



## News and Views

### May 2010

#### **Stand Up for Your Community: People of Color Advocacy Day**

**People of Color Justice and Unity Legislative Day**

**9:00 a.m., May 26, 2010**

**First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh**

Under the leadership of the NC NAACP State Conference of Branches, a board coalition of partner organizations, including the NC Association of Community Development Corporations, will unite on May 26, 2010 in a joint legislative day.

By uniting around a broad legislative agenda with specific bills, our goal is to challenge NC's legislators to close the gaps and protect our highest priorities: our families, our communities and our future. Real People, united, can make a difference.

#### **Take Advantage of Your Many Member Benefits**

**Here's a brief summary of what NCACDC can offer your organization!**

- Annual Lobby Day: A broad coalition of community based groups advocating for State dollars for our communities
- State and National Policy Advocacy: Increasing funding and improving policies governing community development
- Biennial Conference: Networking, training, national experts, and more
- Eligibility for Technical Assistance: Board governance, financial management, and project development
- Group Life Insurance: Affordable, competitive rates
- Model Policies: Project management, executive retirement, personnel
- Participation in Sponsored Pilot Projects: measurement, evaluation, work supports, design charettes
- Policy Alerts & Update: Up-to-date State and national legislative alerts and sample letters
- Deep Discounts on In-State & National Training
- Training Tailored to NC Community-Based Organizations
- Topical Working Groups: foreclosure mitigation, shared equity
- Web-Based Marketing of Member Services: member profiles and event calendar

#### **CED Studies: Community Economic Development Fundamentals**

**Hosted by Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC**

**June 18 - 22   July 23 - 27   August 13 - 17**

Coming soon, NCACDC offers CED STUDIES, our premiere foundational training event. Practitioners and board members will come together over three months to learn, work, and grow together. The course culminates in a project presentation to a panel of stakeholders. Past panelists have represented the NC HUD office, the Rural Center, NC Community Development Initiative, funders, and lenders.

CED Studies also includes a Board of Directors track that was introduced in 2008. This track builds upon established best practices to maximize organizational learning and expand institutional knowledge of key concepts. To take advantage of this unique learning opportunity, we are soliciting staff/board training teams. Team member will participate in parallel tracks, interacting as their individual roles within the project development process naturally intersect. To promote and encourage board participation, NCACDC has modified the schedule to include 3 non-consecutive Weekend Only sessions for board representatives, while continuing its traditional non-consecutive three-week series for practitioners.

Tuition is \$750 for an individual and \$1200 for a two person practitioner/board member team. Tuition for CED Studies includes lodging, meals and materials as well as a combination of adult learning techniques such as theory, practical application, peer-to-peer learning and relevant excursions.

**For more information about CED Studies, please contact Sandria Brown at (919) 831-9710 or [sbrown@ncacdc.org](mailto:sbrown@ncacdc.org).**

## **Sustainable Communities Summit, June 28-29 in Charlotte, NC**

Registration: **\$165** - early bird; **\$185** - after June 11, 2010

Together with our partners, the US Dept. of HUD, NeighborWorks America and the NC Triangle Chapter, US Green Building Council, the North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations will sponsor a statewide Sustainable Communities Summit, Re-Think, Re-Design and Re-Build, on June 28-29, 2010.

The Summit will spotlight an array of ideas and approaches from recycling underused sites through up-zoning, to Eco-Villages and conservation-based sub-divisions in rural communities, to sessions on work-based housing and transportation costs and brownfields re-development, to a session on comprehensive regional planning, a tool to manage growth or achieve economic recovery in distressed communities.

**\*\*HUD Deputy Secretary, Ron Sims, will be guest speaker.\*\***

**Don't miss this opportunity to expand your cutting-edge, sustainable and Green community development practices!**

**Location: Harris Conference Center \* 3216 Harris Campus Dr \* Charlotte, NC 28208**

**Go to [www.ncacdc.org](http://www.ncacdc.org) for complete details and schedule. Register online NOW!**

## **Scholarship Opportunity for NeighborWorks Training**

Through a partnership agreement with NeighborWorks America, NCACDC will be able to offer scholarships for the NeighborWorks training scheduled for August 2010 to current members (click here for details). This is just one of the many member benefits we're working hard to provide. For more information, contact Sheila Gilchrist ([sgilchrist@ncacdc.org](mailto:sgilchrist@ncacdc.org)).

## **The Benefit Bank of NC Webinar**

Together with our partners, Connectinc, MDC, Inc. and Legal Aid of NC, NCACDC is helping launch NC Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The project will create and subsidize 257 jobs for low-income North Carolinians for 4 months.

We will host a webinar on May 21st at 11:00 a.m. for you to share your concerns and learn more about The Benefit Bank of NC.

For more information, please contact Lea Henry ([lhenry@ncacdc.org](mailto:lhenry@ncacdc.org)).