



# Kentucky Progress

## Upcoming Conferences

**SERC-NAHRO Annual  
Conference**  
Norfolk Waterside  
Marriott Hotel  
Norfolk, VA  
June 24-27, 2018

**2018 NAHRO Summer  
Conference**  
Marriott Marquise Hotel  
San Francisco, CA  
July 27-29, 2018

**PHADA Legislative  
Forum**  
Hyatt Regency  
Washington, D.C.  
September 9-11, 2018

**2018 KHA Annual Conf.**  
Marriott Downtown  
Louisville, Kentucky  
September 23-26, 2018

**2018 NAHRO National  
Conference & Exhibition**  
Hyatt Regency  
Atlanta, GA  
October 25-27, 2018

**2018 Executive Conf.**  
Embassy Suites  
Lexington, Kentucky  
December 9-12, 2018

**2019 KHA Mid-Year  
Conf.**  
Marriott  
Louisville, KY  
February 17-20, 2019



## From the President

It is so hard to believe that 2018 is half over but I am so thrilled that the sun is out and the flowers are blooming!

I want to thank the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy in East Morganfield and the Whitney M. Young Job Corps in Simpsonville for inviting all housing authorities for lunch, a tour of each facility, a presentation by participants, a review of the Job Corps Center approach and networking. Job Corps is a no-cost education and vocational training program with on-site housing administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). The Job Corps approach helps young people ages 16 through 24 and adults of any age with a documented disability to improve the quality of their lives through vocational and academic training in the nation's fastest growing industries. If you are interested in learning more about Job Corps, contact Jeffrey Barton at 270-389-5305 or Richard Allen at 502-722-3472.

**GREAT NEWS FROM HUD:** In a press release dated May 18, HUD announced that it is withdrawing its fair housing assessment tool for local governments "because it is inadequate to accomplish its purpose of guiding program participants to produce meaningful AFH's."

HUD states that without the assessment tool there can be no AFH, and by extension the AFFH rule and its other components cannot be implemented. Any local government that has not yet submitted an AFH that has been accepted by HUD must instead conduct an analysis of impediments (AI), which was required prior to 2015.

I know everyone is also very excited to see the increases in our Capital Fund Program dollars. This will allow us to do more work on our units that have been backlogged for years.

I hope you have a great summer! If I can help you in any way, please feel free to contact me. See you in September at the Marriott Downtown in Louisville.

*Vickie Smiley*

KHA President 2017-2019

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# 2018 KHA Mid-year Conference

The 2018 KHA Mid-year conference was held at The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky February 18-21, 2018. Workshops were provided for Finance, Public Housing, Section 8, Maintenance, New Executive Director Training, and a session covering the “Nuts and Bolts” of ELOCCS. Presenters included Brian Alton of BDO, Vickie Brower of The Nelrod Co., Derek Antoine of The Nelrod Co., Tracy Edwards-Henson of The Nelrod Co., John Emery of US Inspection Group, and Sandy Harris of Louisville Office of PIH. The HUD Louisville Staff provided updates and awards for Small PHA of the year and Large PHA of the year. A special thank you goes out to the KHA Executive Board and the KHA Mid-Year Conference Committee for coordinating such a wonderful conference!

## KHA Mid-Year Conference Committee

Cheri James  
Nikki Baker  
Gerald Board  
Cindy Bowen  
Faith Cornwell-Pike  
Tracey Wilkes  
Vickie Smiley



The Housing Authority of Providence receives the Small PHA of the Year award. Congratulations, Housing Authority of Providence!

The Housing Authority of Newport receives the Large PHA of the Year award. Congratulations, Housing Authority of Newport!

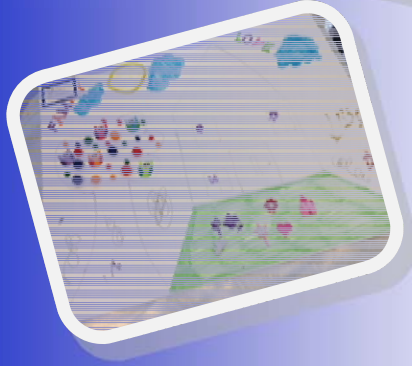






# 2018 KHA Mid-Year Conference Memories





## KHA POSTER CONTEST FEBRUARY 2018

Following are the winners from the KHA Poster Contest held at The Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky in February 2018.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- 1st Place:** Chelsea Nichols, Floyd County HA  
**2nd Place:** Cara Trusty, Martin HA  
**3rd Place:** Brooklynn Collins, Martin HA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- 1st Place:** Tiara Kelly, Catlettsburg HA  
**2nd Place:** Jordyn Carothers, Bowling Green HA  
**3rd Place:** Preston Blankenship, Floyd County HA

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our winners!  
These winners will now compete at the SERC Annual Poster Contest.





# 2018 KHA Maintenance Workshop

The 2018 Maintenance Workshop was held April 10-12, 2018 at the Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Sessions offered included REAC and How to Achieve the Best Score, Air Conditioning, Silica Dust/Asbestos Awareness, Gas & Electric Water Heater Repair, Safety Courses, Inventory Management and more, which provided excellent information and training for attendees.

Faith Cornwell-Pike stated, “We have a great group of Maintenance employees within KHA. Not only is our maintenance conference a source of great learning from great instructors, but this is also a “mini reunion” for most! We had a great time this past April. The laughs and memories will last a life time.”

The annual Maintenance Olympics were held at the 2018 KHA Maintenance Workshop. Faith Cornwell-Pike reported that the Maintenance Olympics made \$100 to go towards the KHA scholarship fund. This year’s Maintenance Olympics may have been the most exciting yet, as it was the closest margin of victory in the 21 year Olympics history! Thank you to all participants, and congratulations to the winners!

## **Maintenance Olympic winners were:**

- 1st Place: Chad Abbott from Somerset Housing Authority
- 2nd Place: Jason Roberson from Morehead Housing Authority
- 3rd Place: Demontary Orr from Paducah Housing Authority

## **The Antique Tool Competition winners were:**

- 1st Place: Rick Hayworth from Mayfield Housing Authority
- 2nd Place: Chad Girdler from Somerset Housing Authority
- 3rd Place: Austin Schramer from Mayfield Housing Authority

## **KHA Maintenance Workshop Committee:**

Chair: Stacy Clere  
Co-Chair: Faith Cornwell-Pike  
Natalie Dixon  
Rick Hayworth  
Chad Girdler  
Steve Scott  
Steven Parker  
Tom Smith  
Doug Latham  
Scott Smith

Special thank you to all Committee Members who worked hard to put on a great Maintenance Conference. Faith Cornwell-Pike expressed “This isn’t possible without everyone’s help. Next year plans are in the works for the workshop to be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, KY. We encourage all housing authorities to send their maintenance staff”.

# Smoke Free Housing

The Housing Authority of Owensboro's Smoke Free policy went into effect on July 1, 2017. We developed partnerships with the American Lung Association and the Green River District Health Department to promote smoke free housing.

The American Lung Association received grant dollars from the Anthem Foundation and the money is to be used strictly for Smoking Cessation in Public Housing across the state of Kentucky. Grant funds provided the following:

- Printed educational materials
- Participates workbooks
- CO monitor to test participants – breathalyzer
- Incentives for participants
- Equipment and materials to host smoking cessation classes
- Smoke Free Magnets placed in every public housing apartment



The Green River District Health Department offered Freedom from Smoking Tobacco Cessation Facilitators training in Owensboro on September 26, 2017. Karen Ellis, Resident Services Coordinator, attended the training and was certified to conduct on site eight-week Freedom from Smoking Cessation classes. We distributed Smoke Free Surveys to all households and returned surveys were entered into a drawing for a \$25 rent credit paid through the American Lung Association. Surveys help identified who was interested in the smoking cessation classes. Currently we have hosted two eight-week classes to residents with a seventy-five percent success rate becoming smoke free. Residents that completed the smoke free class received a one-time \$50 rent credit paid through the American Lung Association. One participant wrote "she participated in the 8 weeks smoke free program and at first she struggled for the first couple of weeks but pleased to say that it has helped her to completely quit and without the support of other members of the class and the instructor it probably would have been impossible."

The cessation class is also open to staff to participate. This program results in no expense to the Housing Authority of Owensboro with the exception of staff time but is a tremendous benefit to our residents and community.

Submission from Shauna Boom



The Housing Authority of Bowling Green hosted a Resident Council Workshop on April 24, 2018. Anice Chenault, Sonja Redmon, and Frank McNeil (Pictured from L to R) from the Louisville HUD office came down to conduct a very informative training and lead a helpful roundtable discussion.



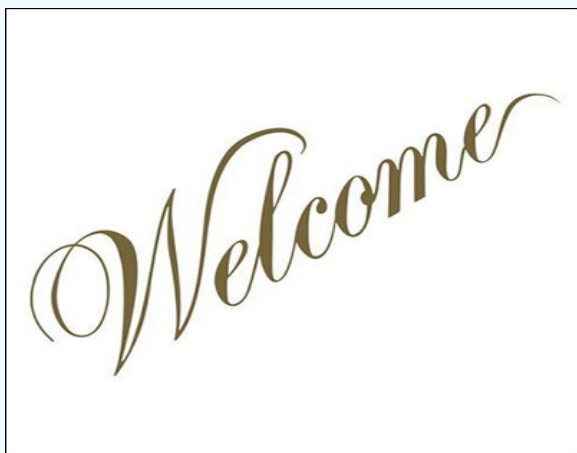
**Congratulations to the Owensboro Housing Authority for being selected as winner of SERC's Newsletter of the Year in the Large Category!**

**Congratulations to the Danville Housing Authority for being selected as winner of SERC's Website of the Year in the Medium Category!**



**Gerald Board, Executive Director of the Lyon County Housing Authority and Amber Village Apartments of Eddyville Kentucky recently was recognized at the Housing Management Conference in Louisville Kentucky with an award stating his outstanding performance in Subsidy Administration. He is pictured here with Anita Toll of the Kentucky Housing Corporation. Congratulations, Gerald!**





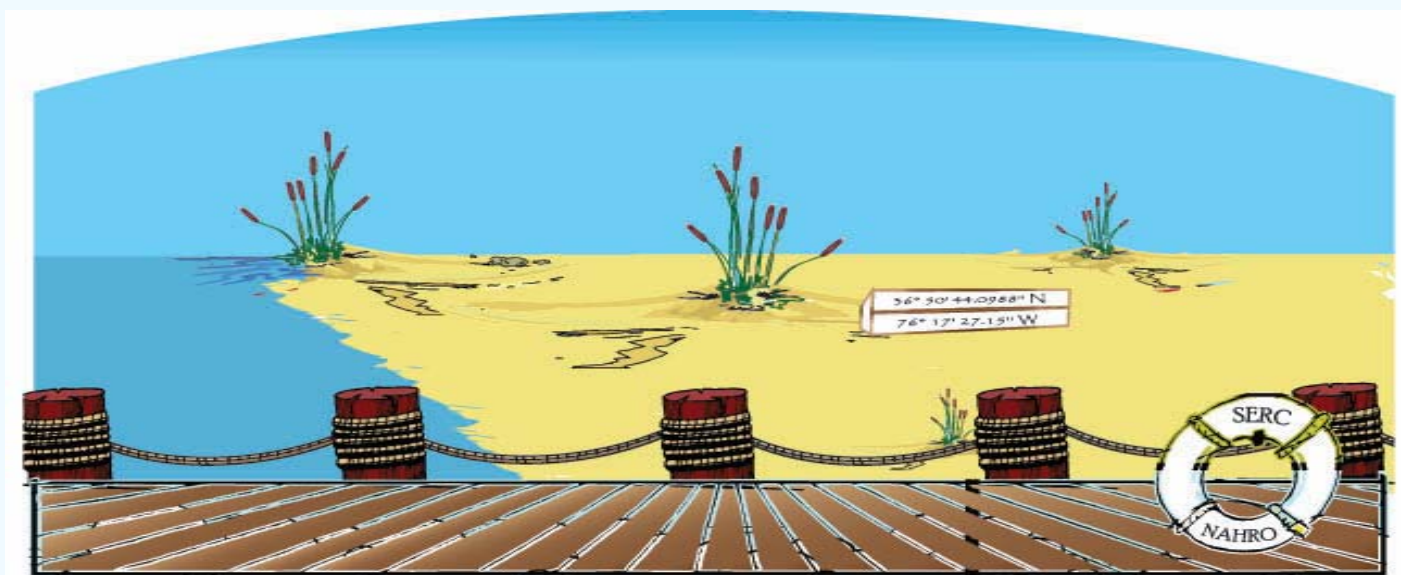
The Housing Authority of Danville is excited to announce the hiring of Gwendalyn Campbell as our Resident Services Coordinator. Gwen was an intern for us through Eastern Kentucky's Social Work program in the Fall of 2017. She helped us create a Family Self-Sufficiency program, a Community Resource Guide, and an updated Resident's Handbook. Upon graduation in early 2018, we brought Gwen on as our full-time Resident Services Coordinator!

Dividends are already paying off as she has met with numerous residents through home visits and office visits, as well as meeting new move-ins. The Boyle County Public Library is partnering with us to donate thirty desktop computers for us to begin after-school and adult education programs at various sites. We had twenty-eight residents go through an Emergency Preparedness Training at one of our developments, with many more being connected with outside agencies as referrals. We have smoking cessation classes as well as credit repair and adult education classes coming up over the next few weeks.

Gwen is also working with the city and community partners to plan our first "Strong Families Initiative" event at one of our sites.

The Housing Authority of Danville looks forward to growing the FSS program and seeing residents meet goals and creating a path towards self-sufficiency!

Submission by Tim Kitts



## One Particular Harbor

2018 SERC-NAHRO Annual Conference

June 24-27, 2018

Norfolk Marriott Waterside



# KHA 6th HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Kentucky Housing Association, Inc. awards the KHA Hall of Fame at the KHA Annual Conference in September. This recipient of this award is nominated by their peers in the KHA membership.

The Committee is requesting nominations from the KHA membership. In submitting your nomination please consider how this individual:

- ◆ Supported and enhanced KHA's mission and goals
- ◆ Are they (or were they) active in KHA through attending KHA sponsored events
- ◆ Accepted leadership roles
- ◆ Positively supported fellow KHA members

The above is not an inclusive list because there are many other qualities that make a nominee stand out.

Also, keep in mind –

- Nominees may be active or retired from a KHA agency
- Nominees do not have to be affiliated with your agency
- Nominees do not have to be in a supervisory capacity

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## Nomination Submission Process

**Deadline to submit your nomination is Friday, August 10, 2018.**

Submit a brief narrative (no more than one page typed) describing why you feel your nomination should be selected to receive the KHA Hall of Fame Award.

Make sure to include the individual's name and the agency in which they currently are or was affiliated with.

Nominations are to be submitted via email to Shannon Biggs at [houscol@duo-county.com](mailto:houscol@duo-county.com)

Or mail to: Shannon Biggs  
H A of Columbia  
P O Box 205  
Columbia KY 42778

## PAST HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

- |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ◆ Anita Jenkins, Morgantown | ◆ Reuben Boswell, Henderson       |
| ◆ Gerald Board, Lyon County | ◆ Donna McNichols, Cadiz          |
| ◆ Shannon Biggs, Columbia   | ◆ Michael Buis, Cynthiana         |
| ◆ Austin Simms, Lexington   | ◆ Lucy Embry, Stanford            |
| ◆ Bill Patrick, Morehead    | ◆ Abraham Williams, Bowling Green |

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<a href="http://yarmuth.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=68&amp;iontree=62968">http://yarmuth.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=68&amp;iontree=62968</a>		
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