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DHCD announces free community capacity building workshops for community-based and nonprofit organizations

- In partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission, series will be held in Clintwood –

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has announced a new series of ten capacity building workshops that will be provided at no-charge to representatives from community-based and nonprofit organizations.

The “*Lead Your Organization to Success – Your Future is Now*” series will feature ten workshops which will focus on subjects such as board governance, volunteer recruitment and retention, financial management, succession planning, grants management, and more. Capacity building programs such as this are designed to assist smaller organization with increasing their ability to effectively manage the day-to-day operations critical to achieving their mission.

“In today’s changing environment it is very important for the nonprofit sector and community leaders to have skills and knowledge that can bolster their effectiveness to build community and achieve shared goals,” said Michelle Jones, program manager with DHCD.

Sessions will provide registrants with field-tested tools and concepts they can implement immediately, and will be conducted by Aleta Spicer, director of Occupational Enterprises, Inc. Participants are encouraged to enroll in more than one session in order to receive capacity building advice in a number of areas. However, sessions can be taken individually.

The workshops are free but limited to the first 25 registrants per session. All workshops will be held at the Dickenson Center for Education and Research in Clintwood, Virginia. Participants will be able to [pre-register online](#) until Feb. 26.

The workshops are being offered by DHCD in collaboration with the Appalachian Regional Commission.

DHCD is committed to creating safe, affordable, and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia. DHCD partners with Virginia’s communities to develop their economic potential, regulates Virginia’s building and fire codes, provides training and certification for building officials and support for Virginia’s homeless, and invests more than \$100 million each year into housing and community development projects throughout the state. By partnering with local governments, nonprofit groups, state and federal agencies, and others, DHCD is working to improve the quality of life for Virginians.



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