

Planning Toolkit: Day of Action to Keep Families Together on June 26, 2019

On May 10, 2019, HUD published a proposed rule that would prohibit “mixed-status” immigrant families from living in public and other subsidized housing. Mixed-status families contain both members who are eligible and ineligible for housing assistance based on their immigration status. As a result of this proposal, 25,000 families, including 55,000 children, will be forced to either separate or face eviction and an increased risk of homelessness. **The deadline to comment on this proposed rule is July 9.**

The National Low Income Housing Coalition and the National Housing Law Project invite you and those in your network to host a commenting party on the **June 26 Day of Action to Keep Families Together**. HUD must respond to each comment, so we hope to generate as many unique comments from individuals and organizations as possible, slowing down the implementation of the rule and giving us more time for the litigation and legislative strategies. Hosting a commenting party can help engage your network and allow folks with limited access to the internet an opportunity to share their opposition.

LOGISTICAL TIPS FOR PLANNING A COMMENT PARTY

- Choose a block of time when people in your network and community are likely to be available to submit comments from home or from a specified, physical location. Comments may be submitted directly to HUD through the [Keep Families Together](#) website by phone or laptop.
- If you’re hosting an in-person commenting party, identify a location to host it at (i.e. your office, a community center, a bar or café, etc.).
- If you’re hosting online, make sure people have the resources they need to participate (i.e. links to the talking points, fact sheets, commenting template, and commenting portal).
- Make sure people know they should personalize their comment by adding at least one full paragraph of their own words for it to be counted.
- Having stations where participants can submit comments, receive refreshments, and take pictures can make the event more interactive!

GETTING THE WORD OUT

- Create a Facebook event or Eventbrite explaining the proposed rule. Include links to the resources and commenting portal, or if doing an in-person day, provide the location and time of the event.
- Publicize the event through your email list and social media accounts. Recruit other organizations to also publicize the event through their channels.
- On the day of the event, send reminders through social media and email.

RESOURCES FOR THE DAY OF ACTION

- [About HUD's Proposed Rule](#)
- [Fact Sheets and Talking Points](#)
- [Number of Families Impacted in Each State](#)
- [Commenting Template](#)
 - Reminder: Make sure people know they should personalize their comment by adding at least one full paragraph of their own words for it to be counted.
- [Commenting Portal \(English\)](#)
- [Commenting Portal \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Social media toolkit](#)
- Take pictures and post them on social media using the tag #KeepFamiliesTogether. Tag @NLIHC and @NHLP so we can help elevate your posts!
- [Look up your member of Congress](#) to see if they have publicly opposed the HUD mixed-status rule. If you do not see your member, please contact them and urge them to voice their opposition to this proposal.

