



CCECR Resident Capacity Newsletter

This is the place to connect to the BHA Resident Capacity Team, find resources in the community, and learn about opportunities to connect with other residents. We will be sharing updates, resources, and important information for our residents, local tenant organizations, and community partners.

For questions, email the Resident Capacity Program team at rec@bostonhousing.org.

For updates on COVID-19 and BHA actions click [here](#).

Visit our Website

Census Deadline Approaching

Just a few days left!

The deadline to complete your family's Federal Census just got moved up to **September 30**. It is critical that you make sure that your household has submitted their Census at my2020census.gov and ask your neighbors, friends, and family if they have as well.

The more people counted in the Census, the more funding your neighborhood gets for schools, roads, healthcare, food services, transit, and so much more. Challenge your neighbors to do the Census as well, and send in a photo of you holding up a paper with the **#BHAiCount!**

Click the flyer on the right for information in Spanish and Chinese

STUCK AT HOME? ¿ENCERRADO EN CASA? 困在家裡?

RESPOND TO THE 2020 CENSUS!
¡RESPONDA AL CENSO 2020!
響應2020年度人口普查!

THE CENSUS IS QUICK, EASY, AND CONFIDENTIAL!
 ¡EL CENSO ES RÁPIDO, FÁCIL Y CONFIDENCIAL!

人口普查是快速、簡單和保密的!

ONLINE / EN LÍNEA / 通過線上提交

GO TO: MY2020CENSUS.GOV
 VISITE LA PÁGINA WEB: MY2020CENSUS.GOV
 登錄MY2020CENSUS.GOV

USE THE CENSUS ID INCLUDED IN YOUR LETTER FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU OR TYPE IN YOUR ADDRESS MANUALLY.
 USE LA IDENTIFICACIÓN DEL CENSO INCLUIDA EN SU CARTA DE LA OFICINA DEL CENSO O ESCRIBA SU DIRECCIÓN MANUALMENTE.

使用人口普查局信函中的人口普查ID或輸入您的地址。

BY PHONE / POR TELÉFONO / 通過電話提交

CALL ONE OF THE TOLL-FREE LINES:
 LLAME A UNA DE ESTAS LÍNEAS GRATUITAS:

撥打以下任何一個免費電話:

ENGLISH: 844-330-2020
 SPANISH/ESPAÑOL: 844-468-2020
 CANTONESE/廣東話: 844-398-2020
 MANDARIN/普通話: 844-391-2020

Respond to the 2020 Census (CCECR-REC 03.18.20) | Spanish and Chinese Translation by Language Access Team (03.23.20)

RESIDENT EMPOWERMENT COALITION

PEER LEARNING

September 23 at 2 pm on Zoom

REGISTER HERE: <http://tiny.cc/peerlearnsept>

For any questions or assistance downloading Zoom, contact Safia at safia.amerin@bostonhousing.org or (617) 756-8328.



COALICIÓN DE EMPODERAMIENTO DE RESIDENTE

EVENTO DE APRENDIZAJE

23 de septiembre a las 2 pm por Zoom

REGÍSTRESE AQUÍ: <http://tiny.cc/peerlearnsept>

Para cualquier pregunta o ayuda con la descarga de la aplicación de Zoom, comuníquese con Safia en Safia.amerin@bostonhousing.org o llamando al (617) 756-8328.

居民權益聯盟

點對點學習(PEER LEARNING)

9月23日下午2時在Zoom

在此註冊: <http://tiny.cc/peerlearnsept>

如有任何疑問或需要下載 Zoom 的幫助, 請發送電郵至 Safia.amerin@bostonhousing.org 或致電(617) 756-8328 與 Safia 聯繫。

On Wednesday, September 23 at 2 pm the BHA will be hosting another Peer Learning event, a space for residents from across the city to come together, exchange ideas, create connections, and learn from one another. [Register here](#) for the Zoom link.

REC (Virtual) Meeting

About the REC:

The Resident Empowerment Coalition (REC) seeks to build the capacity of resident organizations representing BHA public housing and BHA Section 8 residents.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month.

**Join us for our next meeting on
Tuesday, September 29, 2020
2:00 p.m.**

For assistance with Zoom or to be added to the agenda, please reach out to Jack (617) 756-8331 or Safia (617) 756-8328 or email rec@bostonhousing.org.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/recseptember>

Once you register for the meeting you will receive information for how to join the meeting by phone or video.

Reunión Virtual de la Coalición de Empoderamiento de Residentes (REC)

Acerca de REC:

La Coalición de Empoderamiento de Residentes (REC) busca incrementar la capacidad de las organizaciones de residentes que representa a los residentes de viviendas públicas Sección 8 de BHA.

Las reuniones son el último martes de cada mes.

**Reúnase con nosotros en nuestra próxima reunión
Martes 25 de Agosto del 2020
2:00 p.m.**

Para asistencia con Zoom o para agregar un asunto a la agenda, por favor contacte a Jack (617) 756-8331 o Safia (617) 756-8328 o por correo electrónico: rec@bostonhousing.org.

Regístrese en <https://bit.ly/recaugust>. Una vez que usted se registre para la reunión usted recibirá información acerca de cómo conectarse por video.

REC Virtual MeetingFlyer (CCECR-REC- 08/05/2020) | Spanish translation by BHACCCECR-Language Access Team (08/11/2020)

Thanks to those who joined our previous Virtual REC meetings! We have another coming up on Tuesday, September 29th at 2 pm on Zoom.

[Register here](#) or by clicking the images above. Virtual REC meetings will

be held the last Tuesday of each month for the near future.

Free Home Health Aide Training Program

START YOUR CAREER PATH IN HEALTH CARE NOW



OCTOBER 2020 FREE HOME HEALTH AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS
THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE TRAINING WILL BE
AWARDED A HOME HEALTH AIDE CERTIFICATE

ELIGIBILITY

- Interest in working in the health care field
- Able to commit to participating in a training and employment program for at least six months
- Have an interest in working with the elderly or disabled in their homes
- Resident of Boston, Boston public housing or publicly assisted housing
- Willing to work some weekend
- Program will be Hybrid: Remote learning and small group work in person with a Nurse

Interested applicants **MUST** Contact Alison Simmons to schedule an interview and information session.
Information sessions and interviews will be held remotely.

At the information session, you will learn about the program, the application process and sign up for an interview.

please contact Alison Simmons for more
information:

Phone: 857-286-4693

Email: a.simmons@northeastern.edu

This project is funded by a Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grant
(Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund FY's Appropriations) through the
Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and is
administered by the Commonwealth Corporation.



Interested in working with
the elderly and disabled?

Compassionate, reliable and
want to work a flexible
schedule?

Attend a FREE full-time
training program for entry
level health care jobs and
gain employment
immediately!

Training Dates:
October 13 through
November 20th 2020

TRAINING PROGRAM IS ON THE
DTA DAY CARE VOUCHER LIST

Looking to break into the health care field? Interested in working with the elderly and disabled?

Receive free, full time training to become a certified home health aide. Training runs from October 13 to November 20, and will be a hybrid mix of virtual trainings and some small in person clinical experiences. Those interested must contact Alison Simmons for more information and to schedule an interview at 857-286-4693 or a.simmons@northeastern.edu.

For more information click the flyer on the left or come to a virtual Information Session on Thursday September 24, October 1, or October 8 at 10 am. Join the meeting [here](#).

Meeting ID: 966 7832 9983

Passcode: 236990

Or phone in: 929-205-6090

LTO Reminders

Board Member Trainings from Mel King Institute

These free trainings helps participants handle challenges unique to their particular role as both a resident and a **Board Member of a public housing authority**. Participants learn about the role of the Board Member, take an in-depth look at budgets and capital improvement plans, and receive a free resource binder. [Click here to learn more](#), or join our next REC meeting.

Upcoming Virtual Trainings: Thursday, September 24 from 10 am-12pm ;
Wednesday, October 21 from 1 pm-3 pm

Submit your Fiscal Year 2020 Materials!

Please send in any overdue reports, missing items, and bank statements from April 2019-March 2020. FY21 TPF Allocations will not be sent until FY20 is all set.

[Visit the LTO Resource Page](#) to find commonly used forms and

Send in your Fiscal Year 2021 Budgets and April-August reports

Given that COVID will unfortunately be around for awhile, it is time to start thinking about how Boards can safely and effectively meet and deliver for residents over the coming year. [Start by drafting a budget](#) keeping in mind potential new

information, or reach out to us if you want to check the status of your compliance.

Tips for Holding Virtual Community Meetings on Zoom

Although the CDC still does not recommend meeting in person, it is still possible for community members to stay engaged with one another. Video conferencing tools like Zoom are free and easy to use. Users just need a computer or phone to connect to the meeting and talk to their neighbors like they were in the same room. [Follow these instructions to get you and your neighbors set up to meet.](#)

expenses like Zoom video meeting accounts, a computer for the task force, and materials for community events. Join our REC, Peer-to-Peer Learning, and Elections Support meetings, or talk to our team to brainstorm ways Boards can best support their own operations while meeting the needs of the community.

Please also submit monthly reports for the last few months. If you have not spent any money, just send us the bank statements.

Our Team is here to support you and yours

LTOs and residents can reach out to the Resident Capacity Team with questions, or if you want to brainstorm ways to engage with your communities this summer. Call or email us at

rec@bostonhousing.org any weekday for Technical Assistance Office Hours for help with reports, tablets, planning events, or just to say hi.

[Visit the LTO Resource Page](#) to find commonly used forms and information.

Fill out the BHA Digital Equity Survey Today!

The BHA is working to expand internet access to residents. In order to do so we need a clear picture of how connected your household is to the internet. [Please fill out this short survey here,](#) or return the paper survey that was mailed to you. Please encourage your neighbors to do the same.



FREE COVID-19 Testing



FREE Meals for Youth and Families

Free COVID-19 Coronavirus Tests are available to everyone at dozens of locations around Boston. You do NOT need insurance and do NOT need to be a citizen. Simply call ahead to schedule an appointment. [Check out the full list of locations here](#)

The City of Boston is giving out free breakfasts and lunches to all youth, as well as to adults, at many locations around the city. [A full map and list is available here](#)

IMPORTANT 2020 ELECTION DATES



Voter registration deadline	→	Saturday, August 22 at 8:00 p.m.
Early voting period	→	Saturday, August 22 - Friday, August 28
Deadline to request vote-by-mail ballot	→	Wednesday, August 26
Deadline for in-person absentee voting	→	Monday, August 31 at 12:00 p.m.
State Primaries	→	Tuesday, September 1



Visit boston.gov/elections

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Contact us

The Resident Capacity Program staff is available by phone and email, as well as in the office several days a week to provide assistance to residents over the phone or video call.

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Please send in any overdue FY 20 materials as well as your FY 21 budgets.

Our Local Tenant Organizations should email their board-related requests and/or questions (i.e. resources, tenant participation funds, laundry funds, etc.) to rec@bostonhousing.org.

Tablet Support Center

If you are looking for some how-to guides on using your new Samsung Tablet, check out our [new Tablet Support hub](#)! There are videos walking you through how to use different functions of the tablet, as well as links to other helpful online guides. You can find everything at www.tinyurl.com/BHATechHelp

REC Office Hours for questions, technical assistance, and general LTO and resident support: Call us any weekday 1 pm - 5 pm or email us anytime at rec@bostonhousing.org

[Visit the LTO Resource Page](#)
[Visit the Resident Resource Page](#)

