

## North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit IV

*Register Now – Early Bird Registration Cut-Off April 24<sup>th</sup>!*

Increasing evidence points to the role of housing – or lack of housing – as a factor in the continuing HIV epidemic and health disparities. The theme of Summit IV is *mobilizing knowledge*, with a focus on building conference participants' knowledge and skills to inform housing and health policy and practice in their communities.

This year NAHC and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health are joined by the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN), expanding the scope of the Summit Series to bring together researchers, policy experts, consumers and providers of HIV/AIDS housing from across North America.

### Agenda Highlights

Summit IV will provide a timely and important venue for 300 leading researchers, policy experts, service providers and consumers to *come together for in-depth examination of new research findings*, and to discuss their public policy implications within the context of *the new federal policy landscape in the United States*, to inform the development of the new global and national strategies on the importance of housing policy in the fight to end the continuing AIDS epidemic and related health disparities.

Confirmed *speakers* this year include *Stephen Lewis, Co-Director of AIDS-Free World*, and White House *National AIDS Policy Director Jeffrey Crowley*.

The following are just some of the new *research findings* to be presented at the Summit:

- Final outcomes from the *Housing and Health (H&H) Study*, funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), specifically to examine the impact of HIV housing supports – including new findings on the cost-effectiveness and cost-utility of housing as a structural HIV prevention and health care intervention.
- Final outcomes from the *Chicago Housing for Health Partnership (CHHP)* demonstration project, an examination of the impact of supportive housing for homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses – including findings from the CHHP HIV sub-study.
- The first presentation of 12-month outcomes from *Positive Spaces Healthy Places (PSHP)*, the first longitudinal community-based study of the impact of housing on the health of people living with HIV in Canada.
- First of their kind findings from the San Francisco Department of Public Health on the *impact of housing on the survival of persons with AIDS* using longitudinal administrative data sets.
- Study findings from the US and Canada on the relationship of *housing status, HIV and intimate partner violence among women*.
- Homelessness, HIV risk and health outcomes among *street-involved youth* and other high-risk groups.
- *International perspectives* on housing and HIV from Africa and Haiti as well as immigrant and Native American communities here in North America.

In addition, Summit IV will be preceded by two *half-day Learning Institutes*: one designed to build the capacity of consumers and providers of HIV/AIDS housing and services to participate more actively in the design, guidance and interpretation of research; and the other to provide a forum for discussion among health, homelessness and housing researchers regarding methods and outcomes measures.