



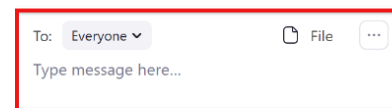
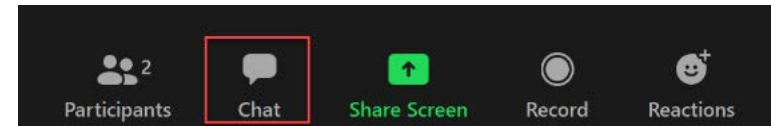
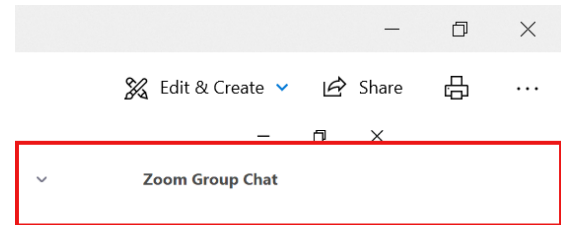
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# Connecting EnVision Centers and Housing Counseling Agencies

**September 24, 2020**

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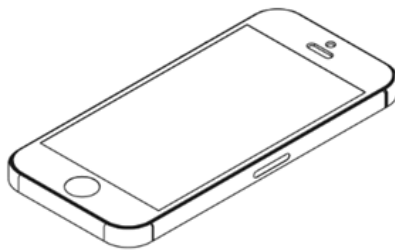
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# Session Agenda

- EnVision Centers
- Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP) and Virginia Housing
- Q and A

# **Office of Field Policy and Management**

**Ivery Himes and Jill Yu**

# Overview of EnVision Centers Demonstration



*“If we ever hope to succeed in helping families, let’s **ENVISION** a path forward – one that looks at the whole family and not just the roof over their heads.”*

*Secretary Ben Carson*



# Purpose of EnVision Centers

## Vision

- Four pillars of self-sufficiency
- Resources and support to help families succeed
- Partnerships with public and private organizations

## Target Communities

- Dynamic local leadership
- Connections to existing place-based programs such as ConnectHome and Opportunity Zones

## Federal Benefits Bolstering EnVision Centers

- Direct assistance from HUD staff to help fulfill EnVision Centers' goals for families in need
- Assistance from Federal Agencies
- Partnerships with local and national HUD-approved nonprofit networks (e.g., HCAs)
- Ongoing collaborations with a peer-to-peer network





# Timeline



2018

2019

2020

**Begin  
Demonstration**

**Designate Sites  
Provide support**

**Continue with  
Expansion**

**Provide COVID-19  
Specific Support**

*December 2017*  
Kickoff by issuing notice in the Federal Register

*June 2018*  
Solicit applications  
Distribute first operations guide

*July 2018*  
Press release  
Round 1 sites designated

*February to August 2019*  
Meet with site leaders and identify potential additional sites

*September 2019*  
Solicit applications

*October 2019*  
Round 2 designations

*December 2019*  
Round 3 designations

*June 2020*  
Round 4 designations

*August 2020*  
Round 5 future designations

# Current EnVision Centers



# Successes to Date

Designated **57**  
EnVision Centers

Engaged  
**15+** Federal Partners

Hartford, CT EnVision Center



St. Louis, MO EnVision Center



San Antonio, TX EnVision Center



Meridian, MS EnVision Center



# Current Federal Partnerships



**Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**  
Held “Your Money, Your Goals” toolkit training



Consumer Financial Protection Bureau providing financial literacy training at Metro Career EnVision Center in San Diego



**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**  
Offered free “Money Smart” financial education program



## Census Bureau

Promoted and recruited temporary census workers at EnVision Center sites



## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Awarded a grant to Hartford’s EnVision Center site



## ConnectHome USA

Collaborating to promote affordable and accessible internet service to families in need



## Department of Agriculture

Enabling child nutrition program operators the flexibility to continue providing food for children during COVID-19



## Department of Education

Delivered educational summer programming

# Current Federal Partnerships



## Department of Labor

Offering career-related training through its grantees



## Health and Human Services

Aligning its Community Services' Block grantees with HUD's designated EnVision Centers



## Internal Revenue Services

Offering free tax counseling and designating Envision Centers as its VITA and TCE sites



## Corporation for National and Community Service

Deploying *Volunteers in Service to America* (VISTAs) to EnVision Center sites



## Veterans Affairs

Exploring the deliverance of benefits' information and services (i.e., virtually and in-person).



## Small Business Administration

Hosting complimentary small business roundtables and workshops on behalf of Envision Centers



## Social Security Administration

Exploring launching a pilot for videoconferencing with Envision Centers and has provided webinar trainings



## U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Endorsing EnVision Centers by ensuring its interagency partners are aware of them

# Activity at EnVision Center Sites

## BOWLING GREEN ENVISION CENTER (BOWLING GREEN, KY)



### Economic Empowerment

Site offers job training in woodworking



### Health and Wellness

Site offers mobile grocery store



### Educational Advancement

Site offers after school tutoring



### Character and Leadership

Site offers youth programming

# COVID-19 Response



Ponce, PR EnVision Center



Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Agency EnVision Center



Newport News, VA EnVision Center

- **Testing sites** – **8** EnVision Center sites are COVID-19 testing sites
- **Personal protective equipment** – **1** EnVision Center site provided personal protective equipment (PPE)
- **Free meals and groceries** – **24** EnVision Center sites are providing free meals and groceries
- **Other support** – **20** EnVision Center sites implemented other innovative support, such as virtual tutoring, free hot spots, wellness checks via phone, online telehealth, virtual tax counseling, virtual STEM classes for summer students, etc.

# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## EnVision Centers Deploy Resources During Coronavirus Outbreak #InThisTogether



**Ben Carson** @SecretaryCarson · Mar 20

The Housing Authority of Bowling Green is using its #EnVisionCenter to serve members of the community during the #Coronavirus outbreak. Their mobile grocery store is making deliveries so folks can practice safe social distancing. #NeighborsHelpingNeighbors #Inthisogether



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**Bowling Green, KY** - The Bowling Green EnVision Center's mobile grocery store delivering food in the community. [See tweet here.](#)



**Louisville, KY** - The EnVision Center, Family Scholar House, delivers meals and goods to residents during coronavirus outbreak. [See article here.](#)



# HUD's Regional Administrators



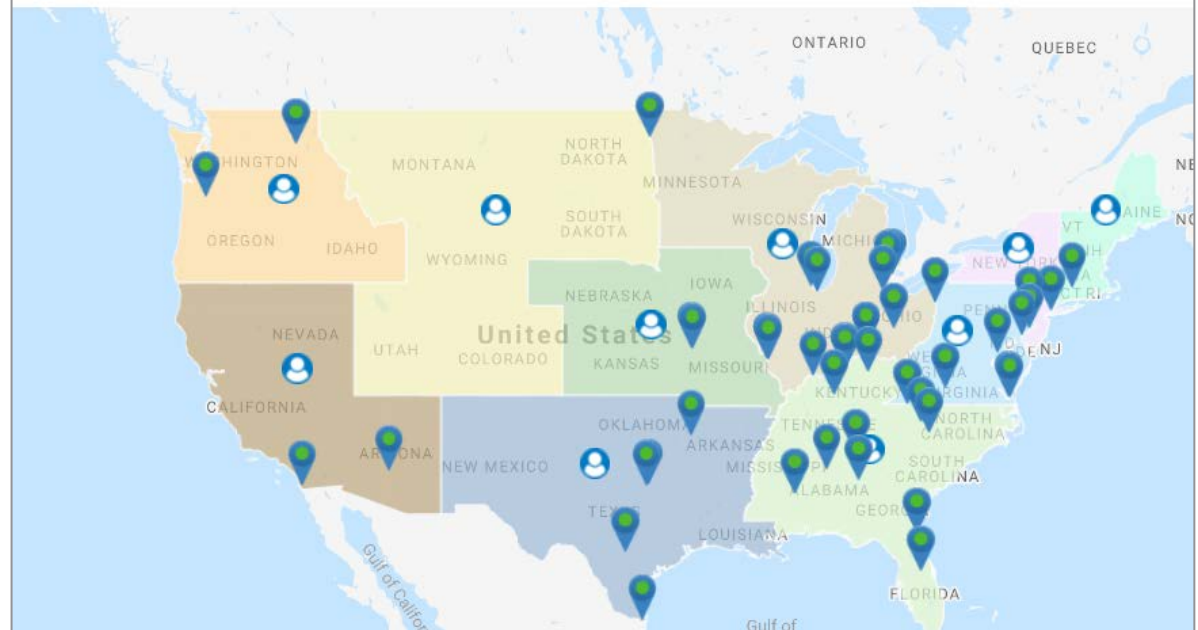
# How to Partner

1. Contact [EnVisionCenter@hud.gov](mailto:EnVisionCenter@hud.gov)
2. Contact your regional coordinator:  
<https://www.hud.gov/envisioncenters>

Have questions about becoming an EnVision Center? Contact your Regional EnVision Center Point of Contact



> Contact a Regional Coordinator



**Hampton Roads Community Action  
Program: Terri Francis**

**Virginia Housing: Kelly Gill-Gordon**

# Lift & Connect EnVision Center

## Hampton Roads Community Action Program EnVision Designation: 2019



# Lift & Connect EnVision Center

- Improve access to a full range of quality health services and connect residents to health insurance
- Reduce the food insecurities by expanding access to fresh affordable food
- Fill in the skills gap and bolster job readiness, boost employment opportunities, and foster resiliency and self-sufficiency
- Ensure that 100% of children living in Ridley Place will enter kindergarten ready to learn



# HRCAP Housing & Financial Literacy Department



- HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency (HCA)
- One stop shop for housing & financial literacy resources
- One-on-one counseling and Education
- Emergency Rent, Utility and Mortgage Assistance

# HRCAP Community Resource Bus

- Free Internet
- Financial Coaching and Budgeting
- Housing Search
- Employment Services



## The Power of the EnVision Center to Expand Housing Counseling Services

1. Neighborhood-based
2. Coordination of Family Service Specialists & Housing Counseling
3. Providing Access to Resources



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# Q and A



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