



## Updates from CRN

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### New Year, New Website

CRN has a brand-new website! We are excited to unveil the new [chicagorehab.org](http://chicagorehab.org), where you can read about our [40-year history](#), [stay up-to-date on events](#), [read our analyses of DPD's quarterly reports](#), and more. The new design provides a fresh and easy-to-navigate update. [Check it out! »](#)



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### Register Today for the 2019 Community Development and Empowerment Series

This April, CRN's Community Development and Empowerment Series will return for its 24th year! Learn to be a leader in improving the quality of life in your community. The Empowerment Series uses practical tools and real-world knowledge of

### About CRN

#### Who We Are:

For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. 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.

*Support our Mission:*

practitioners to teach you how to effect positive change in communities through housing development and is designed for staff and board members of community-based affordable housing development organizations, government employees, community bankers, small neighborhood developers, and elected officials and their staff.

You can sign up for individual classes or take all eight. Participants who attend the entire series receive a certificate of completion that is well-known and respected by community development and affordable housing practitioners and advocates.

One two-day workshop is held every month, April-July and September-December, 9:00 am-4:30 pm at CRN's training facility, 140 S. Dearborn, Suite 1420 (unless otherwise noted).

[Explore workshops and register on our brand-new website!](#)

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## Save the Date

### Learn about Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's Competitive Affordable Housing Program

Through the competitive [Affordable Housing Program \(AHP\)](#), member institutions partner with for- and not-for-profit developers, community organizations, units of government, public housing authorities, and tribal governments to apply for annual grants to subsidize the acquisition, new construction, and/or rehabilitation of affordable rental or owner-occupied housing. AHP subsidy is provided as a forgivable grant from FHLBank Chicago, through a member, to a project sponsor.



[Sign up to learn more at a workshop on May 2.](#) Workshops will also be held in Bloomington and three Wisconsin locations. [There is also a webinar for those with AHP experience.](#)

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## In the News

### Stay Warm this Winter!

With recent temperatures hitting record lows, there are lots of ways to stay warm. Make sure you know your rights and how to access resources:

#### *Warming Centers:*

Warming centers are located throughout the city to provide

With your help, we can build strong neighborhoods, strengthen capacity, and foster community leadership.

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residents with a warm place to stay during the day when the temperature is below 32 degrees. Call 3-1-1 for more information.

- [City Warming Centers \(English\)](#)
- [City Warming Centers \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Chicago Park District Warming Centers](#)

*Heat & Utilities:*

State and City laws ensure that the heat stays on for renters and homeowners.

- [Chicago Heat Ordinance](#)
  - [Winter utility laws](#)
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## **What Does Zero-Degree Weather Mean for Homeless Chicagoans?**

From TIME Magazine:

*"Chicago is currently facing some of its coldest temperatures this winter...And while most of the city's residents can take refuge in the warmth of their own home, that's not an option for Chicago's approximately 80,000 homeless people...Temperatures that low can quickly become life-threatening, creating an urgent crisis for those without adequate shelter."*

Read the full report [here](#).