

A group photograph of approximately 18 people, including men and women of various ethnicities, dressed in professional attire. They are posed in two rows: some are seated at a long wooden conference table in the foreground, while others stand behind them. The setting appears to be a formal meeting room with large framed portraits on the wall and flags in the background.

Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership Quarterly Outreach Newsletter

"In order to lower costs for Marylanders, we must leverage our tools to expand housing options, offer incentives for building housing quickly, and support the creation of dignified, quality housing across the state." - **Governor Wes Moore on the approval of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's 2026 Qualified Allocation Plan.**

A Message from Our Executive Director



As we near the end of the second quarter of the year, we are grateful to celebrate a hard-fought legislative victory. Amidst a broader landscape of uncertainty and regressive federal policies, BRHP continues to deliver real progress for families seeking access to opportunity.

This spring brought major statewide legal protections for our families and thousands of Maryland families who rely on housing assistance to help pay their rent. The Maryland General Assembly passed HB 315/SB 335, removing credit barriers, strengthening source-of-income protections, and clarifying fair rental screening practices for voucher holders in Maryland. Watching Governor Wes Moore sign this bill on May 26 was a powerful reminder that sustained advocacy and strong coalition partners can produce lasting change. Now our eyes turn to education and outreach on the new law leading up to its October 1 effective date. And while we continue to fight threats to the stability of housing assistance from the federal government by opposing harmful rulemaking and supporting full funding of the program, we are also glad to share in the celebration of the passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, landmark federal legislation designed to support affordable housing production and increase access to housing for more families.

We also accomplished something our community has been waiting for since 2017: our much-anticipated Wait List Opening, held May 4 to May 8, 2026. During the one-week window, more than 16,000 families applied for the opportunity to be placed on the BRHP Housing Choice Voucher wait list, underscoring the depth of need across our region.

Alongside these accomplishments, BRHP continues to invest in our daily work of stabilizing families through housing mobility efforts. Just this past quarter, we welcomed over 20 rental housing providers to our latest program orientation, hosted a GAIN peer event focused on practical financial strategies, and contributed to national conversations through conference attendance and presentations to share and learn. Our work is not done, but I'm proud to celebrate our recent wins as we continue fighting together for a better future for the families we serve. Thank you for being part of this integral work and for the impact you help make possible.

In partnership,
Adria Crutchfield

Property Partner Orientation:



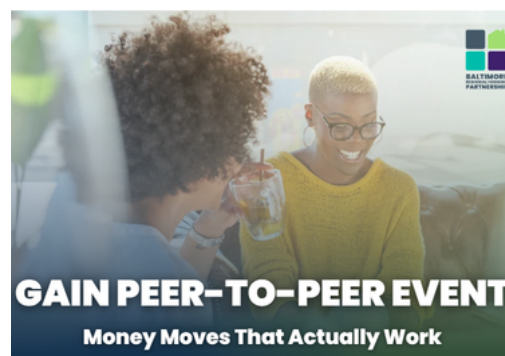
Property Partners at the BRHP office asking questions during the Q&A portion of the Property Partner Orientation

On April 15, we welcomed over 20 new Property Partners to the BRHP office to learn about the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program and explore how we partner to provide quality housing and support for our participants. When rental providers partner with BRHP, they help advance our mission to provide safe, stable, and affordable housing for families. If you have a rental property in an opportunity neighborhood that you are seeking to lease, please let us know [by completing this unit listing form.](#)

GAIN Peer-to-Peer Event:

Money Moves That Actually Work

Our first Growing Assets and Income (GAIN) program Peer-to-Peer Event of the year focused on “Money Moves That Actually Work,” providing participants with the opportunity to connect and share financial wins, strategies, and ways to overcome challenges with their peers. This event provided participants with a safe space to ask questions, exchange ideas, and build community while learning from one another.



GAIN PEER-TO-PEER EVENT
Money Moves That Actually Work

Housing Is Summit:

The BRHP team is proud to have attended the *Housing Is Summit* convened by CLPHA in Washington, D.C. The BRHP team presented on the Healthy Children Voucher Demonstration (HCD) with Johns Hopkins School of Public Health researchers Craig Pollack and Laken Roberts.

HCD is an initiative that couples Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) vouchers with mobility counseling services offered by BRHP through referrals made by health care providers. The demonstration aims to enhance the health of families through health-focused housing mobility.



From Left to Right: BRHP staff, JaNay DeVaughn and Jackie Rittenhouse, alongside Johns Hopkins researchers Laken Roberts and Craig Pollack

To read more on HCD, click [here.](#)

Compass Working Capital Asset Building Policy Forum – Expanding Avenues to Asset Building in Affordable Housing:

Our Executive Director, Adria Crutchfield, and Managing Director of Housing Mobility, FaShaunDa Walton, attended the Compass Working Capital Asset Building Policy Forum – *Expanding Avenues to Asset Building in Affordable Housing* in Washington D.C.

This forum brought together dedicated advocates, practitioners, and policymakers working at the intersection of asset building and affordable housing. Compass’ main federal advocacy priority is to expand the scope and impact of the federal Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, helping low-income families receiving federal housing assistance to build assets and wealth. BRHP’s Growing Assets and Income (GAIN) program is a testament to the fact that asset-building programs work to help families build toward sustainable financial stability.

We are delighted to take part in conversations that help continue to build a powerful shared policy agenda for housing and beyond.



From Left to Right: Executive Director Adria Crutchfield and Managing Director of Housing Mobility FaShaunDa Walton

Gautreaux 50th Anniversary Panel:

On June 11, Adria, spoke on the morning panel in Washington, D.C. for the *Mobility and Metropolitan Equity: The Legacy of Hills v. Gautreaux at 50* hosted by the Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC), Mobility Works, and Impact for Equity. The symposium explored the historic case of *Hills v. Gautreaux*, its role in housing mobility, and its influence on modern civil rights and education policy. Mobility Works’ Executive Director, Valerie Rosenberg, moderated the impactful discussion, and fellow panelists Peter Rosenblatt and Andrea Juracek contributed to the exploration of civil rights, housing history and litigation.



Executive Director Adria Crutchfield alongside panel speakers

A Week of Hope, Hustle, and High Demand: Wait List Opening 2026

From May 4 to May 8, 2026, BRHP reopened our wait list for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program for the first time since 2017, and the response reflected the scale of need across our region.

BRHP's wait list process reflects commitments and legal responsibilities established under the *Thompson v. HUD* settlement agreement, with prioritization for households with young children, households with ties to Baltimore City public housing or voucher programs, and households living in high-poverty Baltimore City neighborhoods. Prioritizing families with young children in under-resourced and segregated neighborhoods helps ensure the program reaches households who stand to benefit most from the long-term opportunity impacts associated with housing mobility.

The Week in Numbers

The volume of engagement across the five-day window was remarkable:



16,513

Applications Received



168

In-Person
Appointments
Made



1,193

Hotline Calls Received
Representing a 3-4%
Increase in Call Volume



48,254

Active
Website Users



114,007

Applicant
Portal Website
Views

Behind each number was a family taking a step toward stability, and dedicated staff coordinating to ensure that the process was clear and accessible. The BRHP team, along with temporary staff, provided hands-on assistance for wait list applicants utilizing BRHP created instructional guides and informational videos, and answered many phone calls.

Following the closing of the application period, BRHP reviewed submissions for eligibility and ranked eligible applicants based on preference points. Among all eligible applicants, BRHP randomly selected 5,000 for addition to the wait list, notifying all applicants of their selection or non-selection for the wait list on June 25.

In addition to demonstrating incredible commitment and effort, the wait list reopening reinforced a core truth: families are desperately searching for housing stability, and they are ready when the door opens.

Opening Doors: Celebrating the Passage of HB 315/SB 335

On June 2, the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership celebrated the passage of HB 315 / SB 335, the ending of credit barriers in the housing search process for voucher holders across Maryland. We were joined by important coalition partners from Community Development Corporation, Disability Rights Maryland, Dominion Community Development Corporation, Interfaith Works, Public Justice Center, Renters United Maryland, members of our Advocacy Ambassador Cohort and their children, along with other friends of BRHP.



This landmark legislation prohibits housing providers from considering credit scores or credit history that occurred before the household received assistance when screening prospective tenants with income-based housing subsidies. It also prohibits considering income for screening assisted tenants, except to confirm that the tenant can pay their portion of the rent. This ensures that screening criteria are relevant and consistent with the realities of assisted housing, removing barriers that have long prevented Housing Choice Voucher holders from accessing housing in opportunity-rich neighborhoods. Its passage represents years of advocacy, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to fairness in housing. Maryland follows in the footsteps of Colorado, California, and Washington, D.C., all of which have similar protections for renters.

Together, we celebrated with the advocates, partners, and community members who made this possible and toasted to a future with more equitable access to housing opportunities.

With this legislation, we anticipate that families will have greater access to housing opportunities in the communities that most meet the needs of their households, opening doors for brighter futures.

This is a victory for families, a win for communities, and a step closer to housing justice.



Photos include Governor Wes Moore with BRHP staff, coalition partners, participants, and advocates at the Annapolis bill signing ceremony and the celebration for the passage of HB 315/SB 335

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What's Happening

Unlocking Opportunity – The Remarkable Success of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership:

In many American cities, including Baltimore, low-income Black families with children are still far more likely to live in neighborhoods with fewer resources, struggling schools, and limited opportunity. A new study by economist Dionissi Aliprantis and sociologist Stefanie DeLuca, Unlocking Opportunity – The Remarkable Success of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, takes a deep look at how the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership's housing mobility program is breaking this pattern. The findings are striking and offer important lessons for cities across the country while underscoring the transformative impact of the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program:



From Left to Right: Stefanie DeLuca, Dionissi Aliprantis, Adria Crutchfield, and Pete Cimboic at BRHP's In Conversation event

- **Massive Neighborhood Improvements:** Families participating in the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program move from neighborhoods ranked among the lowest in the region to communities with dramatically higher socioeconomic status (SES). Families commonly move from ~30% to ~5% neighborhood poverty, a shift from the 5th to the 77th percentile of the national neighborhood-poverty ranking, and within Maryland into some of the highest SES neighborhoods. These moves exceed improvements seen in other prominent programs like Gautreaux and Moving to Opportunity.
- **Better Schools, Better Futures:** On average, BRHP participants live in areas zoned for elementary schools performing ~40 percentile points higher than those zoned to low-income Black families in Baltimore City.
- **Regional Design Creates Choice:** While well-documented practices like pre-move counseling that prepares participants to enter the housing rental market in high-opportunity areas and find a suitable unit, extended housing search times, and post-move support like ongoing landlord mediation services, are critical, this research finds that the regional design of the program accounts for two-thirds of its success, because opportunity neighborhoods aren't confined to Baltimore City. By spanning the region, Baltimore Housing Mobility Program opportunity areas give families real choices.



Stefanie DeLuca and Dionissi Aliprantis

The Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership shows that expanding choice across jurisdictions, and across lines of race and income can unlock opportunity where it matters most: in the everyday lives of families and children.

This research will continue with a second phase further investigating the long-term outcomes for families living in opportunity areas. We look forward to further findings and the amplification of what coupling rental assistance with mobility promoting supports creates.

To read the study and learn more about BRHP's impact, click [here](#).

Driving School Assistance Update:

Our participants are getting on the road. This year, we have supported 61 participants with nearly \$15,000 to cover the cost of driving school classes across the region. Driving provides independence and promotes stability for our participants, creating opportunities for employment and upward mobility. Receiving financial support to prepare to obtain a driver's license helps them take the next step in their lives, creating pathways to thriving futures.



12%
of households report using rideshare for work



50%
of households have a vehicle



37%
of households report that lack of reliable transportation has kept them from going to the grocery store

Partnering for Success – Vehicles for Change:

As our Driving School Assistance continues to help participants in their mobility journey, BRHP participant Shaverrah S. was recently selected from the Vehicles for Change (VFC) waiting list and received a car. VFC empowers families with economic challenges to achieve economic and personal independence through car ownership and technical training.

Through our referral program with Vehicles for Change, participants like Shaverrah can continue to achieve economic and personal independence, in spite of financial hardships they may face.



Shaverrah S. picking up her car with Vehicles for Change

“The whole experience has been nothing short of amazing. The car helped out a lot. I was paying Uber at least \$50 a day; I couldn't make my children's doctor's appointments. The vehicle came in handy, and it really helped a lot. I highly recommend Vehicles for Change and the [BRHP] program.”

– Shaverrah S., Baltimore Housing Mobility Program Participant

What We're Reading

Moore Nabs Some Small Housing Wins, but His Most Ambitious Ideas Failed

In summary of this year's legislative session, Gov. Wes Moore's administration focused on three housing bills designed to ease construction barriers and promote more housing in Maryland. Many of the administration's ambitious bills failed to make it but some small housing wins prevailed.



[Read more at: The Baltimore Banner](#)

Senate Appropriations Stalemate Continues, Delaying Release of FY27 Spending Bills

Senate appropriators are continuing negotiations over a [topline spending](#) agreement for their fiscal year (FY) 2027 spending bills. The topline spending agreement, known as a "302(a) allocation," establishes how much funding the committee will provide for defense and non-defense programs, while the "302(b) includes funding amounts for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD).

[Read more at: The National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

Congress Passes the Largest Housing Affordability Bill in Decades — and Trump Cancels the Signing

Legislators secured the final vote in the House to pass the largest piece of housing legislation in decades. The 21st Century Road to Housing Act passed 358-32 in the House and the Senate approved it with similarly overwhelming bipartisan support. But the support was threatened when President Trump posted on social media that he was [abruptly canceling a signing ceremony](#) for the bill unless Congress passes a strict voter ID bill called the [Save America Act](#). The National Low Income Housing Coalition provides an in depth summary of the "21st Century ROAD to Housing Act" (H.R. 6644/S.Amdt. 4308).



[Read more at: NPR](#)

[Read more at: The National Low Income Housing Coalition](#)

PRRAC Update: Major Win in Virginia SOI Case



The Poverty & Race Research Action Council provides updates on major cases and HUD comment reminders in the US. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia denies landlords' motions in a challenge to source of income (SOI) discrimination protections.

[Read more at: Poverty & Race Research Action Council](#)

Up Next

BRHP 2026 Back to School Supply Drive

“It was just a beautiful thing, it’s always more than we needed and the quality was just fine. I loved how the supplies were already organized.” –Tehran J.

“It definitely helped me out a lot, and saved me money and helped me purchase other important things for my children.” – Iesha A.

- We are preparing for our annual Back to School Supply Drive. A donation of \$45 provides one bookbag full of supplies.
- Your donation will provide a backpack, pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, calculator and more school supplies to help children be successful this school year.
- Please consider making a donation by August 3, 2026, to give a child in the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program the gift of a strong start to the school year. Give a gift for a year of success!

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WE'RE HIRING!



-BRHP staff at the City of Baltimore's Federal to Future Career Transition Expo

We are always seeking new talent to add to our dynamic team, and are looking for the listed opportunities:

- Landlord Relationship Specialist
- Rental Assistance Associate
- Wealth Building Coach
- Senior Staff Accountant

Start your journey with us today! Click [here](#) to explore all of our available career opportunities.

OUR MISSION

The Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership is a non-profit organization that expands housing choices for low-income families who have historically been excluded from housing in well-resourced neighborhoods by helping them access and transition successfully to safe, healthy, and economically vibrant communities.

As the Regional Administrator for the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program, BRHP has been opening pathways to better futures for over 10 years. BRHP currently assists over 4,300 low-income families with rental assistance in the form of Housing Choice Vouchers coupled with counseling support for families as they move from areas of concentrated poverty to areas of opportunity in Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties.

