



Walking

With a **Purpose**

— *Empowered for the Journey* —

GAHRA RESIDENT CONFERENCE 2026

Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities presents



Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort Stone Mountain, GA

June 10, 2026

Dear Executive Director:

The GAHRA Human Services – Resident Support Committee is planning for the 25th Annual GAHRA Resident Leadership Development Conference. The conference will be held **August 25- 27, 2026, at Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort, Stone Mountain, GA.** The registration cost for the conference will be **\$350.00 per person.** This fee includes conference materials and other conference amenities. Rooms will book up quickly, so make your reservations now!

We ask that you complete the online Registration Form along with payment by 5:00 p.m. **August 1, 2026,** so that we may finalize our plans. Registration is limited to the first 150 people.

Registrations after the deadline will not be accepted. There will be no on-site registration.

This conference will provide leadership, development and wellness training that should excite and motivate everyone involved to return to their authorities inspired and refreshed. The cost for this conference is an eligible expense using your Resident Participation Funds.

Feel free to contact Shanicki Burton at (770) 957-4494 ext. 223, sburton@mcdonoughha.org or Nicole Smart at 770-419-5108, nsmart@mariettahousingauthority.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shanicki L. Burton, Chair
Nicole Smart, Vice Chair
GAHRA Human Services – Resident Support Committee

**GAHRA RESIDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA
AUGUST 25-27, 2026**

**Conference Location:
Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort
4021 Lakeview Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30083**

**Conference Registration Enclosed
Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2026**

The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunities for personal development in addition to enhancing leadership skills that will enable residents and housing authorities to work together to improve the quality of life for families residing in public housing.

**Conference Theme:
Walking with a Purpose
*Empowered for the Journey***

**Sponsored by:
GAHRA Human Services – Resident Support Committee**

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Conference Registration
3:30 pm – 4:15pm	Conference Opening
6:00 pm	Drone Show/ Dinner on your own

Each Housing Authority is asked to provide (3) door prizes- \$10 minimum cost per prize

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

7:45 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Opening Session
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Morning Session
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Morning Session
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch/ Door Prizes
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Afternoon Session
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Session
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Afternoon Break
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Afternoon Session
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Afternoon Session
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner/ Decade's Party

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:15 am – 10:45 am	Welcome & Invocation Reflections/ Open Mic Closing

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete Online registration form for ALL attendees. Duplicate sheets are acceptable. (Up to 15 names can be submitted on each form).
2. Conference Registration is **\$350.00** per attendee. **Payable by Credit Card only**
3. **On-site registration will not be available.**
4. **Registration fees are non-refundable. (Substitutions may be made for residents who are registered but unable to attend.)**
5. The deadline for registration is **August 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**
6. **Registration is limited to 150 participants. First come first served!**
7. **We have included an emergency contact sheet that must be completed by the participant and one for PHA staff. Forms must be presented before or at registration.**

If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact Shanicki Burton at (770) 957-4494 ext. 223, sburton@mcdonoughha.org or Nicole Smart at 770-419-5108, nsmart@mariettahousingauthority.org .

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS – Rooms are available at Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort. Reservations for overnight accommodations will need to be made by each individual Housing Authority directly with the Hotel's Reservation Department. Please indicate that the reservation request is for the **RESIDENT SERVICES CONFERENCE: GOVERNMENT**.

Atlanta Evergreen Lakeside Resort - Deadline to reserve room is until Midnight, Monday, July 27, 2026

- 4021 Lakeview Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
- (770) 465-3224
- \$159.00 nightly rate
- Complimentary Parking
- **Booking Link for the Conference: <https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=39454&Chain=18460&arrive=2026-08-25&depart=2026-08-27&adult=1&child=0&group=G082426GAHRA>**