



2024-2025 Report

Improving Housing Stability & Living Conditions for Georgia Families

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ABOUT THE COALITION

Founded by Georgia Appleseed in 2018, the Georgia Healthy Housing Coalition (GHHC) is Georgia's only statewide housing coalition dedicated to improving housing instability and living conditions for Georgia families.



Each year, GHHC travels the state to learn from local communities and advocate for policies ensuring every family, no matter where they live in the state, has access to safe and stable housing. To learn more about GHHC and its 10-year vision for Georgia, visit www.GeorgiaHHC.org.

2024-2025 MILESTONES

TENANT PROTECTIONS

GHHC members celebrated the passage of the Safe at Home Act (HB 404), which created several tenant protections, including: the state's first warranty of habitability for rental housing. Coalition members worked together to pass this landmark legislation and distribute tenant education materials statewide. GHHC continues to advocate for additional tenant protections at the state level.



LANDLORD ACCOUNTABILITY

GHHC advanced reforms to hold landlords accountable for safe housing, including new legislation (HB 399) which now requires certain nonresident landlords to have an in-state representative whom tenants can call for help. GHHC continues to work to lift the state ban on rental registries and expand local authority to enforce safe housing conditions in their communities.



2024 PANELISTS & SPEAKERS

Debbie Anglin
Hearts to Nourish Hope

Shawn Edwards
Augusta Georgia Land Bank Authority

Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Augusta-Richmond County

Jennifer Davenport
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce

Senator Derek Mallow
State District 2, Savannah

Kelley Saxon
Producer, "Unhoused: Below the Line"

Jackson Drumgoole
Bridge Builder Communities

Judge Chris Middleton
Chatham County Superior Court

Whitney Shephard
Transport Studio, GA Planning Association

Michael Waller
Georgia Appleseed

MEETINGS & INSIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

RIVERDALE, GA | AUGUST 2024
**CENTERING LIVED EXPERIENCE
& TENANT EDUCATION**

Recognizing the importance of storytelling to housing advocacy, GHHC launched a statewide effort to collect tenant testimonials. GHHC members shared insights on effective ways to reach out to and educate tenants on new Safe At Home protections.



AUGUSTA, GA | DECEMBER 2024
**STRENGTHENING HOUSING
STABILITY FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

The meeting addressed housing instability among youth aging out of foster care and highlighted purpose-built tiny home community as a solution. The local housing authority presented a successful model for leveraging land banks to redevelop vacant properties into affordable housing.



VALDOSTA, GA | JUNE 2024
**DISASTER RECOVERY AND SYSTEMS
NAVIGATION**

Challenges include the destruction of housing stock due to recent hurricanes, housing instability among college students and families, and a high rate of eviction. The meeting confirmed that coordinated entry programs are essential for addressing homelessness, and GHHC will encourage implementation statewide.



SAVANNAH, GA | OCTOBER 2024
**REMOVING LOCAL BARRIERS
TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT**

The local community is dealing with a shortage of workforce housing, skyrocketing rents driven in part by institutional investors and zoning restrictions that impede multifamily housing development. GHHC members discussed zoning reform initiatives and creating useful Safe At Home tenant resources.





Participating Members & Supporters

- 90Works
- AARP
- ACCG
- ARCS Reentry Task Force
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Augusta GA Land Bank Authority
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- BLKHLTH
- Bridge Builder Communities
- Cadence Bank
- CASA in Action
- Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County
- City of Atlanta
- Clayton County HUD
- Clayton County Magistrate Court
- Clayton County Police Dept.
- Clayton County Public Schools
- Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.
- Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta
- Connecting the Gap
- Empire Board of Realtists
- Enterprise Community Partners
- Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
- Georgia Advancing Communities Together, Inc. (Georgia ACT)
- Georgia Budget & Policy Institute
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Georgia Equality
- Georgia Health Initiative
- Georgia Legal Services Program
- Greater Valdosta United Way
- Georgia Watch
- Georgians for a Healthy Future
- The Haven
- Hearts to Nourish Hope
- Home Diagnostic Solutions of Savannah
- Hospice Savannah, Inc.
- HouseATL
- Housing Plus
- Housing Savannah, Inc.
- Junior League of Atlanta
- LAMP (Lowndes Associated Ministries to People)
- LCCY Family Connection
- Los Vecinos de Buford Highway
- NeighborWorks Columbus
- New Georgia Project
- The Sapelo Foundation
- Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
- South Georgia Partnership to End Homelessness
- SOWEGA Rising
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Statewide Independent Living Council of Georgia
- Transport Studio, LLC
- University of Georgia
- Valdosta Street Feed
- Welcome Co-Op



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