

HUD and HHS Strongly Encourage Coordination of Recovery Act Programs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are collaborating at the federal and local levels to coordinate Recovery Act resources to more effectively prevent and end homelessness.

Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development of HUD, and Carmen Nazario, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families of HHS, have jointly signed a letter that provides guidance for communities that are implementing both HPRP and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The letter presents an overview of HPRP and TANF, and recommends strategies for coordinating these resources at the state and local levels in order to spend the funds more quickly and effectively to meet the need in communities.

A copy of the letter is posted on HUD's Homelessness Resource Exchange, at: http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HPRP_HUDHHSJointLetterRecoveryAct.pdf.

HUD has also issued a separate guidance piece about using these two Recovery Act resources together. This can be found on the HRE under "Tools and TA Resources" for "Interagency Collaboration" at: <http://www.hudhre.info/hprp/index.cfm?do=viewHPRPTools>.