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### First-Ever Toolkit Helps Organizations Create Emergency Plans

When a natural disaster strikes, a poorly managed response can put the safety of residents at risk. Developed in partnership with HUD, the new [“Ready to Respond: Disaster Staffing Toolkit”](#) features videos, guides, worksheets and checklists to help multifamily housing leaders prepare for the next natural disaster.

The new toolkit will help organizations "better protect their residents, minimize the impact of emergencies, and prepare and safeguard their buildings and staff," said Terri Ludwig.



The toolkit helps structure command, control and coordination of emergency responses.

### CREATING HOMES & CONNECTIONS

Here are a few recent examples of how we continue to make progress with partners across the country by creating affordable homes and connections to opportunity:

[Baltimore: Ground Breaks on 68 New Homes](#)

[Bronx, N.Y.: 68 Affordable Homes Under Way](#)

[Denver: 42 New Homes Promise to Be a “Catalyst for the Community”](#)

[Los Angeles: New Fund Will Bring \\$50 Million to Affordable Housing](#)

[Portland, Ore.: A New Program Connects Residents to Healthy Lifestyle Options](#)

[San Francisco: Small Sites Program Helps Turn Around Distressed Apartments](#)

### NEWS & PERSPECTIVE

[Ali Solis: There's No Quick Fix for Effects of Entrenched Racism and Generational Poverty](#)

[The Plain Dealer: "Nurture an Idea Crowdrise Challenge" is a "Game Changer"](#)

[Katie Swenson: "Health is the New Green"](#)

[Raoul Moore on the "Unprecedented Investor Demand" in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Market](#)

[Now Accepting Applications: Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute](#)

[#SaveHOME: Help Prevent Drastic Cuts to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program](#)

[Enterprise Community Loan Fund Awarded a \\$7.5 Million Investment](#)

### MAKE ROOM

[Make Room for Marlene Sigar](#) of Madison, Tenn., a single mom struggling to make rent and raise her two daughters while coping with the death of her 10-year-old son from a brain tumor.



The Sigar family looks on as the band John and Jacob give a private concert at their home.

### ENTERPRISE RESOURCE CENTER

Visit our [online library](#) for a wide offering of new and timeless affordable housing tools and resources:

[Reconnecting Schools and Neighborhoods: An Introduction to School-Centered Community Revitalization](#)

[Early Warning Systems for Affordable Housing Properties: Identifying and Communicating Property Risk](#)

## **SOCIAL**

Here are a few notable tweets:

[@FordFoundation](#)

Child [#poverty](#) is costing the U.S. \$672 billion: <http://ampr.gs/1TOliiw> via [@amprog](#)

[@emilymbadger](#)

Rents are rising a lot faster now on modest rentals than luxury ones: <http://on.wsj.com/1NBvkwg>

[@urbaninstitute](#)

[#Housing](#) policy hits the small screen: Recap of [@HBO's #ShowMeAHero](#)  
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## **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"What we do today will put us on a more resilient path to weather the next disaster that will most surely come our way." – Julián Castro, HUD Secretary

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