

## **Housing Advocate's Resource List**

*Thanks to Charlene Dwyer of [EBTIDE](#) for compiling and sharing the following list of housing-related resources.*

### **Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing (DRACH)**

If you are ready to take action, join today!

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**Opening Doors** [www.c-c-d.org/doors/html](http://www.c-c-d.org/doors/html) One of the best housing publications for the disability community by the national Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities (housing issues, trends and concerns). Sign up for your free e-mail or snail mail copy today!

**Fair Housing Rights and Complaints** For a summary of disabled residents' rights under the Fair Housing Amendment, and a description of the seven architectural access requirements, go to <http://www.alpha-one.org/housing.htm> and click on their link to "Accessible Housing Information."

Learn about your fair housing rights and how to file a complaint, file a fair housing complaint on line, print out the complaint form, get a toll free complaint line number all at <http://www.hud.gov/hdiscrim.html>

**U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development** ([www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)) Links to specific HUD programs and information on disability and other resources! [www.hud.gov/fhe/fheacss.html](http://www.hud.gov/fhe/fheacss.html)

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities  
[www.hud.gov/progdsc/811main.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/progdsc/811main.cfm)

**National Home of Your Own Alliance** <http://alliance.unh.edu/> A wealth of information on housing for people with disabilities and the best site for "homeownership" information. A one-stop TA resource site for those interested in HUD's new Section 8 homeownership program with 2 levels of rule overview material, links to HUD's final rule and PowerPoint, and sample PHA implementation manuals and materials from the Colorado PHA Section 8 homeownership project. <http://alliance.unh.edu/section8finalrule.html>

**National Low Income Housing Coalition** [www.nlihc.org](http://www.nlihc.org) Wonderful source for low-income housing trends and statistics and a great links section

### **National Council of State Housing Agencies**

<http://www.ncsha.org/NCSHA/NCSHAL2/directry/statindx.html> Find and link to the web page for the housing finance agency for your state.

### **FannieMae "HomeChoice" Homeownership for People with Disabilities**

<http://www.fanniemae.com/neighborhoods/products/housing/loansdisabilities.html> Or call 1-800-7FANNIE (Consumer Resource Center) - ask for the account team in the FannieMae regional office closest to you

**The Federal Home Loan Banks** The single largest supplier of home mortgage credit in the United States is the partnership of the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) and their over 6,500 members. The FHLBank System consists of twelve regional FHLBanks. Each bank administers several million dollars in downpayment assistance through the "Affordable Housing

Program" (AHP) in partnership with their member banks. Nonprofits may partner with a member bank to apply for and assist in distributing the downpayment assistance funds.

To find the Federal Home Loan Bank in your region, go to [www.fhlbs.com](http://www.fhlbs.com)

## Helpful Websites for Visitability, Universal Design and Home Access

**Concrete Change** <http://concretechange.home.mindspring.com> Make new homes in your community "visitible". This site has all the information and guidance you will need to implement "visitability" in your community.

**Center for Universal Design** [www.design.ncsu.edu/cud](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud) The Center for Universal Design has a long history of conducting research and providing information and services about various areas of housing, including fair housing practices, home modifications and accessible and universal design features in homes. On this sight, you can look at various examples of universal homes in new construction! Great publications, links and resource materials!

**Adaptive Environments** [www.adaptenv.org](http://www.adaptenv.org) A federally funded site which has developed publications to educate about access and universal design. Publications list for universal design.

**Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access** [www.ap.buffalo.edu/%7Eidea](http://www.ap.buffalo.edu/%7Eidea) IDEA provides resources and technical expertise in architecture and product design. Good links section.

**Accessible Design - Accessible Systems, Inc.** [www.ad-as.com](http://www.ad-as.com) Offers product designs for universal design. Accessible kitchen products, workplace and healthcare furniture, pricing and catalog available.

**Code Requirements for Housing Accessibility** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has officially endorsed a new building code document that clarifies the federal Fair Housing Accessibility Guidelines for builders and helps ensure that new apartments and condominiums are accessible to people with disabilities. The endorsement has been eagerly awaited by the nation's home builders who urged HUD's action and have given it their strong support.

- BOCA: 708-799-2300 ([http://www.bocai.org/order\\_building\\_res.htm](http://www.bocai.org/order_building_res.htm))
- ICBO: 562-699-0541 (<http://www.icbo.org/wsnsa.dll/prodshow.w?prodid=006S2K>)
- SBCCI: 205-591-1853 (<http://www.sbcci.org/Orders/orders.htm>)

The ICC "Code Requirements for Housing Accessibility" (CRHA) is published by the International Code Council (ICC) and was developed through a cooperative effort spearheaded by NAHB and ICC, which also included HUD, building industry representatives and disability rights groups.