

Housing and
Community
Development



Network of New Jersey

A Network of Over 270 Members

- ▶ Community Developers
- ▶ Property Developers
- ▶ Financial Institutions and Corporations
- ▶ Philanthropic Organizations
- ▶ Individual Residents
- ▶ More!



Networking and Support Services



Capacity Building and Resource Development



Education and Public Policy Advocacy



Healthy Homes and Communities



**General COVID-19
Information**



**Assessing Social
Determinants of
Health**



Lead



**Food
Resources**



Air Quality




Healthcare Access




**Neighborhood
Empowerment &
Safety Training (NEST)**

Statewide Reporting



THRIVING CITIES

A New Urban Agenda



NEW JERSEY

STATE RANKING #7*

In **New Jersey**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$1,980**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$6,601** monthly or **\$79,215** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

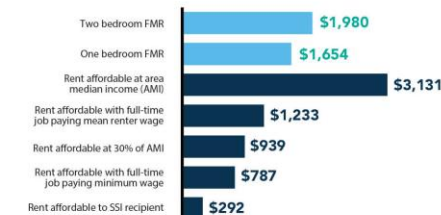
\$38.08
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING WAGE

FACTS ABOUT NEW JERSEY:

STATE FACTS	
Minimum Wage	\$15.13
Average Renter Wage	\$23.70
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$38.08
Number of Renter Households	1,242,331
Percent Renters	36%

101 Work Hours Per Week At Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)	84 Work Hours Per Week At Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)
2.5 Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)	2.1 Number of Full-Time Jobs At Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS	HOUSING WAGE
Jersey City HMFA	\$44.21
Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon HMFA	\$43.77
Trenton MSA	\$38.42
Monmouth-Ocean HMFA	\$36.85
Newark HMFA	\$36.85



MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

* Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

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50 AN UNWAVERING PATH FORWARD TO HOUSING JUSTICE

AmeriCorps VISTA and Community Scholars



The background image shows a group of people at what appears to be a community meeting or a public hearing. In the foreground, two women are focused on a document. The woman on the left is wearing a floral patterned top and glasses, while the woman on the right is wearing a dark blazer over a red top and glasses. They are both looking down at a piece of paper held by the woman on the right. In the background, several other people are engaged in conversations, some holding papers or bags. The setting is an indoor space with a tiled floor and a wall with some artwork or notices.

Network A-Teams: Local Organizing, Statewide Results

- ▶ To increase the influence of housing and community development advocates, the Network organizes geographically-based Advocacy Teams, or “A-Teams.”
- ▶ Since their launch in 2006, these A-Teams have quickly become the backbone of successful advocacy and organizing efforts at the local, state and federal level.
- ▶ Working all over the state, these Network members and allies participate in a range of activities that support neighborhood and citywide grassroots campaigns and advance our statewide and Federal issue agenda

Engaging the Community

A-Teams Organize by

- ▶ Assembling and attending meetings with elected and appointed officials at the local, state and federal level;
- ▶ Participating in Network advocacy events, i.e. rallies, legislative days; bus tours;
- ▶ Recruiting and engaging others to work on the A-Team agenda;
- ▶ Registering, educating and mobilizing voters around housing and community development issues; and,
- ▶ Attending planning meetings and training sessions



Identifying Local Issues

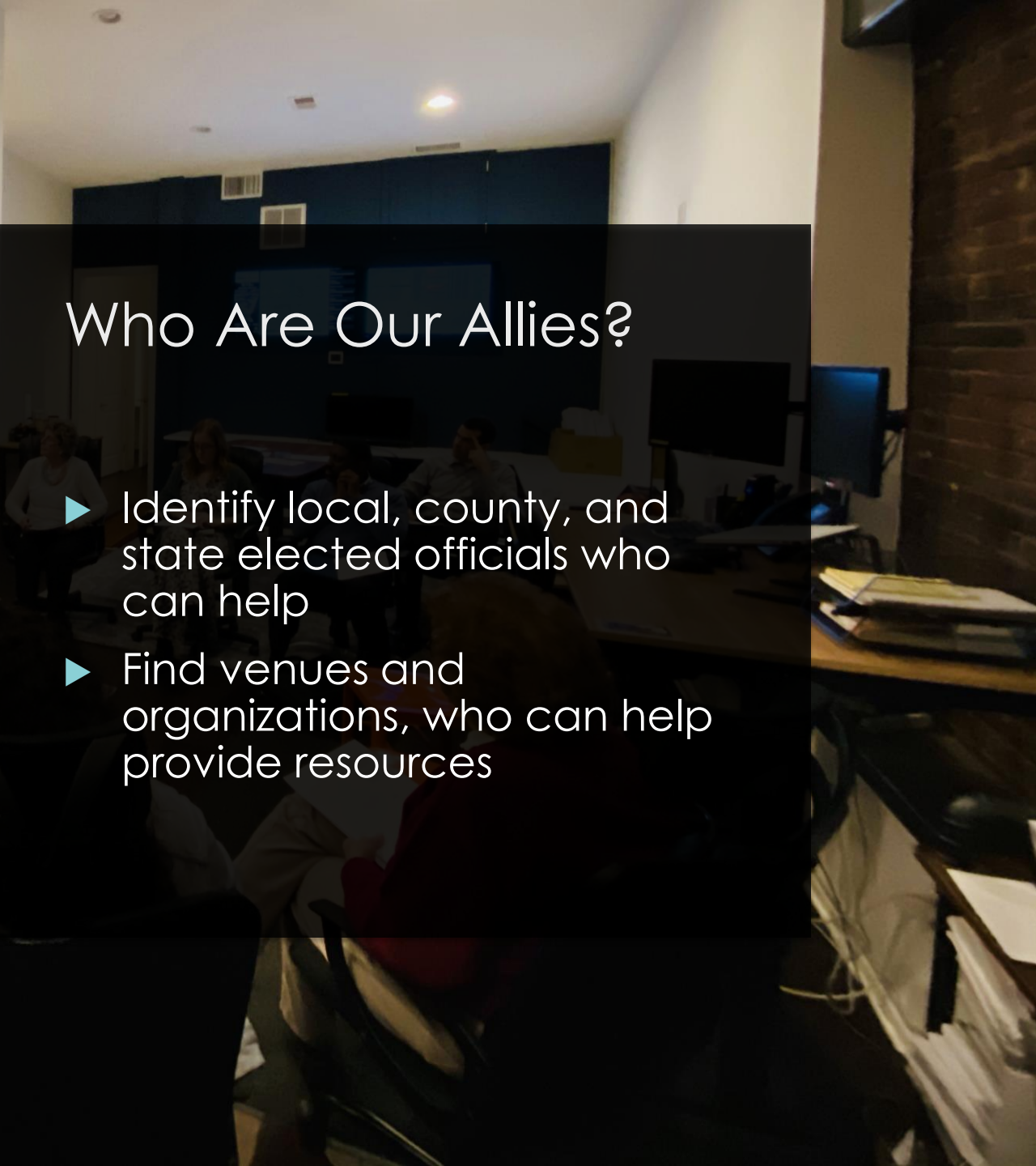
- ▶ Key Policies: What are our local policy priorities?
- ▶ How do these issues tie into the Network's statewide and federal policy priorities?





Who Are Our Allies?

- ▶ Identify local, county, and state elected officials who can help
- ▶ Find venues and organizations, who can help provide resources



Invite Elected Officials To Hear Concerns

- ▶ Our advocacy is a two-way street
- ▶ Invite officials to talk about their issues and to hear ours



Legislative Day

- ▶ The annual Legislative Day is our lobby day. We spend the day at the State House, attend important committee meetings, and schedule meetings with legislators.





THE NETWORK'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CONFERENCE

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
HYATT IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

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