



Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 9 AM – Early Morning Coffee; Meeting 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Early Morning Coffee sponsored by SimplyHome 9-10:00

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Although, the Supportive Housing and Special Needs Division has merged and responsibilities now fall under the guidance of the Multifamily/Supportive Housing Lending Division funds and support are still very much available. Rosy Dafonseca will review the **Special Needs Housing Trust Fund** and **The Partnership Loan Program**, two very important programs available to help special needs projects get built.

Break

Deborah Wehrlen

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Special Introduction: Mercedes Witowsky, NJCDD

SHA releases new report: ***Building the Foundation for Housing, Services, and Supports: Best Practices Opportunities for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities***. Over the last year SHA spearheaded a nationwide research project to survey best practices that would effectively enhance the resources and navigation of the current supportive housing system. Research involved examining policies, funding, service delivery, training, and resources within New Jersey and across the country. The report offers a description of applicable best practices, examples of implementation, background resource material, and specific recommendations for implementation in New Jersey. Deborah Wehrlen, will present an overview of the report and will be joined by grant partners Tom Bafutto, **The Arc of NJ**, Suzanne Buchanan **Autism NJ**, and Arnold Cohen **The Housing and Community Development Network of NJ** offering their perspective the recommendations that most resonate. The research and report were made possible with grant funding provided by the **NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities (NJCDD)**.

<http://www.shanj.org/advocacy/testimony-and-reports>

**Note: The SHA Policy Advocacy Committee will meet following the Membership Meeting.
Next Developers Group Meeting, July 8th (Lawrence)**