



HOUSING IS THE VISION SUMMIT

*Accessing & Advocating
for Affordable Housing*

Friday, October 11, 2024

Toolkit & Program



Welcome to the Housing is the Vision Summit!

At Status: Home, we believe that *housing is healthcare*, and our mission is to support individuals impacted by HIV/AIDS through secure and supportive housing.

Today's summit is important because this work, housing for people with HIV/AIDS, is at the intersection of two dual crises in Atlanta – the housing crisis and the HIV/AIDS crisis. We cannot and will not end the HIV/AIDS epidemic without housing.

The summit is led by a Leadership Council of PLWHA who have experienced housing instability and helped guide the summits' design and implementation.

Throughout the day, we will explore these topics: Emergency Housing Options, Rental Assistance, Pathways to Homeownership, and Advocacy for Housing Rights.

We hope this event empowers you with new insights, connections, and resources to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maryum Phillips".

Maryum Phillips
President and CEO
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Housing in Vision Leadership Council



Antwone Williams-Rowans is an HIV advocate with over a decade of experience. With a strong background in case management and prevention at NAESM INC., Antwone is committed to improving the health and well-being of the community. Beyond his professional work, he is a respected figure in the ballroom community, using his platform to inspire and support others.



Kendall Clark is an experienced leader with over 30 years of experience in homelessness and healthcare. He has held leadership roles in numerous support organizations. Currently, he serves on the City of Atlanta HIV Services Planning Council and the National Alliance to End Homelessness. His career-long commitment to client-centered care and best practices has made him a respected figure in the field.



Nicole Clark is a woman of trans experience with over 11 years of advocacy supporting the trans community, and previously co-founded The Haus of Balmain before relocating to the South. As Director of Community Outreach & Engagement at Destination Tomorrow South, she continues her tireless work empowering the trans community. Recognized as "Da Boss Lady," Nicole is a passionate leader driving positive change.

Today's Agenda

Check-in & Registration

Opening Remarks

Welcome

Panel 1: Emergency Housing Options

Wellness Break

Panel 2: Navigating Rental Assistance

Wellness Break

Panel 3: Pathways to Homeownership

Wellness Break

Panel 4: Advocacy for Housing Rights

Closing Remarks

Lunch & Networking

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Emergency Housing Options

Accessing emergency housing can be a lifeline for those facing homelessness or housing insecurity. This panel covers immediate shelter solutions, eviction prevention strategies, and available resources for those in crisis.

Panelist



Dr. Alie Redd
Executive Director
Covenant House Georgia



Audrea Rease
Executive Director
C-Star Programs



Donell Woodson
Director, Housing Help Center
City of Atlanta



Eloise Bracey
Chief Program Officer
BCM Georgia

Moderated by
Kenneth Gantt
TBRA Case Manager
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Navigating Rental Assistance

Rental assistance programs can provide critical support to low-income families and individuals. This session will focus on navigating various programs, eligibility criteria, and overcoming common barriers to securing assistance.

Panelist



Diamond Washington
Community Manager



Jennifer Arrington
Director of Housing Services
Open Doors ATL



Karen Cross
Director of Client Services
Positive Impact Health Centers



Scott Walker
President and CEO
3Keys

Moderated by

Qua James
Vice President of Facilities Management
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PANEL

Pathways to Homeownership

Homeownership remains a dream for many, but with the right tools and knowledge, it can become a reality. This panel will explore home buyer education programs, financial preparation, and pathways to affordable homeownership.

Panelist



Ashani O'Mard
SVP, Strategic Housing Investments
Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership



John Ahmann
President and CEO
Westside Future Fund



Rosalyn Merrick
President and CEO
Atlanta Habitat for Humanity



Wesley Brooks
Deputy Commissioner
Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Moderated by

Richard Panier
Director of Real Estate and Acquisitions
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Advocacy for Housing Rights

Advocacy is a powerful tool in the fight for housing rights. This session focuses on how individuals and organizations can advocate for policy changes, protect housing rights, and ensure access to fair housing.

Panelist



Dafina Ward
Executive Director
Southern AIDS Coalition



Jeff Graham
Executive Director
Georgia Equality



Lauren Banks
Executive Director
*National HIV/AIDS
Housing Coalition*



Rashad Burgess
VP, Advancing Health Equity
Gilead Sciences

Moderated by

Anita Murphy
Vice President of Development
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Resources

Emergency Housing & Eviction Prevention Resources

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
<https://paymyrent.ga.gov/epi>

Star-C Eviction Relief Program (*City of Atlanta Residents*)

- **Online:** <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/STARC/Participant>
- **In Person:** At the following City of Atlanta Recreation Centers:
 - MLK: 110 Hilliard Street SE — 30312
 - CT Martin: 3201 ML King Drive SW — 30311
 - Rosel Fann: 365 Cleveland Avenue SE — 30354
 - Dunbar: 477 Windsor Street SW — 30331
 - William Walker: 2405 Fairburn Road SW — 30331

Positive Impact Health Centers
www.positiveimpacthealthcenters.org/housing

AID Atlanta – Healthy Housing Foundation
www.aidatlanta.org/hhf

A Vision 4 Hope
www.avision4hope.org/short-term-housing

St. Vincent De Paul
svdpgeorgia.org/what-we-do/housing

Salvation Army
southernusa.salvationarmy.org/georgia/provide-shelter

National Church Residences
www.nationalchurchresidences.org/resources/emergency-housing-resources

Rental Assistance Resources

211 Online – United Way of Atlanta
<https://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org>

BCM Georgia
bcmgeorgia.org/request-help/application-for-assistance

AID Atlanta
www.aidatlanta.org/services/housing-utility-assistance

NAESM, Inc. Housing Assistance
naesminc.org/what-we-do

Midtown Assistance Center
midtownassistancecenter.org/guidelines

Crossroads Atlanta
crossroadsatlanta.org/need-help

Homeownership Resources

Invest Atlanta
<https://www.investatlanta.com/homebuyers/homebuyer-programs-downpayment-assistance>

Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership
www.andphomes.org/programs

Self-Help Credit Union

- www.self-help.org/personal/services/greenpath-financial-wellness
- www.self-help.org

Housing Rights Resources

Georgia Landlord-Tenant Handbook

www.dca.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2-15-21_handbook_final_draft.pdf

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

avlf.org/contact

Housing Justice League

www.housingjusticeleague.org/take-action

Atlanta Legal Aid Society

atlantalegalaid.org/get-help

Lambda Legal

lambdalegal.org/helpdesk

Georgia Appleseed

gaappleseed.org/resource/healthy-housing-toolkit

Additional Resources

Positive Community Connections
(*Coordinated Entry Access Points*)

www.pccihome.org/gethelp

- City of Atlanta
- DeKalb County
- Clark, Henry, & Rockdale Counties
- Douglas County
- Gwinett County
- Veterans

HouseATL

houseatl.org/resources/affordable-housing-preservation-map-and-toolkit

Virtual Homebuyer Education Workshop (GA)

This workshop caters to renters, landlords, tenants, & prospective homebuyers to provide tenant counseling, education and assistance to help tenants/landlords know their rights and responsibilities & to resolve housing problems.

Register Here



www.depower.org



AID Atlanta HOPWA Program

STRMU, TBRA, Housing Case Management, Housing Information and Resource Services, transportation assistance, direct assistance with applying to Midtown Village, 140 Pine St. Atlanta, GA.

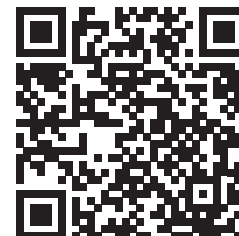
Contact Information:

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Theresa Compton
404-870-7781
Theresa.Compton@aidatlanta.org

Director of Member Services
Jenetter Richburg
404-870-7784
Jenetter.Richburg@aidatlanta.org

1438 West Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

Telephone Number
(general/specific for housing):
404-870-7700
Housing Information Resources Specialist:
404-870-7800



Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ATL311 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IS NOW ACCEPTING REFERRALS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

To make a referral, contact ATL311 by dialing 311 (404-546-0311 if outside the city limits) and select option 3.



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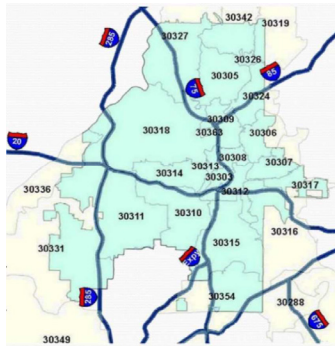
Home Again Program

Financial Assistance for Seniors (55+)
or Families with small children - under 18 years of age

Qualified individuals may be eligible for a one-time financial assistance of up to \$3000.
This assistance may be used to help cover the cost of Past-Due Rent / Mortgage,
Move-in costs (first month's rent, security deposit, application fees) or past-due Utility Bills.

Qualifications:

- Must - be a Senior Citizen at least 55 years old.
- -OR- have children who are under 18 years of age
- Must have a current lease – in your name
- Must **NOT** be receiving any other type of subsidy (i.e. Atlanta Housing Voucher)
- Must have combined Income less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the city of Atlanta*
- Must reside within one of the zip codes located within the City of Atlanta: (see map)



*80% AMI for a ONE-person household is \$57,000

Please note:

Zip codes **30316, 30317, 30331,** and **30354** may cross city lines. It is important to ask the landlord what city they pay taxes to – It **MUST** be the City of Atlanta.

To apply:

If you are interested in applying to the Home Again Program, you will need to provide all the following documentation to HOPE Atlanta. Please note: We are only able to accept applications with complete documentation. ****Packets with missing information will not be accepted.**

Document Requirements:

- ID and Social Security Cards for all family members (Birth Certificate is okay for minors)
- Copy of your current lease (showing that you reside in one of the above zip codes in the City of Atlanta)
- Income Verification Documentation for the past 60 days
- Demonstration of Need which may be a least one and/or more of the following:
 - o Current Ledger
 - o Past Due Notice (past due rent or utility)
 - o Eviction Letter

Complete applications should be submitted to:

HOPE Atlanta
458 Ponce De Leon Ave, NE. - Building B, Terrace Level
Atlanta, GA 30338
Main Line: 404-817-7070

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Westside Future Fund



Scan the QR code to learn more





McAuley Station - Now Open!
375 Gartrell Street SE, Atlanta, GA, 30312

McAuley Station is a brand new mixed-income, family rental community in southeast Atlanta, developed in partnership with Mercy Care. The 170-unit, energy-efficient development is adjacent to Mercy Care's facility that is undergoing an expansion and features studio, one- and two-bedroom apartment homes available at a variety of income tiers (ranging from 30% to 80% AMI).

Residents will enjoy a rooftop deck with scenic views of downtown Atlanta, inviting resident lounges, fitness center, and business center. The community is walkable to the Atlanta Beltline, King Memorial MARTA Station, Martin Luther King Jr. Natatorium, and tons of shops, restaurants, bars, and other local amenities. It is minutes from downtown Atlanta, with easy access to major highways and the Memorial Drive corridor.

PROGRAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

Program requirements are specific to the property and individual unit. Eligibility for programs depends on several factors including: the number of people in the household, the total annual household income, credit and criminal background screening, and other criteria. McAuley Station offers the following rent programs: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, HOME Program, Housing Trust Fund



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by scanning the
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