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# **Building and Sustaining Home Modification Collaborations: Strategies for Your Community**

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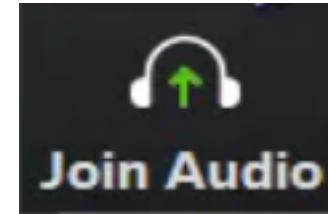
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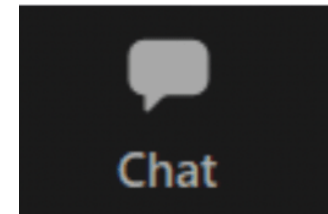
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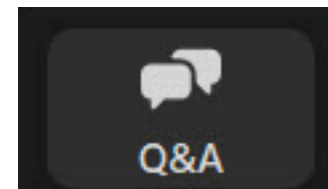


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# Today's National Experts

## University of Southern California (USC) Leonard Davis School of Gerontology

- **Emily Nabors**, MSG, Program Manager, Fall Prevention Center of Excellence
- **Catia Garell**, MA, OTR, SCEM, ECHM, Subject Matter Expert
- **Seymour Turner**, Subject Matter Expert



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# How Can You Be a Partner in Home Modification?



1. **Embed home assessments** into programs
2. **Partner** with home modification service providers
3. Educate program participants about **home modification funding possibilities**
4. Educate program participants with **consumer direction, educational materials, and videos**
5. **Refer** program participants to home modification services

# Partners to Expand Access to Home Modification



- Rehabilitation Services
- Medicaid Offices
- Weatherization, Energy Department
- Assistive Technology Programs
- Housing Finance Agencies
- HUD Community Development
- Social Services
- Veterans Affairs

# Potential Partners to Expand Home Modification Services



## Housing

- Remodelers
- Contractors
- Fair Housing Offices
- Home Modification Businesses
- Service Coordinators
- Housing and Community Development Depts

## Health Care

- Occupational and Physical Therapists
- Case Managers
- Home Health Care Agencies
- Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers
- Emergency Medical Services

## Aging

- Area Agencies on Aging
- Senior Centers
- State Units on Aging
- Title VI Native American Aging Programs
- Villages
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers

## Disability

- Centers for Independent Living
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Assistive Technology programs
- Non-Profit and Other Organizations

## Voluntary Groups

Rebuilding Together \* Habitat for Humanity \* Rotary Clubs

\*Churches/Religious Organizations \* Meals on Wheels

# How to Partner?



- **Refer to Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity for service delivery**
- **Work with State Medicaid Waiver Programs that provide funds to modify homes of individuals at-risk of institutionalization**
- **Educate persons aging with a disability about home modification and repair services as part of their rehabilitation plan**
- **Weatherization experts could do a falls risk screening and make simple modifications**
- **Participate in coalitions and task forces**

# Tips for Approaching Partners



**Collect and share relevant Census data to demonstrate the home modification need in your state or community – who could benefit**

- % of the population age 65 and older
- % of the population under age 65 with a disability
- Rate of homeownership
- Poverty rate
- Median household income

**Describe your services, resources, and expertise to effectively address these needs**

# Tips for Approaching Partners and Sustaining Partnerships

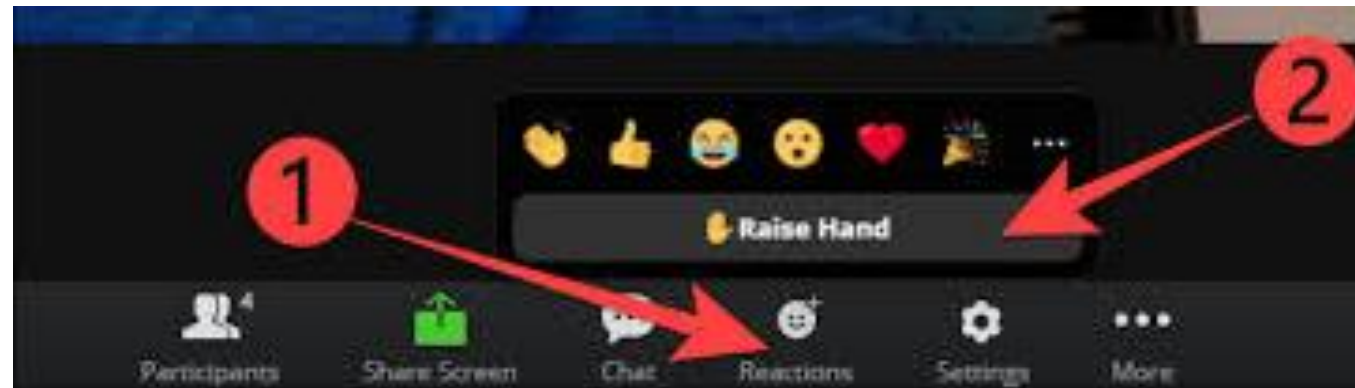


- **Communicate what impact your partnership could have and how it would support your partner's goals and mission**
- **Look for mutually beneficial strategies**
- **Once you begin a partnership, track key successes to demonstrate the impact of your efforts, help sustain the relationship, and secure new ones**

# Open Question/Comment



- Raise your virtual Zoom hand



- “Accept” if you get an invitation to be a panelist

# For More Information



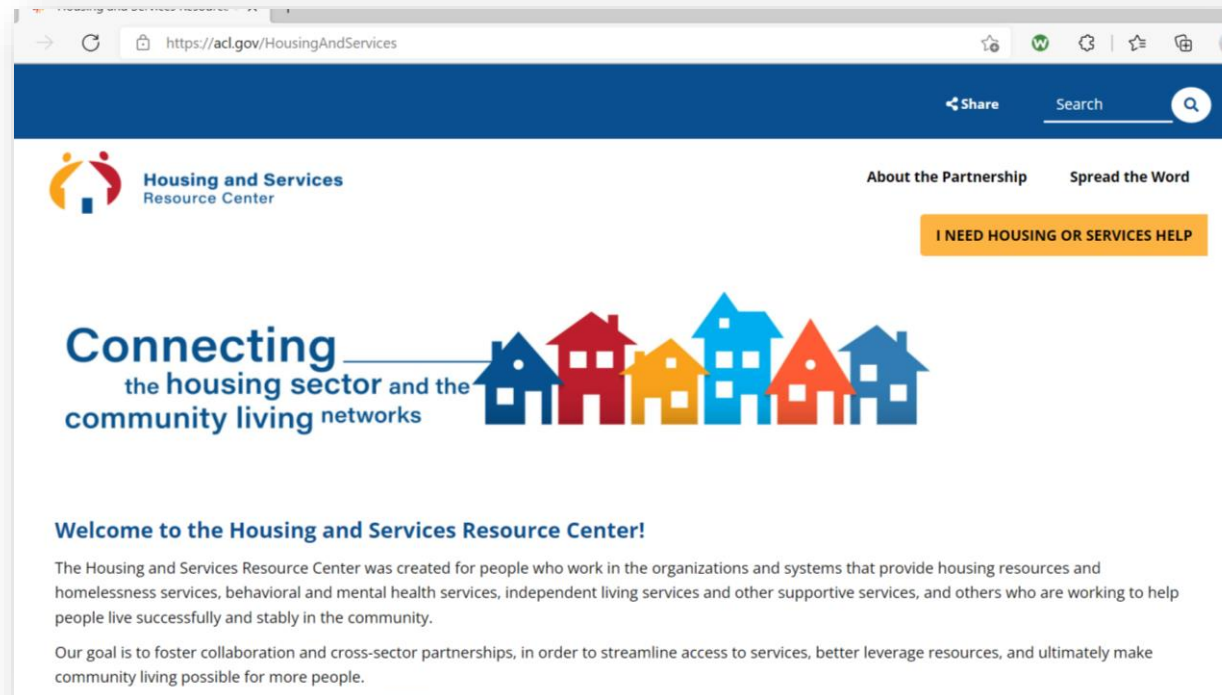
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# Training Applications Now Accepted!

## Home Modification Education and Support (HOMES) Training Program for the Disability and Aging Networks

Free -- But space is very limited.  
Apply by July 11

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/3y7dss5>

# Upcoming August Webinars!

August 4: State programs to support transitions back to the community from nursing homes and hospitals

August 22: Emerging models for community transitions and integration for people with mental illness and disabilities.

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