Foreclosures, conversions, property taxes, high housing cost burden, overcrowding, homelessness—all issues which community developers work to overcome. Using a value-based approach to learning development fundamentals, you can be a leader in improving quality of life for renters, homeowners, and other community stakeholders.

Chicago Rehab Network: Valuing Affordability
Chicago Rehab Network (CRN) is a citywide coalition of neighborhood-based nonprofit housing organizations working to create and preserve affordable housing in Chicago and the region. Through research, publications, policy and advocacy, training and technical assistance CRN advocates for affordable housing resources at the local, state, and national levels.

Formed in 1977 by community groups seeking to pool expertise and share information, the coalition membership consists of over 40 organizations representing over 60 city neighborhoods. Through the years CRN’s efforts have resulted in the creation of tens of thousands of affordable units as hundreds of community-based and for-profit developers have come to see opportunities in neighborhoods.

Community Development and Empowerment Series workshops are designed for adult learners from a variety of backgrounds.

The 2011 Community Development and Empowerment Series is presented by Harris Bank.

Community Building
Thursday, March 3, Harris Bank
Friday, March 4, Neighborhood Tour

The first in the series, this workshop will present the community assets perspective as a model for community planning. Through looking at strategies employed by community-based development organizations, we will discuss the elements beyond bricks and mortar that community building requires.

HP12-C & Spreadsheets
Thursday, April 7, MicroTrain
Friday, April 8, MicroTrain

Technology can enhance your organization’s ability to operate efficiently in today’s challenging market. Learn housing finance concepts, how to compute financial calculations on the HP12-C, and how to use computer spreadsheets to create proformas.

Proforma Development & Analysis
Thursday, May 5, Harris Bank
Friday, May 6, Harris Bank

Understanding principles of real estate development & finance is critical to maintaining the long-term affordability of your project. You will create development proformas, income and expense statements, and cash flow analyses. Emphasis will be placed on structuring projects with tax credits, public funds, grant funding and the new affordable housing donation tax credit.
Sources of Development Financing*
Thursday, June 9, Harris Bank
Friday, June 10, Harris Bank

Developing affordable housing is a challenging process that requires the layering of financing to achieve the goal of affordability. This workshop will familiarize participants with the mechanics of securing development capital, debt and equity financing, grants and subsidies.

Single Family Housing Development*
Thursday, July 14, Harris Bank
Friday, July 15, Harris Bank

The process of developing single family housing will be discussed both in terms of the technical skills involved, and in terms of maximizing production to meet community needs. Assembling a development team, acquiring property, securing financing, and marketing will all be examined in detail.

Multifamily Housing Development*
Thursday, August 11, Harris Bank
Friday, August 12, Harris Bank

Multifamily housing development will be discussed as one tool for creating community-based affordable housing. The development process, acquisition, sources of financing, development team, and legal issues will all be discussed.

Project & Construction Management
Thursday, September 8, Harris Bank
Friday, September 9, Construction Site Visit

Creating quality affordable housing requires knowledge of construction that includes knowing how to choose a project team, how to manage contracts, and how to closeout the project.

Students will visit a construction site to test concepts in the field. Transportation and lunch provided.

Property/Asset Management/ Tenant Services
Thursday, October 6, Harris Bank
Friday, October 7, Harris Bank

This course will review the key aspects in the property management of subsidized housing. Focus will be given to marketing and lease up, accounting, asset management, fair housing laws, maintenance and capital improvements, and resident services.

* Chicago Community Loan Fund, Center for Neighborhood Technology and other sustainability practitioners will join CRN in 2011 to address issues relating to finance and development of green projects, and incorporation of energy efficiency strategies into new and existing developments.
CRN Series

When/Where
Unless otherwise noted, each workshop will take place from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Harris Bank, 111 W Monroe Street, 8th floor.

For directions to Harris Bank, parking, and/or public transportation, call CRN at 312.663.3936.

Registration
See reverse side or visit www.chicagorehab.org/capacity/empowerment.htm for registration information. Enrollment is limited

Certificates will be awarded to those who attend all eight workshops

Fees
Nonprofit organizations
$100 per 2-day workshop
$700 for full Series
Limited scholarships available

Other organizations
$150 per 2-day workshop
$1000 for full Series

For information about the Community Development and Empowerment Series, and other training and technical assistance opportunities, contact Chicago Rehab Network at 312.663.3936, or visit www.chicagorehab.org.

Interested in learning more about affordable, sustainable development in Chicago? Join Chicago Community Loan Fund for its 2011 Building for Sustainability Series, an in-depth exploration of sustainable issues and strategies for community developers. Topics include integrated design, organizational planning, green financing, measurement and rating systems, operations and risk management, with case studies and project tours. Students of Chicago Rehab Network’s HDTI series will receive a registration discount. Contact CRN 312.663.3936 or CCLF 312.252.0440 ext. 101 for more information.
Registration Form

Workshops

☐ Check here if you will attend all eight workshops. You will receive a Community Development and Empowerment Certificate at the end of the series.

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"The Empowerment Series of 2007 was outstanding. I owe you my current position as a project manager in Real Estate Development. I hope that many others can benefit from this series. Thank you for coordinating this series."  Stacey Flint, Bethel New Life

"It was tremendously valuable, and also a lot of fun."  Lisa Tapper, Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County

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