



National Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit

*Summit II - 2006: Transforming Fact Into Strategy -
Developing a Public Health Response to the Housing Needs of
Persons Living With and At Risk of HIV/AIDS*

October 20th & 21st, 2006

Mt. Washington Conference Center, Baltimore, Maryland



“The co-occurrence of homelessness and HIV/AIDS has long been recognized and is well documented. The prevalence of HIV/AIDS is three to nine times higher among persons who are homeless or unstably housed compared with persons with stable and adequate housing, depending upon the population and geographic area studied.”

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The National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) invites you to join us for the second annual National Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit, a meeting of leading health, housing and social service researchers and policy makers, convened by NAHC in collaboration with the Department of Health, Behavior and Society of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health . The Summit will be held October 20th and 21st, 2006, in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Summit schedule, registration information and hotel information can be found at www.nationalaidshousing.org/ResearchSummitII.htm.

Early registration ends September 15, 2006; register now to ensure that you receive group hotel rates.



All research-related quotes in this brochure are taken from NAHC's National Housing & HIV/AIDS Policy Paper, a resulting product of the first Research Summit in 2005. The fully-cited paper is available at www.nationalaidshousing.org/ResearchSummitI.htm.

“The all-cause death rate among homeless HIV positive persons is five times the rate of death among housed persons with HIV/AIDS: 5.3 to 8 deaths per 100 persons years for HIV positive homeless persons, compared to 1 to 2 deaths per 100 person years for HIV positive persons who are housed.”

Transforming Fact Into Strategy – Developing a Public Health Response to the Housing Needs of Persons Living With and At Risk of HIV/AIDS

The Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit series provides an unprecedented venue for the presentation of research significant to HIV/AIDS housing policy, in a unique format that promotes the exchange of information and ideas among researchers, policy makers, and providers and consumers of HIV housing and services. Compelling research findings demonstrate the significance of housing as an intervention to address both public and individual health priorities, showing strong correlations between improved housing status and reduced HIV risk, improved access to HIV medical care, better health outcomes, and reduced costs in health care service utilization.

The Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit will continue the important dialogue regarding the relationship between housing status and HIV prevention and treatment, providing an opportunity for the exchange of knowledge, experience and perspective regarding the social determinants of HIV prevention and care, among participants from different disciplines, different parts of the country, and different socioeconomic perspectives. Participants will examine empirical data on the relation of housing, HIV, and community health; discuss the policy implications of research findings; and work collaboratively on the development of collective strategies for ensuring a sound, data-driven public health response to the housing needs of persons living with HIV and at heightened risk of infection.

The meeting will consist entirely of plenary sessions on selected conference topics of concern to all participants. Each session will include presentations of relevant research findings, followed by comments from a panel of discussants that will include other researchers, policy experts, providers and consumers who have reviewed the research in advance, and concluding with a structured discussion of policy implications and advocacy action strategies. In addition to these plenary sessions on substantive topics, evening activities on the first day will include a structured discussion among researchers of community based and other innovative methodological approaches, and an evening “Research 101” session for consumers, providers, and policy experts.

The primary goal of the National Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit series is to provide a regular forum for the exchange of research findings and public policy strategies on topics related to housing and HIV prevention and care. In addition, the Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit has been designed to promote the development of collective strategies for best using research findings to advance the cause of homeless people living with AIDS and HIV or at risk of HIV infection.



“A growing body of evidence establishes that housing is implicated in multiple causal levels of risk for HIV infection. These research findings suggest that the condition of homelessness itself, and not simply traits of homeless individuals, influences risk behaviors, making the provision of housing an essential structural intervention to reduce the spread of HIV.”

Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit II – Schedule and Tentative Agenda

The Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit will be an intensive, interactive event beginning Friday, October 20th, at 10 am, to allow for travel that morning, and ending at 4 pm on October 21st to allow return travel that evening. The meeting will consist entirely of plenary sessions, and will include dinner together on Friday night and the opportunity to participate in evening sessions geared to both experienced researchers and those who are new to data collection and analysis.

Each daytime plenary session will include:

- Presentations of relevant research findings;
- Followed by comments from a panel of discussants that will include other researchers, policy experts, providers and consumers who have reviewed the research in advance; and
- Concluding with a structured discussion of policy implications and advocacy action strategies.

The Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit schedule and tentative agenda topics are set out below:

Friday, October 20th

9:00 am – 10 am	Registration
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Keynote Speaker
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Shifting the risk paradigm – moving from individual blame to an examination of the social determinants of HIV infection and health outcomes.</i>
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch & informal discussion
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Housing is the essential baseline for HIV/AIDS health care.</i>
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Quantifying housing outcomes – examining the “cost-effectiveness” of housing as an HIV prevention and health care intervention.</i>
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cocktails
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner and Keynote Speaker
8:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Evening Sessions: Track A – <i>Community-based research methodologies: a structured working session for researchers on developing and implementing community-based and other innovative methodological approaches.</i> Track B – <i>Research 101: fundamentals of research methodologies and approaches for providers, consumers and policy experts.</i> Track C – <i>Policymaking 101: discussion of how to impact policymakers on local, state, and national levels.</i>

“Improved housing status facilitates engagement in health services, including HIV testing and care, which in turn impacts on rates of transmission. Persons who do not know their HIV status and therefore are outside of care present by far the greatest risk of new infections; the 25% of persons with HIV/AIDS who do not know they are infected transmit at a 8.5% to 11% rate per year, compared to 1.7% to 2.5% for persons who are aware of their status.”

Saturday, October 21st

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast and Registration
9 am – 10:30 am	Plenary Session: <i>Housing as harm reduction – housing persons whose HIV illness is complicated by chronic substance use and other complex life issues.</i>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Innovative approaches to emerging housing issues.</i>
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Working Lunch/Plenary Session: <i>Defining housing status/homelessness and housing outcomes: common research measures.</i>
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Break
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Plenary Session: <i>Where do we go from here? Using research results to inform public policy.</i>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks

Research Summit Partners

The National Housing HIV/AIDS Research Summit series is convened by the *National AIDS Housing Coalition, Inc. (NAHC)*, a 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1994 to assert the fundamental right of all persons living with HIV/AIDS to decent, safe, affordable housing and supportive services that are responsive and appropriate to their self-determined needs.

NAHC will conduct the second Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit in collaboration with Dr. David Holtgrave and the Department of Health, Behavior and Society of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, which was established in the summer of 2005 with a mission dedicated to research and training that advances scientific understanding of the impact on health of behavior and the societal context.

Leading researchers and policy experts in the fields of housing and health are working with NAHC and Johns Hopkins to convene the Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit; co-conveners include Dr. Angela Aidala of the Center for Applied Public Health at Columbia University and the Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Dr. Dennis Culhane of the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work, and member organizations of the Visioning Committee of the NAHC Board of Directors.

The National AIDS Housing Coalition has engaged Hilary Botein and Ginny Shubert from Shubert Botein Policy Associates (SBPA) to help plan, coordinate, and document the second Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit. For more information go to www.nationalaidshousing.org, or contact nahc@nationalaidshousing.org or gshubert@shubertbotein.com.

“Persons with HIV/AIDS at all stages of illness who are homeless are almost three times as likely as those with stable housing to be outside of the HIV medical care system, indicated by not having any outpatient visits for the prior six to twelve months. People with housing needs who get any kind of practical housing assistance are almost four times more likely to enter into medical care than those who do not get housing assistance.”

Hotel Accommodations

NAHC has arranged for a limited number of rooms at reduced rates for Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit participants at the Mount Washington Conference Center (www.mtwashconfctr.com) and the nearby Radisson Hotel (www.radisson.com/baltimoremd). Hotel rates for these rooms range from \$109 to \$139. Indicate on your registration form that you would like a hotel room reserved. Contact Emily Bonifaci at NAHC (emily@nationalaidshousing.org) with questions or to reserve additional rooms. NAHC will hold a room under your name within the reserved block but you must present payment at the hotel upon check-in. Please note that there are a limited number of rooms available at the group rates, so make your reservations as soon as possible to receive the reduced rates and ensure that you get a room.



Registration Information

Conference Registration Fees

All conference registration fees are all-inclusive and cover two days of plenary sessions, Friday evening sessions, all conference materials and publications, and meals for both days beginning with lunch on Friday and ending with lunch on Saturday, including dinner, breakfast and breaks. Registration fees do not include hotel costs.

Early Registration Rate:

2006 NAHC Members: Early Registration (on or before 9/15/06): \$300
General Public: Early Registration (on or before 9/15/06): \$375

To receive the early registration rate you must register and pay the conference fee by September 15, 2006.

Regular Registration Rate:

2006 NAHC Members: Regular Registration: \$375
General Public: Regular Registration: \$450

Presenting Researchers/Policy Experts: Conference fees will be waived for researchers and policy experts whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at the Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit.

Consumer Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships will be made available for HIV/AIDS housing consumers who participate in the Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit. Contact nahc@nationalaidshousing.org with questions or for more information.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation requests must be made in writing and postmarked prior to September 30, 2006, to receive a full refund.

Registration Form

Please complete this registration form and mail it, along with payment, to: National AIDS Housing Coalition, 1518 K Street NW Suite 410, Washington, DC 20005. Please make checks payable to the **National AIDS Housing Coalition**. Sorry, we can not accept payment by credit card. **Do not fax this form.**

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

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Email: _____

Registration Information

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing or service provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Government official |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS Housing consumer/resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Other interested community member |

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General Public **\$375**

(Want reduced rates? Join NAHC now: online at www.nationalaidshousing.org/join.)

Regular Registration

(after September 15)

2006 NAHC Member **\$375**

General Public **\$450**

Do you require vegetarian meals?

yes no

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, do you require specific aids or services?

Visual Audio Mobile

Which evening session do you plan to participate in on Friday, October 20?

Community-based research methodologies Research 101 Policymaking 101

How did you hear about this event?

Internet NAHC email alert Colleague/friend Newsletter/Research Publication

Hotel

NAHC has a limited number of reduced rate hotel rooms at or nearby the conference center ranging in price from \$109 to \$139 for the night of **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20** (lowest rates are first come, first serve). We will provide your name to the hotel, but you must present payment upon check-in. You are responsible for extending your reservation if you would like to stay more than one night. *We will contact you following your registration regarding your hotel location, contact information, and rate.*

Would you like a hotel room reserved in your name?

yes no

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