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Inglis Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania

Disability and Housing in the News- March Roundup!

Do you find yourself focusing all your professional time and energy into providing support and building relationships in your community? Do you ever wish you could step out of that world for a moment and think about the wider trends in housing? Inglis SDHP can help you do that! This newsletter highlights some of the challenges and successes that we are hearing about each month across Pennsylvania and beyond, and you can get even more frequent updates by following us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Consider following Inglis too on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

So here it is, **News You Can Use!**

***Johnson v. Grants Pass* to be heard by the Supreme Court in April**

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Grants Pass is a court case originally filed in 2018 that determined it is cruel and unusual punishment to arrest or ticket people for sleeping outside when they have no other safe place to go. Currently, America has over 600,000 people experiencing homelessness and nearly half of them (250,000) sleep outside. *Johnson v. Grants Pass* allows those people the right to simply exist without fear of legal ramifications. If overturned, it could effectively criminalize homelessness.

[Learn more about the case.](#)

Governor Shapiro Highlights Housing Solutions in Budget Proposal.

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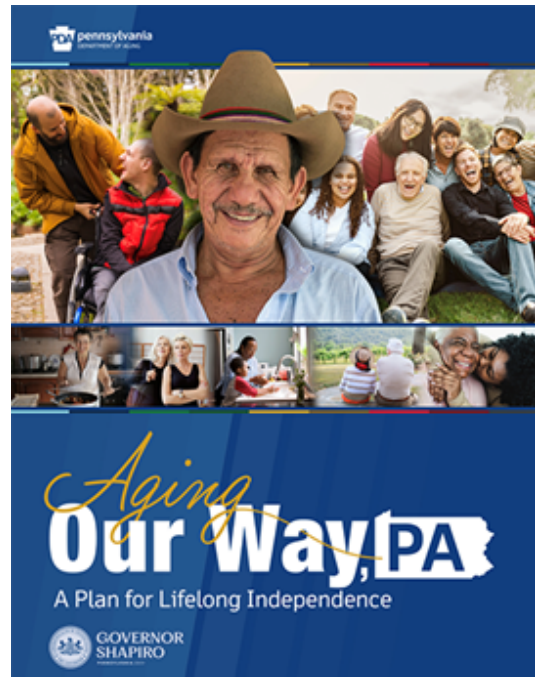
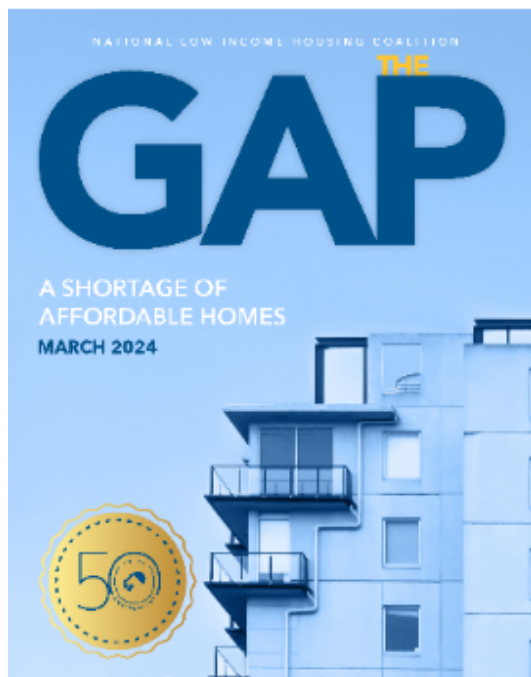
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Legislative priorities include: more funds for affordable housing programs, renewed funding for whole home repairs, eviction protections that ensure legal representation for low-income tenants, and adjusting the state's land use policies.

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Publications and Reports Worth a Read



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[report *The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes*](#). The report finds that only 34 affordable homes are available for every 100 extremely low-income renter households across the nation.

Pennsylvania Department of Aging recently closed the comment period on their [draft of *Aging Our Way, PA*](#). The plan's purpose is to create a 10-year roadmap to meet the needs of the Commonwealth's older adults and improve services.

Big Announcement from a Notable Woman



Marcia Fudge has stepped down as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on March 22nd, 2024, after nearly five decades of public service in that and other roles. During her time with HUD, Fudge assisted countless people in becoming homeowners, especially considering racial biases people often experience, and pushed for the agency to supply 120,000 additional federal housing vouchers, the largest increase in two decades.

[Learn about her legacy here.](#)

The Inglis Impact Accelerator is Still Looking for Its Next Cohort.



The Inglis Impact Accelerator's cohort programming has two main goals: to support innovative ideas and to support founders with disabilities. Their rigorous selection process will prioritize ideas in three core areas—housing accessibility, assistive technology, and innovative healthcare models, as well as founders who identify as having a disability. All businesses with innovative ideas are encouraged to apply regardless of sector or disability status.

In the Spring of 2024, the Inglis Impact Accelerator will run a 15-week virtual program concluding with a dynamic virtual pitch event. Throughout the program, six businesses will **refine their concepts, attract and engage customers**, and **optimize sales funnels** through interactive webinars, workshops, and one-on-one and group coaching sessions. At least one founding team member should expect to spend at least 4-6 hours per week participating in programming and dedicated work efforts for the 15-week program.

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The application period has been **extended through April 12th**. Apply today using the button above!

Opening Doors Together 2024 Conference Registration.

We would love to see you at our Statewide Housing Conference on **June 11th and 12th** either virtually or in-person at the Harrisburg Best Western Premier Hotel!

Registration begins April 2nd

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