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L.E.G.A.C.Y. HOUSING RESOURCE DIVERSIONARY COURT FEATURED DURING WHITE HOUSE EVICTION PREVENTION SUMMIT/WEBINAR

The Summit/Webinar was hosted last week on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 by the White House - Executive Office of President with Gene Sperling who is President Biden's Senior Advisor.

Judge Bell shared, "I was honored to present during the White House Eviction Prevention Summit last week and share the great work we are doing here in Davidson County, Nashville, TN. The L.E.G.A.C.Y. Housing Resource Diversionary Court (HRDC) and our partnership with Metro Action Commission's (MAC) Hope program dispersing U.S. Treasury ERAP funds has received national attention. Our model that we have continued to develop since February starting with using the TN Supreme Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan and court ordered mediation along with CARES Grant funding dispersed by United Way's Financial Assistance Network and MAC has been first of its kind here in Tennessee.

We have been encouraged to share the attached documents with our colleagues and a link below to watch the Summit/Webinar in full in the event you are interested in implementing a Housing Resource Diversionary Court in your respective county.

As we know the CDC moratorium has been lifted here in TN for all Districts of our state, Western, Middle and Eastern and we the community and judges are now faced with either going back to the normal way we handled evictions in our courts or seeing if we can assist the landlord and tenant in working towards finding funding to pay the arrearage and keep families housed. These are unprecedented times and if the eviction matter is solely due to non-payment of rent based on the effects of COVID-19 we have a responsibility to try and work towards resolve. Yes, the landlord and tenant must agree to work towards this end, but we are seeing great success with our approach here in Davidson County."

If you would like to learn more about **L.E.G.A.C.Y. HRDC** click here: <https://gscourt.nashville.gov/about-us/judges/division-viii-judge-rachel-l-bell/l-e-g-a-c-y-housing-resource-diversionary-court-and-program/>

If you would like to learn more about the **HOPE program with MAC** click here: www.nashville.gov/mac

To watch the White House Eviction Prevention Summit/Webinar click the link [here](#)

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