

MEMBERSHIP

BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS

Thank you for joining the Housing Alliance and being part of the movement to ensure all Washington residents thrive in safe, healthy, affordable homes. Here are some of the benefits and programs we offer to our members. Reach out anytime - we're happy to talk about ways to work together for housing justice!

BIMONTHLY ADVOCATE CALLS

All affordable housing and homelessness advocates are welcome on our bimonthly calls during the legislative session (January–April or May). The Housing Alliance and guests provide high-level updates related to housing and homelessness legislation and where your advocacy is needed. Find the links to join these calls via Zoom on our website at wliha.org.

BOARD ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Board Advocacy Project was created because nonprofit board members are an enormous untapped resource who we believe can - and must - play a pivotal role in the movement to end homelessness. The vision of the Board Advocacy Project is: 1) To assist organizations with successfully building advocacy into the foundation of their board work and structure, 2) To rewrite the norms of what is expected of boards, 3) To institutionalize advocacy as a best practice for affordable housing and homelessness nonprofit board members, and 4) Ultimately to harness the untapped power of board members to help build the movement for housing justice. For custom trainings and other support instilling advocacy into your board culture, contact John Stovall at johns@wliha.org.

CONFERENCE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

The Conference on Ending Homelessness is an annual event that brings together over 750 people from across the state who are working to end homelessness. Together, we learn from each other, exchange ideas and share advice, get inspired and re-energized, and organize to grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington and beyond. Housing Alliance members receive a discount on conference registration - any and all of your staff and board members attending the conference are welcome to use this member discount. This year's event will take place virtually October 6-8. For more information, visit wliha.org/conference.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY DAY

Each year advocates from around Washington travel to Olympia on Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day to meet with state lawmakers, participate in workshops, and take action for affordable homes and an end to homelessness. Together we bring lived experience and knowledge about housing needs in our communities to our lawmakers and unite around a shared set of budget and policy priorities. Next year's event will take place in February in Olympia. For more information, visit wliha.org/advocacy/hhad.

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LD LEADS

Legislative District Leads are key housing and homelessness advocates who live throughout Washington. They build and maintain an active local base of housing advocates in their state legislative district, alerting them to take advocacy action at strategic times. Working closely with the Housing Alliance staff, LD Leads can strengthen their legislative and advocacy skills while building community and developing stronger relationships with their lawmakers. During the legislative session, LD Leads are go-to leaders at Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day and help coordinate testimony, mobilize actions, and empower people directly impacted by housing instability and homelessness. For more information about becoming an LD Lead, contact John Stovall at johns@wliha.org.

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The Public Policy Committee (PPC) is comprised of housing advocates who are members of the Housing Alliance and who want to get more deeply involved in housing and homelessness policy. Committee members help identify top policy priorities and agree to take lead advocacy roles to pass those policies at the state level. Interested members apply to join and are approved by the Housing Alliance board. We strive to ensure that the committee is comprised of members from across the state, bring a broad range of expertise, including lived experience with housing instability or homelessness, and who are part of communities most impacted by homelessness and housing instability including communities of color, people with disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ people. For more information about joining the PPC, contact Michele Thomas at michelet@wliha.org.

RESIDENT ACTION PROJECT (RAP) is a statewide network led by people who have experienced housing injustice who are building power to change state policy through storytelling, organizing, and civic action. RAP is a community where people can learn about organizing and advocacy, connect with others with lived experience, develop leadership skills, and effect change. Leaders have played key roles in recent years to secure local and state legislative victories, and are increasingly leveraging their leadership by joining boards, commissions, and even running for office! To find out how RAP can take your resident engagement to the next level, visit residentactionproject.org or contact Duaa-Rahemaah Williams at duarahemaahw@wliha.org.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS AND ADVOCACY TRAININGS

Whether it's engaging your staff, board, or residents, we can provide additional tools and support to help you make a difference. Members can request legislative briefings and advocacy trainings from our knowledgeable staff any time of year. To request a briefing or training, contact John Stovall at johns@wliha.org.