



Students learn fundamentals of housing development and management

2015 Classes Open for Registration

The second phase of the Chicago Rehab Network's (CRN) award-winning training series is now open for registration. The entire series entails 128 hours of instruction led by some of the most experienced practitioners in the field and covers the fundamentals of housing development and management in a community development context. Students develop or enhance their technical understanding of how to put together and nurture place-based housing strategies.

Classes held during 2014 covered such areas as community building, financing, and proforma development and analysis. Topics and dates for the 2015 Empowerment Series are:

- Single Family Housing Development – January 14-15
- Multifamily Housing Development – February 10-11
- Project Construction & Management – March 11-12
- Property & Asset Management – April 7-8

Workshop participants will learn technical development skills, discuss strategies for community empowerment and reinvestment, and forge lasting bonds with a cohort of emerging community development leaders. Workshops mostly will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at CRN's offices at 140 S. Dearborn, Suite 1420, while others will take place in the field. Lunch will be served. Certificates will be presented to those

who attend all eight workshops.

Applicants can find more detailed information about each workshop as well as register online at www.chicagorehab.org or call 312-663-3936.

The Empowerment Series is a driving force behind CRN Legacy 35, the organization's first-ever campaign to raise \$1 million to continue its renowned advocacy, programming and training initiatives. One pillar of the campaign is to provide funds to support CRN's new training facility, the Community Housing and Development Institute (CHDI). The 2014-2015 Empowerment Series will be the first convened in the new CHDI, which is housed in CRN's new headquarters located in the historic Marquette Building.

About the Chicago Rehab Network – For over 35 years, CRN has worked to train, coordinate and empower community-based organizations engaged in developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN is well known for leading a coalition of over 270 Chicago community development organizations during its Affordable Housing and Community Jobs Campaign, which resulted in the establishment of the first City of Chicago Five-Year Affordable Housing Plan in 1993. CRN's robust advocacy efforts also have resulted in numerous affordable housing policies and resources, including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, various property tax reforms, and the Illinois Affordable Housing



PARTICIPANTS IN THE Chicago Rehab Network Empowerment Series get hands-on practical training in the fundamentals of housing development and management in a community development context. The 128-hour series began in 2014 and included classes that covered such areas as community building, financing, and pro forma development and analysis. Limited registration is available for the next class which covers Multifamily Housing Development on Feb. 10 and 11.

Tax Credit. For this and more, the Rehab Network received the MacArthur Foundation's Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, also known as the "genius award" for organizations.

In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic

analysis related to housing needs and markets. The Chicago Rehab Network also consults on research issues, community engagement, and organizational and real estate development.

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