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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Posts FYI Webinar Materials

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) has recently posted the [slides](#) and Questions and Answers ([Q&As](#)) from its recent webinar on the Foster Youth to Independence ([FYI](#)) Initiative. The webinar, held on January 27, covers updates and partnering opportunities.

As you know, HUD recently [published](#) the competitive notice of funding availability ([NOFA](#)) for the initiative for FY 2020, which makes Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) assistance available to PHAs in partnership with public child welfare agencies (PCWAs). The competitive FYI NOFA utilizes funding appropriated to serve youth under the Family Unification Program ([FUP](#)). Funding of approximately \$20 million is available through the NOFA, and applications are due **March 22, 2021**.

You can find links to the webinar materials and other resources related to the initiative and the NOFA on [this page](#) at HUD's website.

GENERAL NEWS

PD&R Study Highlights Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research ([PD&R](#)) has [announced](#) the publication of a pilot study on housing discrimination against same-sex couples and transgender individuals in the rental housing market. The study utilized a paired-testing methodology to estimate rental housing discrimination against men partnering with men and women partnering with women relative to comparable heterosexual couples, estimate rental housing discrimination against transgender individuals, and compare the utility of remote testing conducted by telephone or email with in-person testing.

The study's findings showed that housing providers treated lesbians comparably to heterosexual women seeking rental housing, told gay men about one fewer available rental unit for every 4.2 tests than they told heterosexual men, and told transgender testers about fewer units than they told cisgender home seekers. The [foreword](#) to the report is available from PD&R here. The [full report](#) is available through the [Urban Institute](#) website.



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