

Arkansas Coalition of Housing and Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment (ACHANGE) presents:

# Navigating Change

## Housing Tools for Today's Challenges



**Keynote  
Speaker**



**State Senator  
Joyce Elliott (D)  
District 33**

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In a time filled with economic uncertainty and a strained housing market, construction of residential housing units has become more challenging than in years past. Potential first time homebuyers are concerned about keeping their jobs while balancing often confusing and conflicting information regarding whether to buy a home now. With foreclosures on the rise, what does this mean for people who are seeking a place to rent?

Join community development professionals, grassroots organizers and public policy makers from across Arkansas to learn about successful efforts to establish a State Housing Trust Fund, what Arkansas expects from the Neighborhood Stabilization Fund and what exactly is the National Community Stabilization Trust. CHANGE has occurred, but now is not the time to rest. Join in the discussion to shape where we go from here.

Participate in discussions with your peers on how these new tools can be combined with other development tools to revitalize, rebuild and create quality affordable housing options in Arkansas.

This insightful one day event will include dynamic speakers such as Mary Brooks, Center for Community Change, Evelyn Brown, Local Initiative Support Corporation, Sarah Braswell, Arkansas Development Finance Authority, and Lou Tobian, Housing Arkansas.



We are delighted to have Yvonne Sparks, Senior Manager of Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis as our moderator.

State Senator Joyce Elliott (District 33) will serve as the keynote address. Senator Elliott has been a very vocal advocate for affordable housing and was instrumental in achieving the passage of the Housing Trust Fund legislation in the Arkansas legislature.

Through collaboration, ACHANGE strives to increase quality affordable housing opportunities in Arkansas through quality education, training opportunities; and public policy development that encourage responsible growth and sustainability.