

HOUSING
AND
PEOPLE
WITH
DISABILITIES

MARCH 21, 2022

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- Verify that your microphone is muted when others are speaking during the meeting.
- Always speak slowly and clearly.
- Utilize the “raise hand” or chat feature for your questions and comments.
- Always take turns when speaking.

SCHEDULE



Training #1 – March 21 (Housing)

Training #2- April 11 (The intersection of disability and abuse)

Training #3 – May 23 (Technology and effective communication)

THE ENABLE PROJECT



This training is brought to you by the Enable Project, a coalition that brings together non-profit and social justice organizations and their staff to create channels for integration of people with disabilities within their organizations and movements.

MINDFULNESS

Chaplain Beyssa Buil



Introduction -

Creating a safe space for triggering discussions

A place to be seen and heard

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“SACRED SPACE”

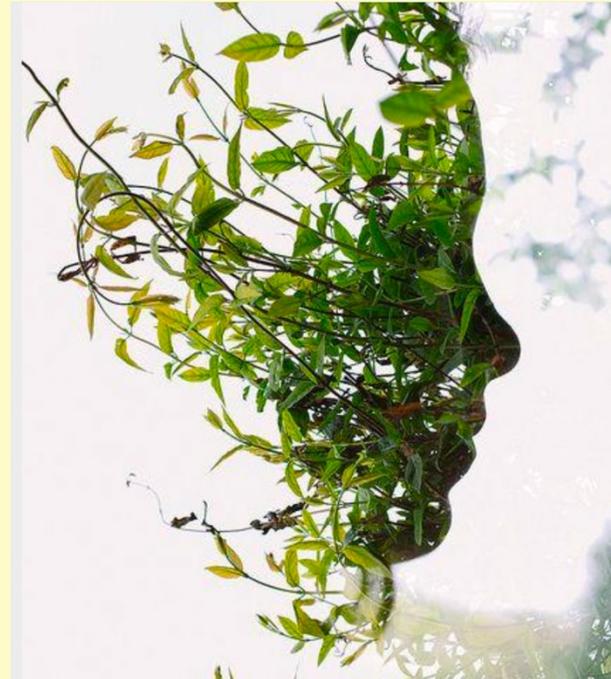
This will be a safe place.

This will be a sacred and holy place.

A place without time.

A place where we are all welcome.

Feel seen, heard and supported.



SPEAKERS

Deborah Dietz, DIG

Fred Christian

Beyssa Buil

Zaina Alsous, Miami Workers Center

Janiece Davis, Urban Health Partnership



INTRODUCTION



DAY TO DAY LIVING FRED

- Maintenance and upkeep
- Repairs/broken elevators
- Mold
- Roaches and other creatures
- Trash

HOUSING UPDATE

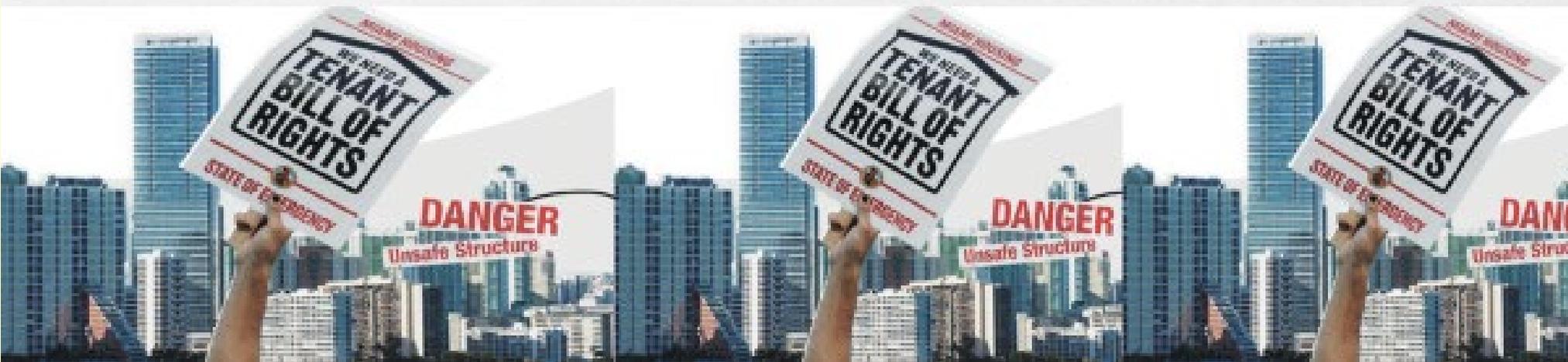
Housing insecurity remains disproportionately high for people with disabilities.

There are more than 7 million renters with disabilities that pay more than 30% of their income on rent and therefore more likely to face eviction.

Disabled renters of color are even more vulnerable to losing their housing.



The Housing Crisis in Miami



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The housing crisis throughout Florida and in Miami particularly has escalated since the onset of the COVID pandemic with tenants living with disabilities, single parents, low wage immigrant workers as those most vulnerable to rapid and violent displacement

The Housing Crisis in Miami

- 20,000+ evictions have been filed against tenants in Miami-Dade County since the onset of the COVID pandemic
- 1 in every 20 renters in Black neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County have faced an eviction during the pandemic, 1 in 5 renter households with children are not caught up on rent, 24% of Black renters and 16% of Latinx renters are not caught up on rent.
- Rent is up 50%+ in Miami within the last year, making it one of the least affordable housing markets in the nation

The Housing Crisis in Miami

Disabled adults experience poverty at more than twice the rate of nondisabled adults: nearly half of adults ages 25 to 61 who have lived in poverty for at least one year have a disability, while point-in-time counts suggest that nearly 25 percent of the more than 580,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the United States have a disability. This trend affects disabled women and disabled people of color at disproportionate rates. Disabled people also hold higher shares of medical debt, experience higher rates of food insecurity, and receive lower pay. These and other factors contribute to higher rates of homelessness.

Where do we go from here?

Listen to the tenants: any innovative solution to the housing crisis will require equipping hundreds of tenants across Miami with the skills and organization necessary to hold our landlords and electeds accountable

Our Intervention



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The Tenant Bill of Rights Campaign is a reflection of demands brought forth by tenants experiencing the violence of displacement and evictions toward holding landlords accountable and dignified living conditions, it is an experiment in popular participation of tenants in advancing shared policy demands grounded in our lived experiences

Our Intervention

The current draft of the Miami Tenant Bill of Rights Legislation includes the following:

- Mandatory notice to tenants of their rights
- Officially codifies Office of Housing Advocacy
- Changes 30 day notice to 60 day notice as minimum for termination of month to month tenancy
- Right to deduct repairs costs from rent
- Prevent discrimination against tenants for a previous eviction
- Creates fees structure and legal accountability for landlords who violate tenant protections

Our Intervention

To advance more ambitious and audacious demands like rent stabilization we need strong bases of renters that can be mobilized to hold local and state leaders accountable and increase pressure. Promises of future affordable housing are inadequate. Incentivizing landlords in the hopes of changing behaviors is inadequate. Tenants need power.

The narrative and strategy around housing justice must shift to emphasize landlord accountability and tenant self determination.

Our Demands for 2022



Win a Tenant Bill of Rights in Miami



Win Increased Notice Periods #FairNotice



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Win a Cap on Rental Application Fees



Win Right to Counsel



The Path Forward

Join us on Thursday, April
14 Public Hearing on the
Tenant Bill of Rights at
Government Center



Public Housing and Community Services Committee



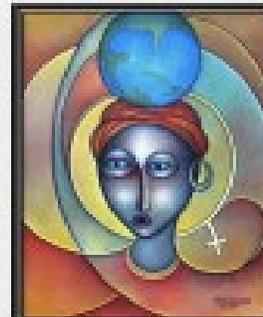
Tenant Bill of Rights legislation has to pass through this committee before going to the full Board for approval

Miami Dade County Board of County



At least 7 of the 13 Miami Dade County Commissioners have to vote "YES" for legislation to become a law in our County.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENDORSED THE MIAMI TENANT BILL OF RIGHTS CAMPAIGN!



GUIDED BODY SCAN

Reset your nervous system and
mindfulness

Reflect for one minute and observe what
has come up for you it can be a physical
sensation, a memory, emotion, a thought



Miami-Dade

Age-Friendly Initiative

The Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative is a collaborative effort to create a community where older adults of all ages can stay active, engaged, and healthy with dignity and enjoyment.

AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE
Miami-Dade County

www.AgeFriendlyMiami.org

Age-Friendly Initiative Leadership & Collaborations



United Way of Miami-Dade
AGE FRIENDLY INITIATIVE
Miami-Dade County

AGE-FRIENDLY DOMAINS OF LIVABILITY



Adapted from: Suzanne Garcia, University of Sherbrooke

www.AgeFriendlyMaine.org

AGE-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES

- Miami-Dade County
- Cutler Bay
- Palmetto Bay
- Pinecrest
- Coral Gables
- Miami
- Miami Beach
- Miami Lakes
- Miami Shores
- Miami Gardens
- Doral
- Hialeah
- Healthy West Kendall



Age-Friendly Accomplishments

We've Done A Lot!

- Two surveys of age-friendliness in the county were conducted with over 2000 older adults in 2017 to help inform future efforts
- Since 2012, over 80 age-friendly policy, systems, and environmental changes have been implemented across Miami-Dade County.



Aging In Place

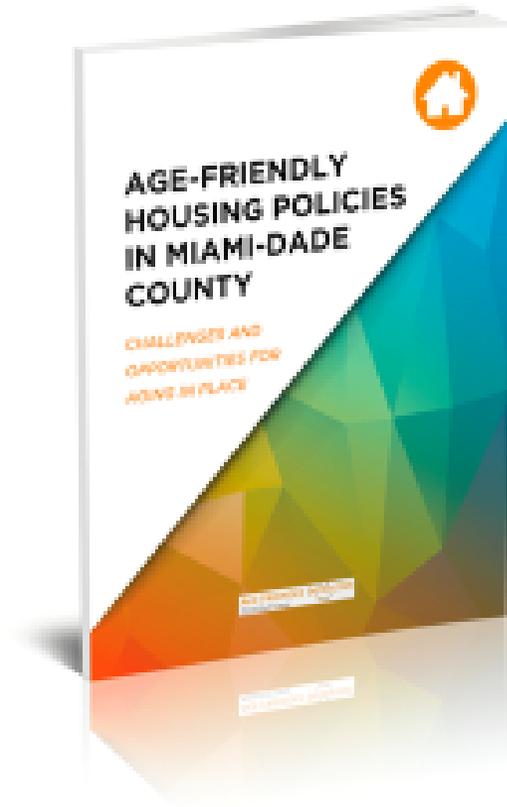
Why Aging In Place?

- Allows someone to age in their current residence instead of relocating to an assisted living facility or long-term care.
- Older adults need to be ensure safety, mobility, dignity, and access in order to do so.

- Communities need to be (re)designed to account for the aging population.
- Transportation, housing, healthcare, parks, emergency preparedness, etc. need to ensure individuals of all ages are included in the planning and design process.

What Are We Doing

- Age-Friendly Housing Policy Scan



What Are We Doing

- Aging Road User Strategic Safety Plan

AGING ROAD USERS STRATEGIC SAFETY PLAN

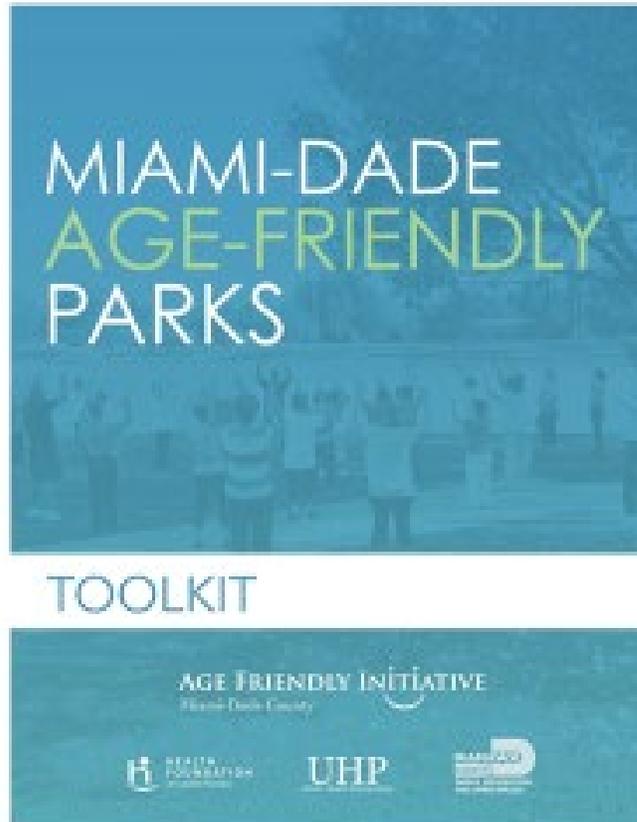
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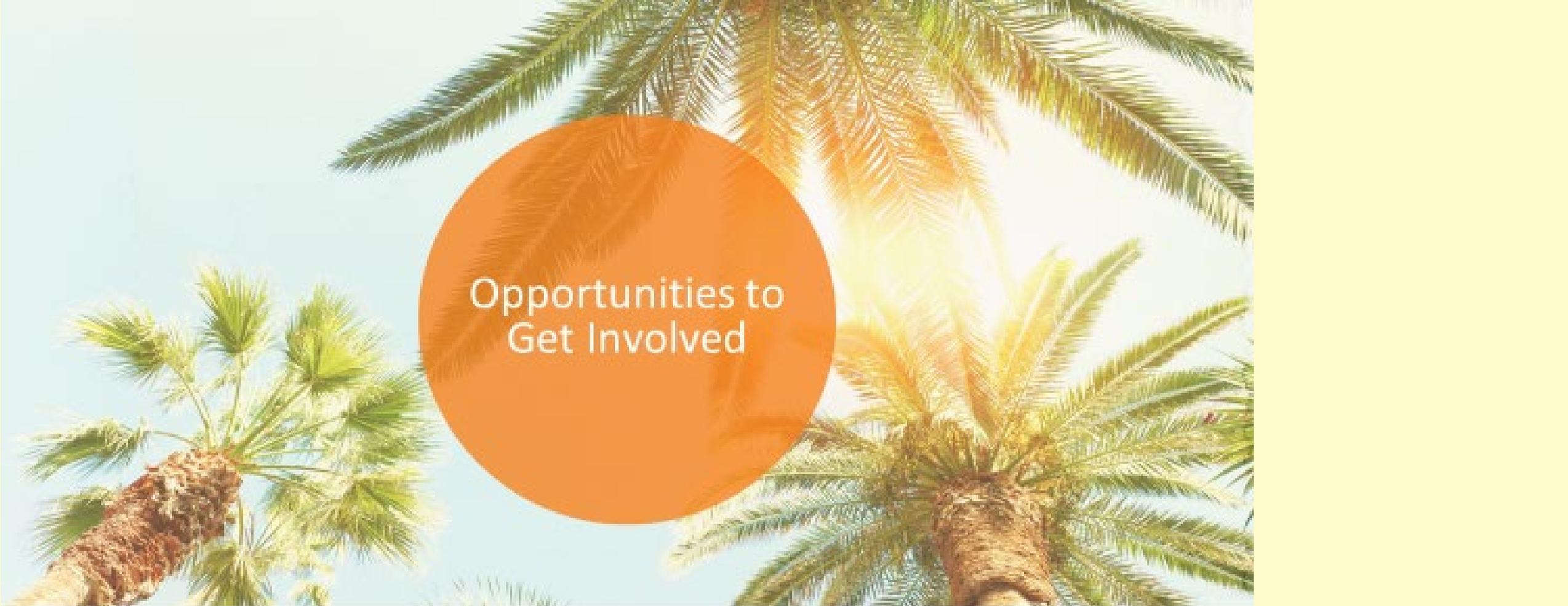


November 2017

What Are We Doing

- Age-Friendly Parks Toolkit





Opportunities to Get Involved

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Join a Workgroup/Sub-Committee

Sharing of information & opportunities

Connect with us online or social media

NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2022

Date to be finalized,
via Zoom

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Hurricanes

COVID-19

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER



Inclusive living

Balancing the rights of everyone

QUESTIONS



ENABLE PROJECT PARTNERS

- ❖ Catalyst Miami
- ❖ The Center for Independent Living of South Florida
- ❖ Disability Independence Group
- ❖ The Advocacy Network
- ❖ Enable Project Advisors



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 11, 2022 – The Intersection of Disability and Abuse

April 14, 2022 – Public Hearing on the Tenant Bill of Rights

May 1 -10 , 2022 - 10 Days of Connection

May 23, 2022 – Technology and Accessible Communication

CILSF Activities: <https://www.cilsf.org/calendarofevents>

PRESENTATION MATERIALS

<https://www.justdigit.org/resources-2/>

THANK YOU!



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