

Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Newsletter

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Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Retreat “Common Sense” Implementation Phase

Florida Supportive Housing Coalition (FLSHC) will host a full day retreat to discuss implementation of the five year strategic plan: “Common Sense: A Strategic Plan to Provide Supportive Housing Throughout Florida.” Please join us for the 2008 Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Retreat.

When:

Wednesday, February 27, 2008
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., including a working lunch

Where:

Staybridge Suites
1600 Summit Lake Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32317
850-219-7010

Hotel Room Rate:

\$89 Single/Double

Retreat Cost:

Free (\$12 for lunch, or you may bring your own)

Register:

www.fadaa.org/FLSHC

The “Common Sense” plan can be downloaded by visiting www.flshc.net

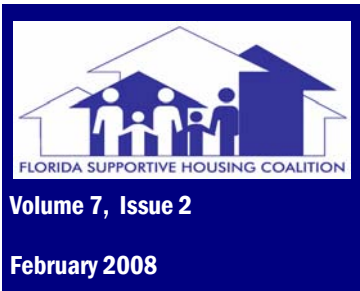
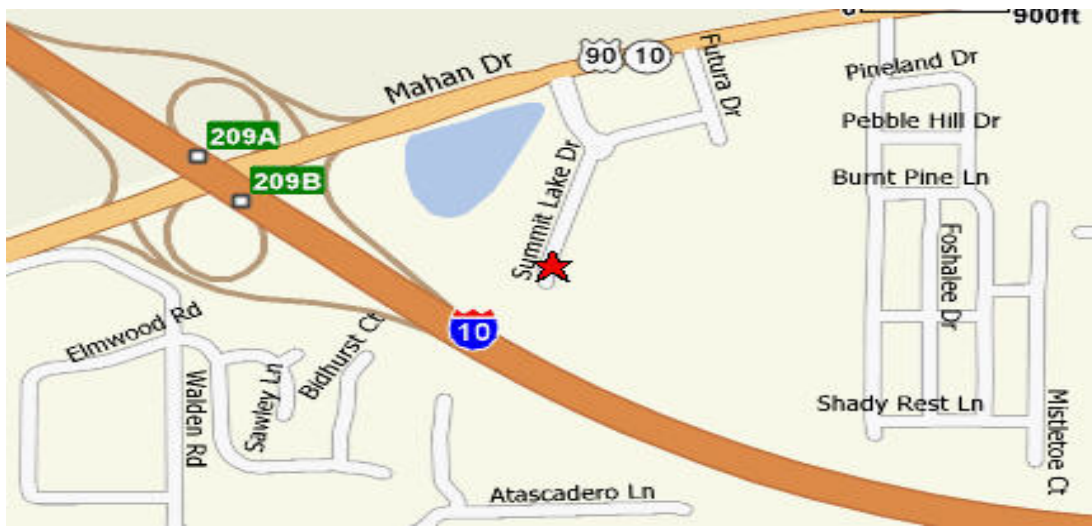
Directions and Map to Staybridge Suites

I-10 E TOWARDS TALLAHASSEE:

EXIT 209B, HWY 90 E. TRAVEL 1/4 MI TO THE SUMMIT EAST BUSINESS PARK.
HOTEL LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE.

I-10 W TOWARDS TALLAHASSEE:

EXIT 209B, HWY 90 E. TRAVEL 1/2 MI TO THE SUMMIT EAST BUSINESS PARK.
HOTEL LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE



Partner Agencies



Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association



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Governor's Budget Shows Continuing Support for Affordable Housing in Florida

Budget includes increased funding to assist more homebuyers.

According to a press release on January 31st, Gov. Charlie Crist presented his 2008-09 state budget recommendations, there was more than \$300 million earmarked for affordable housing programs in the State of Florida, including a \$75-million-dollar increase to help stimulate economic recovery in the state.

“As the state’s Housing Finance Agency, we commend Gov. Crist for continuing to show his commitment to providing affordable homeownership opportunities for Florida citizens,” said Steve Auger, Florida Housing Finance Corporation executive director. “With the additional funding, Florida Housing will be able to help more people obtain safe, decent housing that might otherwise be unavailable to them.”

The Governor’s budget recommendations designate a total of \$318 million for Florida Housing, which includes an increase of \$75 million that will be leveraged with federal funds to assist more families in purchasing a home. Specifically, these additional funds will go to the Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) to provide down payment and closing cost assistance for homebuyers at or below 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), or up to 140 percent AMI for those purchasing homes in southern areas of the state impacted by Hurricane Wilma.

In addition, Florida Housing would receive \$70.5 million from the State Housing Trust Fund for our current programs, including the State Apartment Incentives Loan (SAIL), Homeownership Assistance (HAP), and others; \$166.6 million from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program and related compliance monitoring; and \$5.9 million for homeless programs (to be transferred to the Department of Children and Families).

Florida Housing was created by the Florida Legislature more than 20 years ago to help our fellow Floridians obtain safe, decent housing that might otherwise be unavailable to them. Florida Housing's Board of Directors and staff continue to work to increase affordable housing opportunities for Floridians, ensure that Florida Housing's programs are well matched to the housing needs of Floridians, and communicate the importance of affordable housing to Florida's communities.

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**Ability Housing of Northeast Florida, Inc.
Advocacy Center for Persons
with Disabilities, Inc.
Boley Centers, Inc.
Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Housing Partnership, Inc.
Camillus House, Inc.
Florida Council for Community
Mental Health**

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*Behavioral Health Day at the Capitol, Tallahassee, FL
February 5-6, 2008*

*2008 National Low Income Housing Coalition Annual Policy
Conference and Lobby Day, Washington, DC February 25-26*

FLSHC Implementation Retreat, Tallahassee, FL - February 27

FLSHC Board Meeting, Tallahassee, FL February 28

Guides to Counting Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless People

These two guides were revised in 2008. They describe recommended methods for collecting data on sheltered and unsheltered homeless people and have been updated to reflect recent changes in HUD's NOFA for McKinney-Vento programs. They are useful to Continuums of Care (CoCs) preparing their annual applications for homeless assistance funds.

A Guide to Counting Sheltered Homeless People can be viewed at http://www.hudhre.info/documents/counting_sheltered.pdf

A Guide to Counting Unsheltered Homeless People can be viewed at http://www.hudhre.info/documents/counting_unsheltered.pdf

40 Years of Fair Housing, Where Do We Go From Here

Thursday, April 17, 2008

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Radisson Resort at the Port

8701 Astronaut Blvd.

Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

\$105 room rate blocked until 03/17/08

Agenda

- 8:30-9:30 am **Opening Speaker**
Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, U. S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
- 10:00-11:40 3 Concurrent Workshops
Fair Housing & Affordable Housing, Preserving Mobile Home Parks
Michael Chaney, Technical Advisor, Florida Affordable Housing Coalition
Fair Housing for Persons with Disabilities
Jack Humburg, Director of ADA Services, Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care
***Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines**
Phillip Zook, Architect
- Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines is a three (3) hour workshop, beginning at 10am and continuing at 1:45pm.**
***Participants will self report for 3 hrs. of HSW Credits.**
- 12-1:30 pm Luncheon
Speaker
Matthew W. Dietz, P.L.
- 1:45-3:15 Same 3 Concurrent Workshops
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- 3:30-4:45 2 Concurrent Panel Discussions with Q&A
Restrictive Ordinances and Possible Loss of CDBG & Other Federal Funding
Marisa Bono, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund
Sara Pratt, Civil Rights & Fair Housing Consultant
Fair Housing and Domestic Violence
Sandra Park, ACLU Women's Rights Project
A.D. Escander, Program Manager, Alianza for Fair Housing

There is a \$20 registration fee for this seminar. The fee includes continental breakfast, luncheon and continuing education units. Some scholarships are available. The registration form is attached.