

## ABOUT THE POLK COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND

The **Polk County Housing Trust Fund** (PCHTF) is the comprehensive planning, advocacy and funding organization for affordable housing in Polk County, Iowa. Focused around these three core activities, PCHTF is responsible for crafting the community strategic plan for affordable housing and leading its implementation. It is also tasked with helping the community understand the need for and benefits of adequate affordable housing. Finally, the organization is responsible for allocating community funds aimed at increasing and preserving the inventory of affordable units in the County and improving the lives of the people who live in them. Learn more about our work at [PCHTF.org](http://PCHTF.org).

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### THANKS TO THESE SUPPORTERS

Special thanks today to **Angie Arthur** and **Homeward**, Polk County's homelessness planning organization, for help organizing this year's event. Learn about Homeward at [homewardiowa.org](http://homewardiowa.org).



Thanks also to **Community Housing Initiatives** and the **Historic Valley Junction Foundation** for lending us equipment for today's event as well as the staff at the Valley Junction Activity Center, managed by the **City of West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department**.



# LANDLORD FORUM

**“Connected to Thrive”**

VALLEY JUNCTION ACTIVITY CENTER  
WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

APRIL 4, 2022

## ABOUT LANDLORD FORUM

**LANDLORD FORUM** began in 2014 as a free educational opportunity that brings together property managers, owners, and others involved in providing housing with social service providers. Our focus is on sharing information and resources that will help ensure every resident relationship is successful.

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## TODAY'S FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Annie Uetz**, MPA is a Program Planner for the Polk County, Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Region since 2001. She holds an undergraduate degree in social work from University of Northern Iowa and a Master of Public Administration from Drake University. She is responsible for overseeing the contracts and programs for treatment services, crisis services and justice involved services.

**Sgt. Lorna Garcia** has been a law enforcement officer working for the Des Moines Police Department since 2000. She has a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, with majors in Psychology and Sociology. She is currently a Sergeant focusing on mental health response and partnering with the Broadlawns Mobile Crisis Response Team.

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## WE'LL FOLLOW UP

After today's event, attendees who registered will receive an email with a link to a survey to share your feedback about your experience today.

The e-mail will also include links to resources provided by our speakers. In addition, these resources will be posted at [PCHTF.org/ahw](http://PCHTF.org/ahw) which is our page for Affordable Housing Week.

Everyone has equal opportunity for safe, stable, affordable homes within the communities where they choose to live, work, play and learn.

**VISION STATEMENT, POLK COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND**

## TODAY'S AGENDA

8:30 am  
April 4, 2022

Second Floor, Valley Junction Activity Center  
217 5th Street, West Des Moines, IA

### 8:00 Doors Open

Enjoy coffee and a donut!

### 8:30 Welcome and introduction

**Matt Hauge**, Communications & Outreach Director, Polk County Housing Trust Fund

### Special focus: mental health crisis intervention

Learn how to respond and who to call if you need support. Featuring two local experts:

- **Annie Uetz**, Program Planner, Polk County Health Services will provide an overview of local services available to support people with developmental and intellectual disabilities or mental illness, including those who are experiencing short term crisis.
- **Sgt. Lorna Garcia**, Des Moines Police Department, will share information about an innovative partnership to provide 24 hour mental health crisis intervention in partnership with Broadlawns Medical Center. The partnership will ultimately support children, teens, and adults in crisis by providing more options beyond taking a person in crisis to the hospital or to jail.

### Break

### Panel discussion with housing service providers

Tips for creating successful resident relationships and understanding social service programs, direct from some of our community's most trusted service providers. Moderated by **Angie Arthur**, Executive Director, Homeward, with panelists

- **Clif Antoine**, Youth Housing Navigator, Primary Health Care
- **Diana Mata Corvera**, Reintegration Specialist, Central Iowa Works
- **Amanda Murphy**, Housing Navigator, Primary Health Care
- **Jeremy Orcutt**, Director of Programs & Services, Anawim Housing
- **Laura Thako**, Development Associate, USCRI Des Moines