will focus on the process of producing excellent, detailed specifications that reflect the entire required scope of work and the desires of the property owners. Owners apply for rehab assistance with their own needs and goals in mind. How they are accommodated has great effect on the harmony of the process and successful outcomes. Therefore, an exercise on balancing owner desires with program requirements will be involved. The workshop is highly interactive and will include numerous exercises. Producing accurate cost estimates, which reflect market costs and documentation of the process and products to demonstrate compliance with procurement regulations, required rehabilitation standards and codes will be thoroughly explored. Implementation, use and maintenance of automated systems for specification writing and cost estimating will be also be thoroughly examined. Meera Parthasarathy will present a module on specifications and costs for green building and sustainability. The lead trainer for this session will be Gerard Diaz. Donald Diaz will assist as Co-Trainer.

Healthy Homes, An Overview for Rehabilitation

Practitioners June 2 (Thursday), 2011. The workshop will provide an overview of the HUD/CDC Healthy Homes Initiative, HUD's Healthy Homes Strategic Plan, the Seven Principles of a Healthy Home and strategies for implementing the principles in housing rehabilitation programs. Participants will evaluate the status of their rehabilitation program with respect to healthy homes. Use of the Healthy Housing Inspection Manual will be reviewed and participants will formulate action plans for implementing healthy homes strategies in their own housing rehabilitation program. The workshop will be interactive and will include several group exercises. The lead trainer for this session will be Gerard Diaz. Donald Diaz will assist as Co-Trainer.

Rehabbing Green June 28 (Tuesday) & June 29 (Wednesday), 2011. This two-day workshop will focus on rehabbing green affordable housing. It will discuss integration of Green rating systems in design: AWARE (City of Columbus) and LEED. Introduction to Passive Homes: homes that do not use any HVAC equipment and are heated and cooled passively. There will be a presentation that will systematically walk through the credits and strategies for achieving Enterprise Green Community criteria in a housing project. Case studies of building green affordable housing: Gut rehab and new construction, design considerations for building green housing, specification considerations for building green housing, construction related considerations for building green housing. On the second day participants will visit the site for an on-going construction of a green affordable home to demonstrate the integration of green strategies and technologies in building a home affordably. The lead trainer for this session will be Meera Parthasarathy. Brian E. Higgins will assist as Co-Trainer.

- To register by check or purchase order for these trainings, please go to: <https://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1007908>
- To register by credit card for these trainings, please go to: <https://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1007921>



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Training Opportunities

Home Certified Specialist – Regulations May 24-26, 2011 at the Hyatt on Capital Square – 75 E. State St. – Columbus. To register, please go to the Community Planning and Development Training website at <http://www.cpdtraininginstitute.com/homeicregistrationinfo.cfm> This training provides a summary of all program activities, including homeowner and homebuyer, rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance and CHDO activities. This course provides a comprehensive summary of the HOME Program and is taught with the assumption that all attendees already have a strong foundation in the HOME program.



Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing is holding a **Basic Marketing Class** on June 7th at the CPO Training Facility – 933 East Gay St. – Columbus. Contact Lynn Logan with OCCH for questions, including registration, at 614-241-5938.



The Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. will be holding a **Fair Housing Perspectives on Accessibility/Visitability for People with Disabilities** training at the Crowne Plaza – North Columbus. Call Pat Richards at 937-652-3523 to register. Registration form -

http://www.occd.org/gateway/worddocs/2011_training_registration_050311.doc Instructors for this course are Deb Jetter, Education Director at Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and Peg Gutsell, president of Inclusive Quality. For more information about the training go to: http://www.occd.org/gateway/worddocs/2011_training_fair_housing_050311.doc



The Community Development Collaborative, Columbus Housing Partnership, The Columbus Foundation and United Way of Central Ohio will be presenting **Best Practices for CDCs Series – Weinland Park: Challenges and Successes** on April 27th from 11:30 – 1:30. Session will be held at the Columbus Foundation – 1234 E. Broad St. – Columbus. To register, please go to:

<https://uwco.wufoo.com/forms/weinland-park-challenges-and-successes/>