



Kentucky Progress

Upcoming Conferences

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

2019 NAHRO
Washington Conference
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA
April 7-9, 2019

2019 KHA Maintenance
Embassy Suites
Lexington, KY
April 8-11, 2019

2019 PHADA Annual
Convention & Exhibition
Marriott Harbor Beach
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
June 2-5, 2019

2019 NAHRO Summer
Boston Park Plaza Hotel
Boston, MA
July 11-13, 2019

2019 PHADA Legislative
Forum
Hyatt Regency
Washington D.C.
September 8-10, 2019

2019 KHA Annual
Park Vista
Gatlinburg, TN
September 10-12, 2019

2019 NAHRO National
Conference & Exhibition
Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
San Antonio, TX
October 10-12, 2019

2019 Executive
Embassy Suites
Lexington, KY
December 8-10, 2019



From the President

Well, the holidays are over and it's time to look into the future of 2019. We are starting off the year with a government shutdown and constant conflict between Republicans and Democrats. There are rumors of changes to REAC as well as the new repositioning options that HUD presented to us at our Executive Director conference in December. PHAs have the option of converting to RAD, Moving to Work program, or various other ways to get out from under the ACC. That gives housing authorities the ability to leverage your housing property for bank loans, LIHTC deals, etc. Of course, HUD stated that you still have the option of doing nothing and staying public housing. The Louisville HUD office has stated that they are willing to help you to look at the various options available to you. I would highly suggest if you are looking at RAD to hire a qualified consultant to assist you.

If you are looking at the possibility of RAD, Jason Casterline will be speaking at the Mid-Year Conference in February on the financial aspects of RAD.

This is a great way to take the first look at RAD and decide if you would like to proceed further. KHA will then sponsor a second training at the district level for more information on RAD. This will be held as a 1-2 day training sometime in the Spring.

KHA Mid-Year Conference will be held at the Marriott Downtown in Louisville February 17-20 and the KHA Maintenance Workshop will be held at Embassy Suites in Lexington April 8-11th.

I look forward to working with all of you for the remainder of my term as President. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Vickie Smiley

KHA President 2017-2019

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2018 Executive Conference

The 2018 KHA Executive Conference was held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky, December 9-12, 2018. Over the course of the conference, HUD Staff led training over a variety of topics, such as, but not limited to:

ACOP	File Maintenance	VAWA
PHA Plans	Occupancy	Procurement
Financial Management	Flat Rent	ELOCCS

Additionally,

- ♦ James Bush with Arthur J. Gallagher offered an Insurance Update and gave detailed information of the insurance coverage.
- ♦ Jeff Wiley from the Kentucky Department of Labor presented Wage and Hour Laws.
- ♦ Carol Spencer from the Louisville HUD office began a conversation about the Repositioning initiative, which she emphasized was a voluntary option for PHAs.



Helpful Tool:

Have you heard of POST?

Check out the Public and Indian Housing One-Stop Tool at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/post
POST offers quick access to PIH systems, tools, training opportunities, program requirements, and much more.

We wish to extend a special THANK YOU to the HUD Staff, Arthur J. Gallagher, and The Kentucky Department of Labor for coming to educate on such a variety of topics. Additionally, heartfelt thanks to all those who worked so hard to organize the conference.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year



The Housing Authority of Hopkinsville had a busy holiday season with many programs offered for resident participation including a craft class and an outside decorating contest where residents competed against each other for the best decorated unit in their complex receiving a Walmart gift card for each complex. There was an overall winner who received a Walmart gift card to help them buy gifts and meet their family needs. The overall winner was Catherine Weston (unit décor pictured to the left). She also won the Chamber of Commerce Award in the City of Hopkinsville decorating contest. Residents were also taken shopping at several area malls and Walmart.

The Resident Christmas Luncheon was prepared by Housing Authority Staff with 25-30 people attending. There was plenty of food and door prizes were awarded to those who attended.

Also, McCarroll Hill Baptist Church from Christian County Kentucky hosted a Holiday meal for the tenants in Brooks Village Complex and had 40-50 meals served in the Brooks Community Room. Special thanks to Tara Rascoe for organizing this event. The Housing Authority of Hopkinsville is very humbled by the generosity of this church along with the Pioneer's of Hopkinsville and other groups who donate throughout the year, both their time and food contributions to our residents.



The children of Hopkinsville Housing Authority had a visit with Santa Claus. They told him their Christmas wishes and took pictures with Santa and were given a gift package. The children who attend Pryme Tyme afterschool care at Hopkinsville Housing Authority went to Covington's Convalescent Center and sang Christmas Carols to the residents along with giving each of them a homemade Christmas card with candy package. They also had a Christmas Party with games and snacks and made ornaments to give their parents gift for Christmas.

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town!



HOUSING AUTHORITY
of Owensboro

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS TAKE THEIR ELVES ON THE ROAD



The Housing Authority of Owensboro decided to mix it up this year. Traditionally, the HAO would have a Christmas party for all the children in the HAO and their parents. The party included distributing gifts provided by Toys for Tots, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies. In recent years, the attendance for the event has been declining, so this year the Resident Services Department led by Amy Lilly decided to bring the magic to the kids.

Anxious children waited patiently, but once Mr. and Mrs. Claus rounded the corner the beaming smiles and occasional “I love you Santa” was truly a delight to experience.

This method is more convenient for many families. It is tough to make sure multiple children are at the right school functions or extracurricular activities on top of a full-time job, so when Santa Claus can come directly to their homes for a little pre-Christmas-eve visit, it is easier on everyone.



The staff at the HAO were totally on board. On the day of the staff Christmas lunch, the offices were closed and all hands were on deck for float construction, treat bag assembly, tree lighting, and toy sorting.



A Jolly Saint Nicholas and Mrs. Claus took some time away from the North Pole to turn the annual Christmas party into a rolling party with the help of a dazzlingly decorated float and even a police escort.

Congratulations!

The Housing Authority of Danville is excited to announce the opening of our new Community Service Center located at 121 Toombs Court! The Center will open on January 24th with an OPEN HOUSE from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The Community Service Center will offer great programs to our residents, our FSS participants, and our entire community. Supplied with a full kitchen, spacious meeting room, and a Computer Lab of eight desktop computers, the center will offer budgeting classes, cooking classes, after-school tutoring and much, much more.

This center and our Resident Services Program aims to enhance the lives of residents of all ages. The housing authority has partnered with several community partners to promote activities and programs that support health and wellness, financial stability, and self-sufficiency.



NEW Community Service Center 121 Toombs Court

Gwen Campbell
Resident Services Coordinator





The Housing Authority of Bowling Green's Youth Choir received an invitation to be a part of the JC Kirby & Son Christmas Spectacular hosted by Orchestra Kentucky featuring Grammy award winning artist Larnelle Harris.

Hardin Butts, a member of Western Kentucky University Redshirts, an a cappella group, worked with the students to prepare for the performance. Orchestra Kentucky took students from 4 local elementary schools and the talents from the Housing Authority Choir to make up a children's choir for the event.

The children came together to practice the night before and the morning of the event. It was the first time the students were able to practice with a live orchestra. The kids were amazed at the variety of music and the complex arrangements. The orchestra was led by Jeffery Reed.

Visitors filled the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center on Saturday. The event was sold out at all 1800 seats being filled. The children graced the stage with poise and grace and beautifully sang all the songs in the order of which they practiced. At the end of the program Larnelle Harris requested to sing Silent Night along with the kids. Pride and admiration filled Executive Director, Abraham Williams, chest watching my kids perform on stage. Public Housing kids were performing alongside of the best in Bowling Green. Performing with a Grammy award winning artist. This has opened our children's eyes. Some have aspirations of performing in the future.

Learn more about Larnelle Harris by visiting:

https://youtu.be/6HYY_3HbIB4



Larnelle Harris has garnered numerous accolades for his music including five Grammy Awards, eleven Dove Awards (three of which were for Male Vocalist of the Year), and a Stellar Award for Best Solo Performance, among many other musical honors. Larnelle was recently recognized by his home state of Kentucky with the Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, making him the first Christian artist to receive the award. He has achieved nineteen #1 radio singles and countless top 10 hits. Songs such as "How Excellent Is Thy Name," "I Miss My Time With You," "I've Just Seen Jesus," plus many others, including his signature song, "Amen," are now considered modern gospel music classics.



As many of you already know I am retiring from the Housing Authority of Columbia effective December 31, 2018.

I started at the Housing Authority in 1986 and soon became a member of KHA. There I met a lot of housing professionals and have made lifelong friendships. When I started some of the members took me under their wings and taught me how to survive in housing. I soon became involved in KHA setting on committees, becoming committee chairs and eventually becoming President of the Association. I have truly enjoyed working for and with the membership both past and present. I have always supported KHA and will continue to support the efforts of this Association. I encourage you to attend KHA, get involved and experience what KHA can offer you and your agency.

Thanks to all of you for your support and I will cherish your friendship.

Hope to see you soon and if I can answer any questions about this Association, please contact me.

Shannon



THANK YOU

On behalf of all of the members of Kentucky Housing Association, we thank you, Shannon, for all of your hard work and service to others over the years. We wish you all of the best that retirement and life has to offer.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES

for an fun, exciting NEW event at the upcoming 2019 KHA Maintenance Workshop



sample cars

Show off your mechanical aptitude and artistic ability and compete with other individuals and agencies to win trophies and bragging rights.

You may purchase your own 1:43 HOT WHEELS slot car. There are several available on Ebay, Amazon, and some at Dollar General stores, to customize and enter different competitions. Because of track availability only HOT WHEEL cars are compatible. We will have a few rentals for use in the driving skills competitions. The rental fee will be \$20 per event, subject to availability. Proceeds go to our KHA Scholarship Fund.

This advanced notice is provided to give everyone adequate time to purchase and customize their own Race car. Co-workers should consider teaming up, creating their own pit crew, and representing their agency with their own customized car.

Competitions include:

- ♦ The HOT ROD Showcase: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for best customized car as voted on by the attendees of the Workshop.
- ♦ Fastest Completed Lap: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for the fastest single lap. Race offs, for ties.
- ♦ Fastest Completed Race: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for the fastest 5 laps. Race offs, for ties.
- ♦ Head to Head Challenges: For fun and bragging rights, subject to track availability.

Souped up, upgraded hot rods are not only allowed, but encouraged.
There will be a practice period before the events.



sample track

Kentucky in Congress

Member Name	DC Phone	DC FAX
Senator Mitch McConnell (R- KY)	202-224-2541	202-224-2499
http://mccconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm		
Senator Rand Paul (R- KY)	202-224-4343	202-228-6917
http://paul.senate.gov/?p=contact		
Representative James Comer (R - 01)	202-225-3115	202-225-3547
https://comer.house.gov/contact		
Representative Brett Guthrie (R - 02)	202-225-3501	202-226-2019
http://guthrie.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=117&iontree=4117		
Representative John Yarmuth (D - 03)	202-225-5401	202-225-5776
http://yarmuth.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=68&iontree=62968		
Representative Thomas Massie (R - 04)	202-225-3465	202-225-0003
https://massie.house.gov/contact-me		
Representative Harold Rogers (R - 05)	202-225-4601	202-225-0940
http://halrogers.house.gov/Contact/ContactForm.htm		
Representative Andy Barr (R - 06)	202-225-4706	202-225-2122
https://barr.house.gov/contact/email-me		



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