

Webinar



Moving Upstream:

Advancing Family Well-Being Through
Housing and Economic Mobility

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Moderator

Alisa Santucci
Principal Associate
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Alisa Santucci has more than 25 years of experience in child welfare, family strengthening, and cross-system collaboration. Over her career, she has brought together decision-makers, content experts, practitioners, youth, families, and stakeholders from

multiple fields and systems to address policy, practice, and organizational and systems development. As a licensed practitioner, her experience provides a valuable perspective on how complex systems involved in children and family's lives interact, and the barriers to—and facilitators of—successful outcomes.

Speakers

Taneeka Richardson
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Fellow
Maryland Center on Economic Policy
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Taneeka Richardson is the State Policy Fellow at the Maryland Center on Economic Policy (MDCEP). Taneeka's lived expertise using housing vouchers for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program (BHMP) has been instrumental in the development of program policies and forging relationships with community partners. Taneeka also has extensive volunteer experiences, including serving with AmeriCorps and participating on various work groups and committees with local nonprofits. Prior to joining MDCEP, Taneeka worked as a Housing Counseling and Research Assistant for the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership.

Frank Alexander
Managing Director Judicial and National Engagements within Systems Improvement
Casey Family Services
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Frank Alexander is the Managing Director of Judicial and National Engagement at Casey Family Programs. In this role, he strengthens the foundation's child welfare transformation efforts by supporting the development of coalitions and partnerships centered on building just, thriving communities and advancing child and family well-being. Frank is focused on expanding the national infrastructure for diverse and affordable housing and strengthening early childhood and universal supports prenatal to 5. Prior to joining Casey, Alexander served as the Director of the Boulder County, CO, Department of Housing and Human Services (BCDHHS) and the Executive Director of the Boulder County Housing Authority.

Ismael Guerrero

President & CEO
Mercy Housing, Inc.

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Ismael Guerrero is Mercy Housing's President & CEO. Guerrero's innovative coupling of healthcare and housing resulted in transformative programming initiatives to improve the quality of life for families with low incomes. He has also successfully pioneered transit-oriented, mixed-income,

LEED-certified developments. Guerrero's previous roles include: Executive Director of The Housing Authority of The City and County of Denver (DHA), Vice President and Business Development Officer for U.S. Bank Community Development Corporation, CFO of Rocky Mountain Mutual Housing, Vice President of The Resurrection Project in Chicago, and Vice President and Director of Real Estate Development for Mercy Housing Mountain Plains.

Sherry Riva

Founder and CEO
Compass Working Capital

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Sherry Riva is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Compass Working Capital ("Compass"), a nonprofit financial services organization with a mission to support families with low incomes to build assets and financial capabilities as a pathway to greater

economic opportunity, and out of poverty. Compass's broader vision is to promote economic mobility and financial security for families with low incomes by influencing field-related practice and policy. Sherry previously worked with direct service organizations that served women and families with low incomes, including running a transitional shelter for women in Seattle, WA.

Jeffrey Lubell

Principal Associate & Director of Housing and Community Initiatives

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Jeffrey Lubell is the Director of Housing and Community Initiatives at Abt Associates where he oversees and provides senior-level guidance on a range of projects related to affordable housing, financial capability, asset-building, and community development. From 2006 through August

2013, Mr. Lubell was the Executive Director of the Center for Housing Policy, a nonprofit research organization affiliated with the National Housing Conference. He has also served as Director of the Policy Development Division in HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, as a housing policy associate at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and as an independent consultant.

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