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HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Publishes New Chapter of HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook

On the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has posted a new chapter of its [HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook](#). The chapter, titled "[Inspections](#)", focuses on strategies that PHAs can implement to ensure consistent inspections and to facilitate efficiency in the scheduling and completion of inspections.

Strategies addressed in the chapter include:

- [Inspections Guidance for Landlords](#)
- [Consistent Inspections](#)
- [Inspections Scheduling](#)
- [Administrative Inspections Flexibilities](#)

The goal of the HCV Landlord Strategy Guidebook is to share strategies that PHAs can implement to improve landlord participation in the HCV program. According to the webpage, the other chapters will be released as they become available.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Announces Latest in ConnectHome Webinar Series

HUD has announced that it will be hosting the latest in its series of [training webinars](#) on the [ConnectHome](#) initiative. The webinar series is meant to serve as guidance to help ConnectHome participating communities achieve their goals in connecting households to broadband and assisting communities in their digital inclusion and digital literacy efforts. As such, the series is relevant for PHA staff and community members responsible for ConnectHome program implementation.

The latest scheduled webinar, titled "[NDIA's Digital Navigator Program Overview](#)," is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern time. Click [here](#) for more information, including [instructions](#) on how to register.

HUD Releases 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report

In a [press release](#) last Thursday, HUD announced that it has released its [2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress](#). The report found that homelessness in the U.S. increased since 2019. After steady reductions from 2010 to 2016, homelessness has increased in the last four consecutive years.

As the report points out, on a single night in January 2020:

- 580,466 people were homeless, representing an overall 2.2 percent increase from 2019.
- 37,252 veterans experienced homelessness, an increase of less than 1 percent from 2019.
- Youth homelessness shows a slight 2.2 percent decrease from 2019.
- The number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased 15 percent from 2019. This is the first time since 2011 that the number of people with chronic patterns of homelessness exceeded 100,000.
- There were 171,575 people in families with children who experienced homelessness, essentially the same as in 2019.
- People of color are significantly overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness.



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