BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Housing Access and Support Alliance Agenda
October 7, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
via Zoom

Meeting Objective: Discuss housing provider survey responses and discuss next steps

Attendees: Tionna Lawson (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Lori Acton (Love Columbia (LC)), Carter (Public Health and Human Services (PHHS)), Charlie Almandinger (LC), Becca Westhues (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Tambra Hickem (Harbor House), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome
    a. Enola opened the meeting and shared that it would be a shortened meeting due to low responses to the Housing Provider Survey
2. Partner updates – no Partner Updates
3. Housing Provider Survey
    a. As of the meeting, there were only 4 responses to the survey. The workgroup took time during the meeting to resent the survey link to housing providers and community contacts. At the November meeting the workgroup will review results at the November meeting and discuss next steps.
4. Next Steps
    a. Members of the workgroup were encouraged to continue to share the housing provider survey link.
    b. The Upward Mobility Annual Feedback survey was discussed, it will close October 30th. Results will be shared with the workgroup at the November meeting to plan for 2027.
    c. The workgroup was reminded there are no workgroup meetings in December 2026.
5. Closing

Next Workgroup Meeting:
November 4, 2026, 3:00 pm – 4:30pm Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut, Columbia MO) and via Zoom

Results Statement: All people in Boone County have safe, quality, and affordable housing.

Upward Mobility is the idea that everyone deserves the chance to improve their lives and economic well-being, to be valued and feel like they belong, and to have power and autonomy. Thriving communities are those that support opportunities to boost upward mobility and aim to narrow inequities for children, youth, and adults.

Ground Rules (*Adapted from University of Michigan Guidelines for Discussing Difficult or High Stakes Topics*)

Listen respectfully. | Listen actively and with an ear to 'understanding others' views. | Commit to learning, not debating. | Comment to share information, not to persuade. | Discuss ideas. | Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language. | Avoid assumptions about any member of a social group. Do not ask individuals to speak for their (perceived) social group. | Allow everyone the chance to speak if they choose to do so.

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