



DSHA Highlights

Delaware Affordable Housing News and Events
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Milestone Reached in Housing Delawareans in Need



Governor John Carney celebrated Monday the fifth anniversary of the [State Rental Assistance Program](#), which has provided housing for 1,200 Delawareans through a unique collaboration supporting those in special need of help. The anniversary event took place at the Herman S. Holloway Campus of the Department of Health and Social Services.

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“We are providing a bridge to independence, helping more Delawareans live self-sufficient lives,” said Governor Carney. “SRAP is a great example of how government agencies can work together to more efficiently deliver important services, and effectively help Delawareans in need. Thank you also to members of the General Assembly for their continued support of the program.”

[The State Rental Assistance Program](#), or SRAP, provides rental vouchers to low-income Delawareans who require affordable housing and supportive services to live safely and independently in the community. Case managers help provide or coordinate those services and help residents through the rental process. SRAP helps particularly vulnerable populations – people exiting or at risk of admission to state long-term care institutions, youth aging out of foster care, and families for whom housing is a barrier to reunification, among others. All clients must be referred by an agency or partner.

“This is about caring for the whole person – not just looking at one part of their needs at a time,” said DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi. “We heard from advocates that the lack of affordable housing is a barrier to many low-income people and families with special needs to live and be successful, and we responded. This partnership shows that it is possible to serve people better, with a better quality of life, while reducing public costs.”

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**Register for Homeownership Expo on June
10**



The annual Homeownership Expo has been helping Delaware families find their dreams of owning a home for seven years, connecting families and individuals with free credit reports, housing counselors, real estate agents, lenders and much more. Registration is available online at www.ncall.org.

That includes people like Kimberly Acevedo of Dover, who bought a home in 2016 after attending the previous year's Expo. "It helped me a lot when it was time to purchase my home," Acevedo said. "They pulled my credit, told me what I had to do to improve my credit score, and I left there with a plan and stuck to it."

This year's Expo is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Delaware Technical Community College's Terry Campus. Attendees who register in advance can pick up a free tri-merged credit report and can schedule a consultation with a financial coach or housing counselor.

There will be door prizes plus face-painting and crafts for the kids while you learn about homeownership

options!

Visit www.ncall.org to register as a visitor or a vendor, or call [302-678-9400](tel:302-678-9400) for more information.

DDD Community Incentives Highlighted

A new webpage showcases the [Downtown Development District incentives](#) from local communities, also including interactive maps, a video, and project photos. The site was developed by the University of Delaware's Institute of Public Administration in cooperation with DSHA, the Office of State Planning Coordination, and DelDOT.

Manufactured Homeowner Assistance Available

Do you own a manufactured home and are behind on your loan or rent payments by 90 days or more? There may be help through the Manufactured Housing Assistance Program. To qualify, you must be unemployed or have a reduction in hours due to the economy, illness or injury. Visit www.destatehousing.com for more information.

Delaware Housing Jobs



Job Openings:

[Sussex County Habitat for Humanity-Construction Director](#)

[Sussex County Habitat for Humanity-Site Supervisor](#)

[YWCA Delaware- Financial Empowerment Counselor](#)

[Housing Alliance Delaware-Continuum of Care Program Manager](#)

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Upcoming Delaware Housing Events



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[June 13: Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity Framing Frenzy](#)

[June 25: Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity Hammer Down for Habitat](#)

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