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***All Things Housing* Office Hour**

Announcement

On **September 23rd, 2025, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET**, Switchboard will host the International Rescue Committee's (IRC) Headquarters' Housing Team and Refugee Housing Solutions (RHS) to answer your housing related questions. Whether you're new to housing or an experienced housing practitioner, join us for free, informal housing support. We're here to help!

Is the *All Things Housing* Office Hour for me?

Drop by our *All Things Housing* Office Hour if you serve ORR-eligible populations in the U.S. and have questions like:

- How can I find affordable units for clients in our program?
- If a client's housing needs are beyond the scope of what we can provide, what services can I refer them to for support?
- What are some common red flags to look out for in lease agreements?

No housing expertise needed—we welcome all questions, big and small!



Whether you're new to housing or looking to enhance your current practices, these office hours will provide a supportive space to get answers.

What can I expect from the *All Things Housing* Office Hour?


- Casual, drop-in format—join anytime during the hour
- Direct access to IRC and RHS's housing experts
- Practical solutions for your specific challenges
- Follow-up support if needed
- A judgment-free space to ask questions and learn

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IRC Housing Experts/Facilitators

	<p>Chuni Lu is the Senior Program officer of Affordable Housing Solutions at the International Rescue Committee. Chuni oversees the IRC headquarters resettlement housing team's work in developing innovative housing solutions, building new housing partnerships, and providing housing training and technical assistance to staff at IRC offices across the U.S. Chuni has over 20 years of combined experience in urban planning, affordable housing services, community development, financial empowerment, real estate, and small business. From her early career as a city planner focusing on improving conditions in neighborhoods, Chuni's passion has always been in alleviating poverty, empowering vulnerable populations to make life change, and finding solutions to effect social change. Chuni holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Houston and a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Chuni is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.</p> <p>Email: chuni.lu@rescue.org</p>
	<p>Ian Williams serves as the Program Officer for Housing Partnerships at the International Rescue Committee. Ian assists in building new housing partnerships, developing and implementing innovative housing solutions, and providing housing training and technical assistance to IRC staff. He began his journey at the IRC in Missoula as a Case Aide, then transitioned to a Housing Specialist before joining the headquarters housing team. Ian is passionate about people-centered approaches and participatory actions in affordable housing, urban resilience, and natural resource management. He holds a master's degree in urban studies from Malmö University. Before joining IRC, Ian's professional experience included UN-Habitat's City Resilience Program in Spain, Agora Nordic Urbanism in Sweden, and the Dong Nai Culture and Nature Reserve in Vietnam.</p> <p>Email: ian.williams@rescue.org</p>

RHS Housing Expert/Facilitator

	<p>Evi Long serves as the Deputy Director, Housing at Church World Service (CWS) with a portfolio spanning both RHS and CWS network housing initiatives. Evi oversees various resettlement-related initiatives at CWS headquarters, including innovative housing solutions, technical assistance, training, resource development, capacity building, and partnership engagement, among others. Evi has over 10 years of experience supporting refugees and other ORR-eligible populations with case management, employment, and housing assistance. She believes in trusting local expertise and finding local solutions. Her national work uplifts affordable housing opportunities for newcomers, overseeing resource creation for newcomer tenants, resettlement affiliates, and landlords, while also leading housing program design. Evi is bilingual in Spanish and English, with experience working and living internationally in Honduras and Chile. She graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, minoring in Latino Studies and Linguistics.</p> <p>Email: elong@cwsglobal.org</p>
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