

Fair Housing – Reasonable Accommodations, Plaza III (1:00p – 2:00p)

Facilitators – Lore Baker, Statewide Housing and Employment First Coordinator, IDHS-Office of the Secretary and David Esposito, Executive Director, Supportive Housing Providers Association

Description: This session will be interactive and provide an opportunity to learn about the differences between Reasonable Accommodation vs. Reasonable Modification and provide an opportunity through hypothetical scenarios on when and how Reasonable Accommodations is applied.

Resident Session, Embassy Room, (1:00p-2:00p)

Facilitators: Aaron Eldridge, SHPA-Northern Illinois Coordinator and Meg Martin, Resident Committee Chair-Southside Office of Concern

Title: How to be an Effective Advocate; this session is targeted to residents of supportive housing and will include the follow areas of Advocacy, Advocacy why is it important, your role in advocacy, how to do it, what's next, and follow-up. The objective is that participants will leave this session with the knowledge and tools and confidence to better self-advocates and how to use their story to make change.

Fair Tax Initiative & FY2019 State of Illinois Budget Overview, Plaza III (2:15p-3:15p)

Speakers: Dan Lesser, Coordinator Responsible Budget Coalition (RBC) and Dave Lowitzki, Lowitzki Consultant

Description: Illinois continues to feel the devastation caused by the budget impasse. With over \$9 billion in unpaid back bills, and a budget deficit of over \$1 billion for next fiscal year, our state has never had a more desperate need for fundamental change and new revenue options. The Fair Tax Now campaign, led by the Responsible Budget Coalition offers a real chance to raise billions in new revenue while providing tax relief for working families. This first part of this session will focus on how you can get involved in your communities and take action to amend Illinois' constitution and win this vital reform now.

The second, part of the session will be an overview of the Governor's proposed FY2019 Illinois Budget and the potential impact on the Supportive Housing Budget Line items.

Advocacy Day Prep Session, Plaza III (3:30p-4:30p)

Facilitators; Dave Lowitzki, Dave Lowitzki Consulting; Aaron Chambers, Thomson-Weir Consulting; Lisa Kuklinski, Heartland Housing, SHPA Legislative Committee Chair; David Esposito, Executive Director-SHPA, & Aaron Eldridge, SHPA - Northern Illinois Coordinator

Description: This session will provide an overview and schedule of Advocacy Day, April 12, including the Legislative Breakfast, Review of messaging materials, legislator meeting review, and mock interviews.