



COALITION NEWS


The Florida Housing Coalition welcomes the newest professional member to its training and technical assistance team.

AIDA ANDUJAR has over 25 years of experience and training in the area of affordable housing, including




responsibility for administration and implementation of state, federal and local housing grants awarded to the City of Hialeah.

She has worked with various state and federal programs including the CDBG, HOME and SHIP Programs. Her

experience includes working with lenders, nonprofit organizations, community development organizations, homebuyer counseling providers, Hialeah Housing Authority, Florida Housing Finance Corporation and other local government organizations. She speaks and writes fluent Spanish. She is a licensed Realtor and holds a master's and bachelor's degree in public administration from Florida International University. 

Florida Housing Coalition Executive Director, Michael Davis and Florida Housing Coalition Board Member, Chuck Elsesser, made legislative visits in Washington, DC to encourage Florida's Congressional Delegation to



adequately restore Public Housing Authority funding levels and not to forsake Florida's most vulnerable citizens. 

SPOTLIGHT ON SHIP

On April 12-13, 2007, Florida Housing Coalition (FHC) staff provided technical assistance to Pinellas County Community Development (PCCD) staff. The PCCD has undergone staff changes and requested training related to the SHIP Application Intake process, Income Certification, Verification process and monitoring. One of the staff changes included a promotion for **Ms. Daphne Johnson** from Community Planning Specialist-Underwriter to a Senior Community Planning Specialist-Compliance/SHIP Administrator. Ms. Johnson is a certified HOME Specialist and looks forward to working with all federal and state funding.



FHC staff learned that Ms. Johnson was instrumental in streamlining the administrative procedures including electronic versions of all SHIP intake documents. In addition, it was also learned that Ms. Johnson joined the PCCD after working for a nonprofit agency and becoming a first time homebuyer through the City of Clearwater's SHIP program. Her experiences with the SHIP program inspired her to pursue a career in the administration of affordable housing programs. Ms. Johnson is an inspiration to us all including her children and grandchildren.



Florida Housing Coalition provided technical assistance to Seminole County Housing and Finance staff regarding the SHIP Annual Report and Tracking system in the Fall of 2006. The Housing staff works closely with the Clerk's financial staff and the Fiscal Service's Budget division to track and report funding so it was important that all staff be included in the training. Ms. Suzie Montgomery, Accounting Specialist, Community Assistance, stated that "since the training, we all have an improved understanding of SHIP reporting requirements" and that they "have good teamwork in planning for the Annual Report including tracking expenditures for set aside limits." We commend the Seminole County Housing and Finance staff. 