

Building Public Health Champions

2014 Rural Public Health Institute

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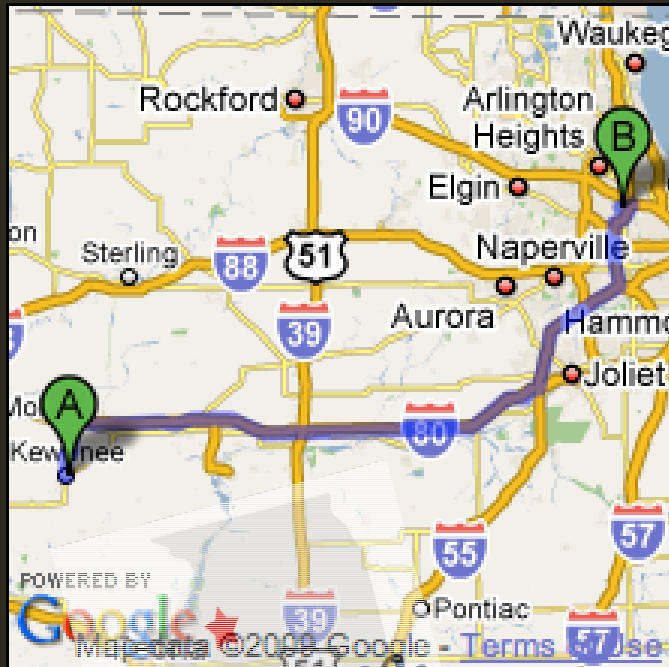
Community Partners

Housing Authority of Henry
County

Henry & Stark County Health
Departments



Henry County ~ Located in Northwestern Illinois,
just 20 miles from the Mississippi River dividing
Illinois and Iowa.



Henry County

- Population of 50,486
- 823 square miles
- 91.4% of land area is used for farming
- Race/Ethnicity
 - 92.1% white non-Hispanic

Stark County

- Population of 5,994
- 288 square miles
- 10 small towns ranging in size from 25 to 1,400
- Race/Ethnicity
 - 97.2% white non-Hispanic

Tobacco Use

- Residents who actively use tobacco products
 - Henry County= 19.0%
 - Stark County= 21.0%
- Both counties are above the Illinois average
- However, both have declined from seven years ago
 - Henry= 22.3%
 - Stark= 25.8%

SFMUH Goals Housing Authority of Henry County:

- Research adopted smoke free public housing policies
- Develop draft of smoke free public housing policy
- Publish notice of Policy
- Educational sessions at Tenant Council meetings
- Adoption of smoke free public housing policy
- Implementation of smoke free public housing policy
- Implementation of on-site smoking cessation classes
- Evaluation of effectiveness of smoke free policy



Family Developments:

- Fairview Apartments ~ Built in 1940 (175 Units)





Elderly/Disabled Developments

- Hollis House ~ Built in 1984 (50 Units)





“Effective Immediately: all new leaseholders will be prohibited from smoking indoors, including apartments. Smoking cessation support is offered courtesy of the Henry County Health Dept. Call Nat at 309-852-3725 for more information.”

The screenshot shows the website for The Housing Authority of Henry County. The browser address bar shows the URL <http://henrycountyhousing.us/index.php>. The page has a blue sidebar on the left with the following text:

- Announcements and Upcoming Events**
- HCV (Section 8) Waiting List to Open June 26th:** Click [here](#) for details. *** Check back here on June 26th for the pre-application. ***
- MOVE-IN Ready!** If you are aged 50 or better, or disabled, call Nat at 309-852-3725 for more information. In Geneseo, Galva, and Kewanee.
- Effective Immediately:** all new leaseholders will be prohibited from smoking indoors, including apartments. Smoking cessation support is offered courtesy of the Henry County Health Dept. Call Nat at 309-852-3725 for more information.
- Applications Accepted:** We are currently accepting applications for all developments. Click on Locations for details. For more information call 309-852-2801.
- June 24th: [Lincoln House] (6 pm - 7 pm) Food Pantry**
- June 25th: (9 am) HAHC Board Meeting @ Lincoln House in Galva**
- June 26th: [Maple City]**

The main content area features the HAHC logo and a photograph of a large brick building. A green oval highlights the 'Effective Immediately' announcement in the sidebar. The footer contains the following text:

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Henry County Healthier Tenants, Happier Landlords

KEY SFMUH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Diverse and active coalition with 100% commitment to achieve our SFMUH goals.
- Creating a supportive and working relationship with the CEO, Director of Facilities Management, staff, and property managers.
- Passed an “Adoption of Public Housing Non-Smoking Policy” effective January 1, 2013 reaching 1000 people at 6 public housing properties.

KEY SFMUH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Collected all 448 Smoke-Free Apartment Lease Addendums from 6 properties in 3 different towns.
- Offered “Freedom From Smoking Classes “ at public housing site with the most identified smokers.
- Since going smoke free a year ago we have seen a 34% decrease in smoking units and it is now 85% smoke free overall.

KEY CHALLENGES-SFMUH

- HAHC tenants dissent to consideration of adopting a SFMUH policy
- Grandfather clause compromise
- HAHC tenant's disregard of published deadline for the lease addendum's.
- Collection of lease addendums
- Transient population
- Culture
- Excessive number of visitors to HAHC tenants

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

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