

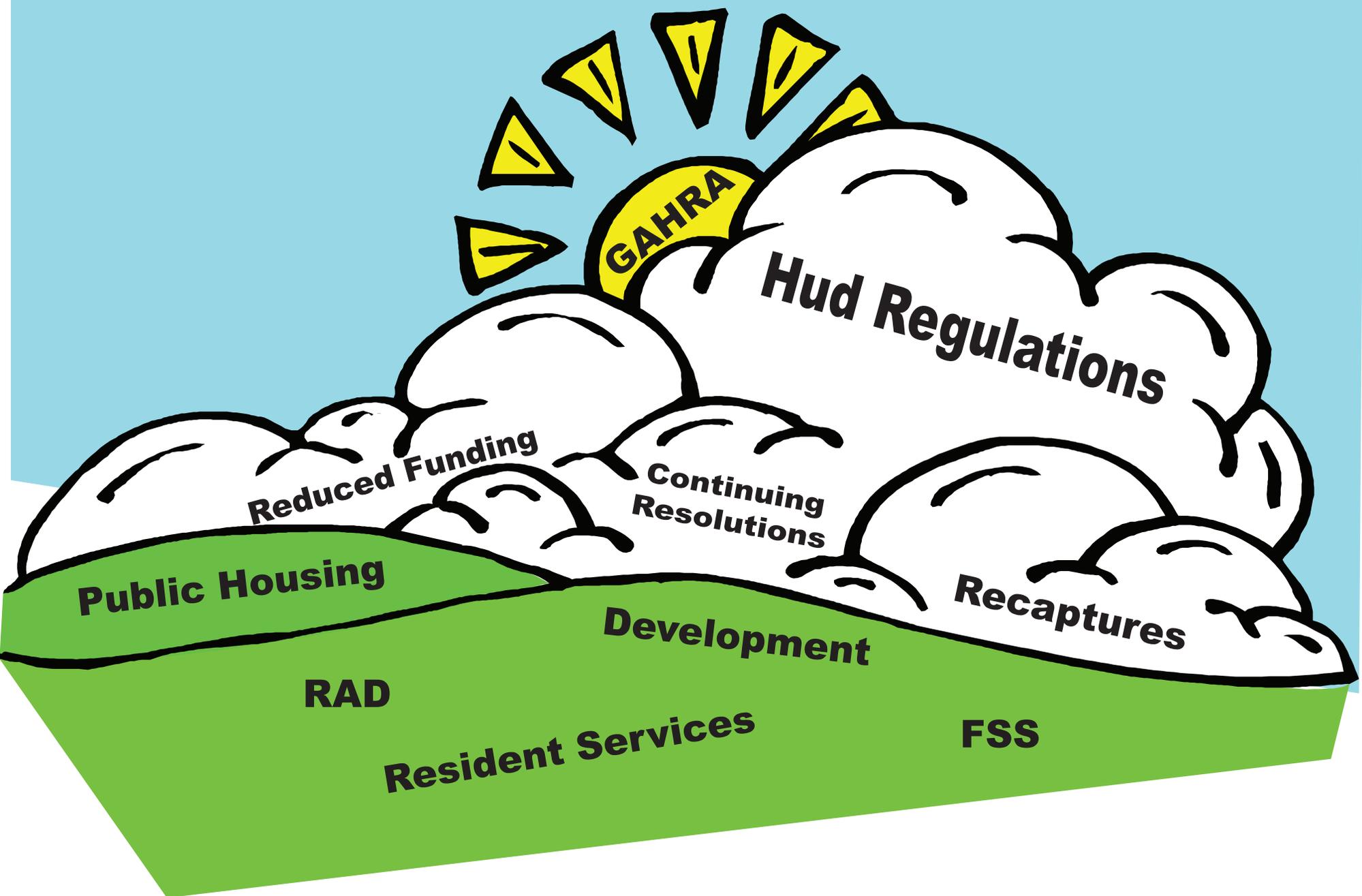


Rising To

The Top

Leading The Way In Housing

**2018 GAHRA Spring Conference
Macon Marriott City Center
May 20-22, 2018**



**2018 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sunday, May 20th

3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Registration
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Scholarship Interviews
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Reception, Sponsored by Georgia Power

Monday, May 21st

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	Scholarship Interviews
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Morning Training Sessions
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Scholarship Awards
2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Training Sessions
3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions Continued
8:00 p.m. - ?	Game Night "Bingo Only"

Tuesday, May 22nd

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Legislative Breakfast (Meal Cut-Off 8:15)
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Training Sessions
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch With Special Guest
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Training Sessions

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TRAINING SESSION OVERVIEW

Monday, May 21, 10:45 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ASSISTED HOUSING

PIC – Get set for a PIC refresher and coverage of the up and coming PIC NG (Next Generation). Get answers to all your questions and prepare for the Next Generation of PIC.

VAWA Update - This session will cover the newly approved HUD VAWA regulations. Learn from the best as we discuss updates to VAWA and its impact on your Housing Authority and your staff.

COMMISSIONERS

Professionalism and Ethics from A Legal Perspective – This Commissioner training will cover ways to increase Commissioner effectiveness as Board members in addition to increasing effectiveness as community leaders. Ethics is the cornerstone and a vital part of maintaining a well-run and respected agency. This session will also include information that will challenge Commissioners to determine the value, as well as the meaning, of each term through interactive engagement. Be prepared to get involved!

HUMAN SERVICES/RESIDENTSUPPORT

Mental Health 101: What Can We Do - What mental health issues do you face at your agency? How can you better understand and assist your residents? What should I look for to better assist our residents? What resources are available? Join us for the answer to the questions we *need* to know in Mental Health 101 and get a better perspective on mental health issues and how they affect your Housing Authority's operation.

Active Shooter and Personal Safety: How to Respond and Survive! - Learn how to respond and survive an active shooter situation during this in-depth discussion about personal safety. Learn how to be more aware of your surroundings, how to identify suspicious behavior as well as how to respond safely.

RAD/MULTI-FAMILY

RAD / Multi-Family HUD Update – come join the multi-family HUD resolution team as they present a general overview of how to set up HUD online systems, as well as provide information on many other RAD related topics. Get the skinny on the RAD update from the horse's mouth as HUD staff will be on hand to answer questions.

RAD – Best Practices - This session will present best practice ideas on RAD from several Housing Authorities that have recently converted to RAD. Learn the pitfalls, the tips to success, and establish contact with others that have implemented RAD. Don't reinvent the wheel!

MAINTENANCE

Labor Standards and Enforcement - This session features the one and only Melanie Dalton who will cover the applicability and enforcement of the Labor Standards required by HUD. The session will also cover certified payroll versus non-routine maintenance requirements to which everyone must adhere and follow. This session will help you understand what paperwork is required to be submitted and what you should keep on file for your records. Get the clear answers to questions that will help you stay in compliance.

Maintenance Roundtable Discussion - This session is designed for maintenance personnel of all levels to share information in a non-formal setting. Topics include how to prepare for REAC inspections, tips for quicker unit turn around, dealing with maintenance issues and problems, working with contractors, and more. Bring your maintenance questions and see how maintenance personnel from other authorities handle similar issues.

MANAGEMENT

Empowering your Residents to Quit Smoking - This session will provide insight on services you can offer your tenants to help them to quit smoking or not smoke in their unit. These insightful speakers will provide you with new and innovative ways to reward, encourage, and work with the most difficult situations as you transition to smoke free units or a smoke free campus.

Lessons by Sawyer Shirley - Drop by this informative class taught by one of the leading instructors in the business and learn what you need to know about the Capital Fund, EPIC, and your Annual and 5 year Plan. You'll get answers to questions and may even learn something new in the process.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOMEOWNERSHIP

Strategic Training for Employment and Home Ownership(STEHO) - Create strategies to ensure that participating Housing Authority residents will develop soft skills, technical skills, self-advocacy skills, and a financial management plan that can promote home ownership, gainful employment, and economic self-sufficiency.

Creative Partnerships and Funding Sources - This session will provide Resident Services staff with information regarding Homeownership partnerships and financing programs.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

HUD Update - Hear information on Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher funding as well as other items of interest that will assist us in providing for our residents. This will be followed by a roundtable discussion of pertinent topics. Bring your questions! Attendees will collaborate with other financial professionals to look at current trends in Financial Statement reporting.

Financial Statement Presentations - Attendees will collaborate with other financial professionals to look at current trends in Financial Statement reporting. Discussions will include the use of financial Dashboards for more dynamic reporting. Speakers will share information from recently conducted research from other agencies to encourage ideas for changing up the same old tired financial statements. Make an impression!

Tuesday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ASSISTED HOUSING

Rent Calculations - Mini Course - This session will cover common practices on rent calculations among other Housing Authorities. Join other HCV specialists and get answers to all your rent determination questions.

Round Table Discussion HCV – Join us for a roundtable session discussion devoted to all aspects HCV. Learn from industry professionals and make connections with other agencies that can offer you valuable advice. Bring your questions!

COMMISSIONERS

Professionalism and Ethics from A Legal Perspective ** Continuation of Monday's Session** - Finish off Monday's session with this Commissioner training that will cover ways to increase Commissioner effectiveness.

RAD

RAD Roundtable – Panel Discussion - This session will cover current events in the RAD arena, the challenges of post RAD conversion, and other general topics related to RAD. Get answers to your questions to a RAD-seasoned panel.

HUMAN SERVICES/RESIDENT SUPPORT

VAWA of 2013 Notice - HUD Update: - What do you know about the new VAWA of 2013 notice? How will it affect your Authority and aid in protecting your residents? If you need clarity on this notice, then this session is for you! HUD staff will give you the updated information issued from the VAWA of 2013 Notice and provide further guidance. (PIH 2017-08)

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT

Development 101- Interested in Redevelopment? This session is for you!. Learn the difference between a 4% and 9% tax credit, the steps involved in submitting a demolition or disposition application, and how to create a relocation plan. This session will also provide a discussion of financing options and other possible HUD requirements.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Internal Controls - Do you want to know if your agency has adequate internal controls in place? Come hear one of the leaders in the industry discuss the requirements of the COSO Framework, Green Book, and other financial policies to assist your agency in evaluating your internal control policies.

MAINTENANCE

HVAC Troubleshooting A-Z Made Easy -This session is designed to help maintenance staff understand and properly diagnose HVAC equipment. The session will cover topics such as what to check first, how the equipment operates, testing the equipment and parts in order to find the problem, how to maintain and keep the equipment running efficiently in addition to preventative maintenance tips.

MAINTENANCE AND STAFF MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - Join us for maintenance and staff management Roundtable Discussion. This session will cover a broad range of topics that every Housing Authority deals with on a daily basis. This session will help maintenance staff understand and ask questions on why they need to do certain things and understand that we have to follow HUD guidelines in order to stay in compliance. This is something where maintenance and management must work together in order to achieve our goals.

MANAGEMENT

Working with Aging Residents - Learn how to better serve your aging residents and disabled clients. Know when to ask for assistance, resources that are available to your residents, and when it may be time to transition your resident out of housing.

Executive Director's Roundtable - Join this informal session for a roundtable discussion with your peers as they share answers and experiences to any problems you may be having at your Housing Authority. Please feel free to ask any questions on new regulations and feel free to share any ideas that make running your Housing Authority easier. Make connections with others as everyone shares their own best practices.

2018 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration Fees

Fees cover the cost of the workshop including meals, breaks, speaker fees and audio/visual equipment. There is a discounted fee for those attending the entire conference and a single day fee structure for persons attending only one or two days.

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late/On-Site</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Guest Late</u>
Full Conference Package	\$265	\$365	\$165	\$240
Daily Fees				
Sunday	\$70	\$100	\$70	\$100
Monday	\$140	\$195	\$85	\$110
Tuesday	\$100	\$140	\$85	\$110.

The registration rate for non-GAHRA members is double the regular or late rate, whichever applies. A guest is defined as a spouse or significant other of a GAHRA Member employee or Commissioner. A guest cannot be an employee of a GAHRA Member, serve on the Member's Board of Commissioners or otherwise have a business relationship with the GAHRA member.

Regular Registration

Regular Registration will end on MAY 1, 2018. Mailed registrations received bearing a postal date after this date will be considered late and the late/on-site registration rate will be invoked. An invoice will be mailed to the registrant for the additional fee.

Late or On-Site Registration

Late Registration will be accepted until May 9, 2018. After this date, all registrations will be on-site by cash, check or money order. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for on-site registration.

Method of Registration and Payment.

1. Copies of the registration form may be printed and mailed along with a check to the address indicated on the registration form.
2. On-line registration using a credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express).
3. On-line using a check as payment. **The check must be received within 10 days or the registration will be void.**

Methods 2 and 3 will provide an automatic receipt by e-mail. For method one, a confirmation e-mail will be sent upon receipt of the registration to the e-mail address listed.

Substitutions and Refunds

Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time. Refunds will be made for cancellations less a \$25 cancellation fee if a notice of cancellation is received in writing, by fax (478-472-5012) or by e-mail (j.nelson@facha.net) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. **No refunds will be made after May 1, 2018.**

2018 GAHRA Spring Conference Registration Form

Please use one form per registrant and block print or type information

Badge Name First _____ Last _____

Title _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Registration Fees

	<u>Please Check Box</u>	<u>By May 1, 2018</u>		<u>After May 1, 2018</u>	
		Member	Guest	Member	Guest
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Methods of Registration

1. To pay by check on-line or by credit card, click the following link or go to <http://www.gahra.org/2018-spring-conference/> and follow the instructions.
2. Print registration form from website. Complete registration form. Mail along with check payable to GAHRA to:

Joy Nelson
Flint Area Housing Authority
P. O. Box 67
Montezuma, GA 31063

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Should you have any questions concerning registration, please call Joy Nelson at 478-472-8209 ext 205 or e-mail questions to j.nelson@facha.net

2018 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Our Spring Workshop will be held at the Macon Marriott City Center Hotel located adjacent to the Macon Centreplex, 240 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. The room rate is \$130 per night. Reservations may be made at the toll free number below. Currently the Marriott Reservation web site is not available.

Reservations at this time can only be made directly with Marriott Reservations Toll Free at 1-800-627-7468, ***PRESS 1 FOR A FUTURE RESERVATION.***

WHEN THE AGENT ANSWERS THE PHONE, REQUEST TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR:

Hotel: THE MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER HOTEL

- **Group Code: GAHGAHA = King**
- **Group Code: GAHGAHB = Queen/Queen**

The hotel will hold our block of rooms until Thursday, April 19, 2018 or until sold out. After that, the regular room rate will apply.

ALL TAX-EXEMPT FORMS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN

Acceptable methods of payment are Agency Check, Agency Credit Card and Cash. Personal credit cards will not qualify for tax-exempt status.

Directions to the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel

The hotel is located adjacent to Macon's Coliseum and Centreplex, near the Coliseum Medical Center. The hotel at 240 Coliseum Drive can be accessed from I-16 on exit number 2.

From Atlanta and points north

Take Interstate 75 South to Interstate 16 East. Travel east on Interstate 16 to exit 2 and turn left onto Coliseum Drive. Hotel is 3/10 mile on the left.

You may also obtain directions on the hotel's web site at:

www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/mcnfs-macon-marriott-city-center/