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## 13th Annual Statewide Affordable Housing Conference

*The Florida Housing Coalition is delighted to present its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on 13-14 November 2000 in Miami, Florida. This year, the Coalition focuses on housing policies and programs, with an emphasis on mixed-income housing on the first day and with its traditional training courses on the second day. On 15 November the Coalition, joined by the Florida Coalition for the Homeless, present the First Statewide Supportive Housing Summit as a post-conference event. The summit is designed to kick-off an initiative to build a coalition of broad and diverse groups and individuals that are interested in supportive housing. Advocates, service providers, government officials, and housing developers shouldn't miss this organizational event.*

*The Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing is pleased to endorse the Coalition's conference and to encourage affordable housing professionals throughout Florida to participate in and learn from the presentations.*

*Contact the Florida Housing Coalition in Tallahassee by phone (850-878-4219), by FAX (850-942-6312), or by e-mail ([info@flhousing.org](mailto:info@flhousing.org)) for registration information. You may also download the registration form at the Coalition's web site at [www.flhousing.org](http://www.flhousing.org) or have a registration form faxed to you by calling the Coalition's Fax Information Line at 850-297-1060.*

### Plenary Session & Success Stories

The conference opens Monday morning (13 November) with a plenary session including welcoming addresses by Mark Hendrickson, Chair of the Coalition's Board of Directors, and Tracy Suber, Executive Director of the Coalition. These welcoming comments will be followed by State-of-the-State addresses by Mark Kaplan, Executive Director of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, and by Tom Pierce, Director of Housing & Community Development in the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Following these addresses is the Success Stories segment, a highlight of the Coalition's annual conferences. Here, representatives from three communities will share lessons learned and what makes their work successful.



## Keynote Address by Ray Suarez



On Tuesday, 14 November, Ray Suarez, Senior Correspondent, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, and former host of National Public Radio's *Talk of the*

Nation, will speak on his book:

*The Old Neighborhood: What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999.*

Ray Suarez joined *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* in October 1999 as a Washington-based, senior correspondent responsible for conducting newsmaker interviews, studio discussions and debates, reporting from the field, and serving as a backup anchor to Jim Lehrer. Suarez has 20 years of varied experience in the news business. He came to *The NewsHour* from National Public Radio where he had been host of the nationwide, call-in news program *Talk of the Nation* since 1993. Prior to that, he spent seven years covering local, national and international stories for the NBC affiliate WMAQ-TV in Chicago. Suarez was also a Los Angeles correspondent for CNN, a producer for the ABC Radio Network in New York, a reporter for CBS Radio in Rome, and a reporter for various American and British news services in London. His essays and criticisms have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chicago Tribune*, and *The Baltimore Sun*, among other publications.

## Public Policy Symposium: Mixed-Income Housing

It is widely acknowledged among affordable housing professionals that mixed-income housing is a positive step toward growing economically integrated neighborhoods. The symposium (scheduled for

Monday afternoon, 13 November) is dedicated to exploring the breadth of challenges and opportunities for mixed-income housing in Florida. This year's symposium consists of a moderated panel discussion by practitioners from different areas of the affordable housing field and three break-out sessions: influencing public policy; the economics of mixed-income housing development; and the local government the theory of mixed-income housing to the economic pments come in various sizes, all bringing with them their own unique set of challenges. From infill duplexes to 300-unit Housing Credit deals, participants will be provided with information on the financial and development realities of small, medium and large deals. Participants will hear different perspectives on sizing developments and type of rental developments, as well as neighborhood and funding factors that influence the size of a deal.

The Special Needs Housing track will demonstrate that developing housing that is affordable and supportive for people with special needs is no longer a dream. There are many successful programs in Florida that illustrate the momentum for strategic funding that serves people with very-low incomes and who have disabilities. Speakers will share their experiences with a wide variety of housing alternatives, including the Coalition's demonstration projects sponsored by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council. This afternoon session features topics such as: financial resources, planning strategies, and supportive services that can help the dream of affordable housing for persons with developmental disabilities come true. Hear professionals in this field share their successes and challenges in providing this type of housing.

The Housing Preservation track focuses attention of the fact that more than 300 affordable multifamily properties in Florida are at risk of converting to market rate this year with hundreds more over the next several years. This workshop is designed as a follow-up to the introductory Transaction Workshop held earlier this year. Participants will work through models of purchasing, financing, and rehabilitating multifamily properties with expiring Section 8 contracts. Strategies for development and operating budgets will be shared with examples from properties acquired by nonprofits in Florida. The afternoon session will address the fact that local housing strategies without plans for preservation can impede a community's desire to increase the number of affordable units in the housing stock. Speakers will share examples of local strategies, successful programs, and barriers. Understanding how a community's housing strategy is affected by older housing stock, including multifamily units with expiring use agreements, will help you define priorities and begin the process of developing policy to make best use of existing resources and discover new ways to encourage preservation.

## Two Special Events

The Coalition is pleased to present the SHIP Administrators' Roundtable for a second year. In response to participant feedback, a roundtable has been scheduled as a breakfast meeting on the second day. Join the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's SHIP Administrator, Tom Burt, other SHIP administrators, and program staff for this roundtable discussion.

The Florida Housing Coalition pleased to host the Affordable Housing Study Commission's Annual Stakeholders Meeting.

The Commission, appointed by the Governor, recommends improvements to public policy to stimulate community development and to promote the production and preservation of decent and affordable housing for all Floridians. Use this time to tell commissioners your priorities for the 2010 plan to adequately house all Floridians.

## Post-Conference Supportive Housing Summit

The Florida Housing Coalition and the Florida Coalition for the Homeless are co-sponsoring this first statewide Supportive Housing Summit. This joint effort is designed to bring together a broad and diverse group of individuals representing organizations interested in supportive housing, including advocates, service providers, government officials, and housing developers for the purpose of further developing housing that is linked with supportive services for Florida residents with a variety of special needs. Participants in this full-day conference will learn what constitutes supportive housing, and its positive impact on special-needs populations and the communities in which they live. Participants will learn about what other states have done to foster supportive housing and how a Supportive Housing Coalition can positively impact local and statewide policy. Attendees will be engaged in developing a platform to increase awareness and resources dedicated to this very important type of housing and begin planning for greater statewide coordination in sharing "know-how" in developing successful models of housing with services. The keynote speaker for this session is The Honorable John McKinney, Connecticut State Senator and son of the late Stewart B. McKinney, after whom the Federal Homeless Assistance Act is named.



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Post-conference session:

### **Supportive Housing Summit**

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