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## **Horizon House Selected for the 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Supportive Housing Institute**

*Horizon House Partners with Englewood Community Development Corporation to Develop Affordable Housing with Critical Support Services for Homeless Neighbors in Indianapolis.*

**INDIANAPOLIS – February 13, 2025** – Horizon House is proud to announce its selection to participate in the seventeenth Indiana Supportive Housing Institute, a competitive four-month intensive technical assistance program designed to accelerate affordable and supportive housing development.

We are collaborating with Englewood Community Development Corporation to develop new high-quality, affordable housing paired with critical support services for people experiencing homelessness in Marion County. Our team is one of five teams from across the state and will focus on finalizing our concept to develop housing for neighbors experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis.

"We are honored to be selected for this program," said Jeff Rode, Chief Operations Officer of Horizon House. "This initiative will empower us to expand our impact and provide much-needed housing solutions for vulnerable individuals in our community. Through this opportunity, we aim to develop a sustainable, person-centered supportive housing project that fosters stability, dignity, and long-term success for those we serve."

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) co-lead the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute based on CSH's national "institute" curriculum. Through intensive and interactive workshops, we will learn strategies for navigating the complex barriers to development and funding,

such as restrictive zoning laws, high land and construction costs, and regulatory hurdles, and delivering high-quality support services.

“IHCD welcomes Horizon House to the 17<sup>th</sup> Supportive Housing Institute,” said Jake Sipe, executive director of IHCD. “We are thrilled to be working alongside them in developing dynamic solutions to advance supportive housing in the state.”

“CSH congratulates Horizon House for being selected for the Institute and for their thoughtful approaches to affordable housing and wraparound services that can help Hoosiers facing the complex barriers to housing,” said Lori Phillips-Steele, Indiana Director at CSH. “Indiana critically needs affordable housing and services to ensure everyone has a safe place to call home.”

Supportive housing is a data-driven model that increases supplies of affordable homes, creates jobs, stimulates the local economy, and enhances community safety. Stable housing also leads to better health outcomes and improves educational stability for children, families, and older adults.

Upon completing the Indiana Supportive Housing Institute, Horizon House can apply for additional funding and the CSH Quality Supportive Housing Endorsement with the goal of breaking ground in late 2026/early 2027.

“Communities that invest in affordable and supportive housing offset resources that otherwise would go to pay for costly emergency systems and institutional care,” said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO at CSH. “By prioritizing affordable housing and well-funded services, communities address head-on the reasons people fall into homelessness in the first place.”

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## **ABOUT HORIZON HOUSE**

Horizon House is a central Indiana non-profit committed to helping individuals experiencing homelessness for over 36 years. This support includes pathways to permanent supportive housing, as well as a variety of services to help individuals in both their immediate and long-term needs. Horizon House offers a safe place for the Indianapolis homeless community, serving them with dignity and respect as they take steps toward a more stable life. Visit [www.horizonhouse.cc](http://www.horizonhouse.cc) to learn more.

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