



## Pathways to Partnerships for Housing Stability

### *Tips for Aging, Disability, and Health Professionals*

This handout provides aging, disability and health professionals with four entry points to initiate partnerships related to housing stability. The focus is on opportunities with:

- Affordable housing associations, coalitions, and providers
- Assistive technology (AT) programs
- Home modification and repair providers and
- Public housing authorities

Along with links to online directories, you'll find quick tips on how to approach them for collaboration.

### **Affordable Housing Associations, Coalitions, or Providers**

**Directory:** Search the internet for "[state/city/region] affordable housing coalition/association" for a list of possible entities in your geographic area.

**Affordable housing associations** often have housing providers as members and represent their interests. Coalitions for affordable housing tend to have a broader mix of members, including other stakeholders and community advocates. Through their membership listings, you can identify affordable housing providers.

#### **Why connect with:**

- **Affordable Housing Associations or Coalitions?** They are a way to reach many affordable housing providers at once, such as by raising awareness of
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evidence-based programs or training them on effectively serving older adults and caregivers.

- **Affordable Housing Providers?** Owners and operators of affordable housing may be interested in bringing evidence-based programs onsite.

**Pitch tip:** Your programs can provide services to their clients who are at risk for falls, chronic health problems, isolation, and other factors that can contribute to housing instability.

## Assistive Technology (AT) Programs

**Directory of State/Territory AT Programs:** <https://at3center.net/state-at-programs/>

**State/territory AT programs** offer information and assistance and device lending programs to individuals with disabilities, their families and caregivers, and service providers working with them. They can also assist in identifying funding sources to help cover out-of-pocket costs.

**Why connect?** Many AT devices can be used to adapt an environment to a person's individual needs, sometimes in lieu of costly or impractical home modifications. AT can help prevent falls, manage chronic conditions, and support independent living.

**Pitch tip:** State/territory AT programs may be interested in partnering with you to help raise awareness of their services, obtain referrals, and allow individuals the freedom to adapt their environment so that they might age-in-place.

## Home Modification and Repair Providers

**Home Modification Information Network (directory):** <https://homemods.org/acl/hmin/>

**Home modification and repair providers** assist individuals who want to age-in-place with funding, volunteers, or other resources that can help reduce the cost of necessary home modifications or repairs.

**Why connect?** By leveraging resources, the out-of-pocket costs to the older adults you serve might be significantly decreased or completely covered.

**Pitch tip:** Home modification and repair providers may be interested in partnering with you to leverage your services to cover activities or costs that might be outside their coverage areas or to allow their resources to assist more individuals.

## Public Housing Authorities (or Agencies)

**Directory:** [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts)

**Public housing authorities (PHAs)** are state, county, municipality or other governmental entity or public body or agency or instrumentality of these entities that is authorized to engage or assist in the development or operation of low-income housing. The majority of PHAs are administered at the local level (city, county, or other municipality).

**Why connect?** PHAs provide subsidized housing for millions of low-income older adults each year. They represent one fifth of all public housing residents, and they have vouchers for low-income populations.

**Pitch tip:** PHAs may be interested in partnering with you to:

- Bring falls prevention and other evidence-based programs to public housing.
- Connect the individuals they house with services that will allow them to stay in their rental housing as they age.