



HHS and HUD Partner to Create Collaborative Relationships Between Housing and Human Services Agencies

Vision: An infrastructure to support community housing options

Recently, HHS Secretary Sebelius announced the *Housing Capacity Building Initiative for Community Living* project to assist older adults and people with chronic conditions who are at risk of institutionalization or who currently receive care in institutional settings in finding appropriate housing to live more independent lives. The landmark project joins the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Health and Human Services (HHS), under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration, to assist federal, state and local agencies and community partners to create a sustainable, collaborative system between housing and human services agencies.

Key Features of the Collaboration

- Interviews will be conducted with key federal, state and local housing and human services agency representatives to identify knowledge gaps and barriers between housing and human services agencies
- Information garnered from interviews will be used to develop training for federal, state and local housing and human services agency representatives and community partners, based on their unique needs, in order to better coordinate their efforts in supporting older adults and people with chronic conditions to link housing and support services
- Regional, collaborative meetings will be conducted to promote knowledge sharing, collaboration and partnership development between housing and human services agencies
- Local-level pilot programs will be developed to provide housing and human services agencies the opportunity to work closely with one another to identify existing promising practices and promote new, successful housing and supportive services approaches and models
- Promising practices resulting from this project will be collected and disseminated to continue to foster relationships between housing and human services agencies in the future

For more information on the Housing Capacity Building Initiative for Community Living project, please email us at: mfp-collaborative@neweditions.net or visit the project's website at: <http://www.hhs-hud-housing-collaboration.net>.

