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Florida Policy Project Releases Elevating Housing Vouchers Report ***Florida Housing Summit: Blueprint for Better Outcomes Announced***

TAMPA, Fla. (April 10, 2024) – Today, the [Florida Policy Project](#) released its best practice report focused on elevating housing vouchers. With housing supply well below demand, housing costs have pushed home ownership and rental housing beyond the reach of millions of Floridians. The study, in collaboration with the DeVoe L. Moore Center at Florida State University, elevates the ability to use vouchers to create housing opportunities for Florida's workforce.

Effective voucher programs require the seamless interplay between three critical players: households, public housing authorities, and landlords. The report highlights five best practices for the use of vouchers including:

- Transparent selection preferences
- Centralize, continuously monitor, and update waiting lists
- Small Area Fair Market Rents
- Match clients and landlords more efficiently
- Tenant video inspections

"Housing vouchers provide an opportunity to increase access to suitable housing in the private sector while also empowering these households with control over their choice," said Samuel R. Staley, Ph.D., director of the DeVoe L. Moore Center in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy at Florida State University.

The primary benefit of a housing voucher is that they allow low-income households to decide which characteristics of a neighborhood are most important to them. The voucher, as an income substitute, gives them greater opportunity to choose among housing available on the market.

"Florida's housing affordability crisis requires a variety of solutions. On May 1, at the USF St. Petersburg Campus, we will deep dive into best practices at the [Florida Housing Summit: Blueprint for Better Outcomes](#), where we will shine a light on the innovative solutions needed for positive change, including vouchers, zoning, permitting, and accessory dwelling units which are

all required for Floridians to have access to homes," said former Senator Jeff Brandes, president and founder, Florida Policy Project.

Presented by the [Tampa Bay Builders Association](#), the Florida Housing Summit will encourage knowledge sharing, promote goal-oriented policy discussions, and provide networking opportunities that will help pave the way for a brighter future for Floridians. State and national industry thought leaders, policy makers, experts, and stakeholders will discuss pressing issues and innovative solutions including vouchers, zoning, incentivizing Cities and Counties, RDU/ADU, up-zoning, and more.

Click [here](#) to view Florida Policy Project's comprehensive report: ***Unlocking Potential by Elevating Housing Vouchers: Best Practices and Policy Insights***.

For more solutions to Florida's housing crisis, the **public can register** for the **Florida Housing Summit: Blueprint for Better Outcomes** [here](#).

Members of the media can contact Jamey Wilson at jamey@playbookpublicrelations.com for a direct registration link to the Summit. Please include interview requests with Sen. Brandes, speakers and/or sponsors in your email.

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