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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

PIH Updates Two-Year Projection Tool and Tool of Tools

On the [Tools](#) page on the Housing Choice Vouchers ([HCV](#)) website, HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) has posted updated versions of the two-year projection tool ([TYT](#)) and the Tool of Tools ([ToT](#)) for the HCV program. Both tools are current as of April 8, 2023. For further details, visit the [Tools](#) page.

GENERAL NEWS

Housing Providers to Pay \$3 Million in Familial Status Discrimination Case

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that two of its fair housing enforcement partners in California reached a \$3 million settlement resolving allegations that a California property management company and more than 30 apartment complex owners discriminated against families with children by prohibiting any outdoor play activities and requiring parents to supervise children under the age of 14 in all common areas.

The [Fair Housing Act](#) and substantially equivalent California laws, like the Fair Employment and Housing Act and the Unruh Civil Rights Act, prohibit discrimination against families with children under the age of 18. This includes imposing different terms or conditions on families because they have children under the age of 18, making discriminatory statements, and enforcing overly restrictive rules and policies that discourage or prohibit families with children from enjoying their homes.

Under the [consent decree](#), the respondents will pay \$3 million to aggrieved families and will implement corrective measures over five years. These measures include submitting any rules about the supervision of children in common areas or resident’s outdoor activities for review and approval; distributing brochures to tenants about their rights; creating and maintaining policies to prevent discrimination, including ways for tenants to report discrimination; train for four hours annually anyone involved in the managing or renting of property; and provide an annual report regarding compliance with the decree. Owner defendants are prohibited from engaging in future discrimination, including from publishing, applying, or enforcing discriminatory rules at properties they own or manage.

HUD Posts ConnectHome Webinar Materials

HUD has posted the materials for the webinar titled “[Understanding Broadband Mapping for HUD-Assisted Communities](#),” the latest in its series of [training webinars](#) on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative.

The webinar, held on March 7, 2023, went over the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) [national broadband map](#), which is used to identify internet service availability at individual locations nationwide. FCC staff provided an overview of the national broadband map, ongoing data collection efforts, and how ConnectHomeUSA communities and other HUD-assisted organizations could ensure the map accurately reflects broadband availability in their community. The materials posted include the [recording](#) and [slides](#) of the webinar.

The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts.

PD&R Publishes New Issue of *Cityscape*

HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has published the first issue of [Cityscape](#) for 2023. The theme for this [issue](#) is “Housing Technology Projects.” Articles that may be of interest include:

- [Increasing Innovation and Affordability in Housing: A Case Study on Townhome Area Separation Walls](#)
- [Getting Cross-Laminated Timber into U.S. Design Codes: A Must for Affordable and Sustainable Multifamily Housing](#)
- [Designing for Natural Hazards: Resilience Guides for Builders and Developers](#)

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