In July, we convened sixty funders in Washington, DC for our annual Funders Institute to learn about removing barriers to advance racial equity from the ground up. Held in conjunction with the National Conference on Ending Homelessness, program participants learned about what other funders are doing to advance racial equity, and Native homelessness, how to engage in advocacy at the congressional level, and how to support grantees in doing racial equity work.

Take a look at the following videos, recaps, and resources from the event:

- **Resources**: [2019 Funders Institute past events page](#)
- **Video**: Morning Panel: Advancing Racial Equity from the Ground Up
- **Video**: Afternoon Conversation: The Role of Culturally-Specific Organizations in Ending Homelessness
- **Blog Post**: Funders Institute: Reflections from a Family Foundation Perspective by Marci Lu, William J. & Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation
- **Advocacy resource**: How philanthropy can be a good partner to Congress on housing and homelessness issues

Please note, only dues-paying members of Funders Together have access to the videos from the event. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings and gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact Stephanie Chan, Director of Membership and Programs.

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### 2019 True Colors United Impact Summit

**September 4-5, 2019 | Washington, D.C.**

We are excited to host two sessions focused on philanthropy and ending youth homelessness at the 2019 True Colors United Impact Summit this September:

- **Wednesday, September 4th, 1:40-2:40pm: Money Moves: Partnering with Funders to End Youth Homelessness**: This session will explore how funders are partnering with providers to create and advance solutions to prevent and end youth homelessness. Attendees will discover new ways to meaningfully engage with grantmakers beyond simply requesting funding.

- **Thursday, September 5th, 11:00am-12:00pm: Sharing Power: Philanthropy’s Role in Centering Lived Experience**: This funder-only session will engage attendees in a conversation around philanthropy’s role in lifting voices of lived expertise and prioritizing these individuals in creating solutions. Attendees will gain strategies on how they can support their foundations and their grantees to center the voices of LGBTQ youth and young people of color in ending youth homelessness.

To learn more or to register for the True Colors United Impact Summit, visit the [Impact Summit's website](#). Standard registration ends Sunday, August 18th. After this date, registration fees will increase.
Employment Webinar Series: Secure Jobs CT: A Holistic Approach to Increasing Income and Stabilizing Housing | September 19, 2:30pm ET / 11:30am PT

Secure Jobs Connecticut takes a holistic approach to increasing income for families and aims to address the issues at the intersection of employment and housing. Rebecca Allen, Senior Program Officer at Melville Charitable Trust, will lead us in exploring the lessons learned and challenges of this three-year pilot. Based on the findings, she will discuss the next iteration of these efforts, set to launch this fall, and what role funders can explore in supporting similar approaches in their community.

Webinar Recording: Ending Homelessness Means Ending Urban Native Homelessness

During this webinar, Colleen Echohawk, Executive Director at Chief Seattle Club shared how the Coalition to End Urban Native Homelessness is partnering with nonprofit and Native organizations, government agencies, tribal leaders, and philanthropic partners to drive long-term systems change. Ending urban Native homelessness requires a culturally competent, collaborative approach, and this webinar explores how AI/ANs have historically been undercounted and under-resourced, and what funders can do to support ending urban Native homelessness.

Webinar Recording: Are Housing Vouchers Contributing to Racial and Economic Segregation for Families with Children?

This webinar discussed the findings from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities recent analysis on the location of families with children using housing vouchers, which help us better understand how local voucher programs perform relative to the local housing market and identify areas for improvement. We shared highlights from the analysis and discussed how funders can think about these findings and their investments in their communities.

Webinar Recording: Centering Voices of Lived Experience

In this webinar, we were joined by True Colors Fund and CSH, two organizations that are committed to and immersed in the work to prioritize and center individuals with lived expertise in creating solutions to end homelessness. We discussed philanthropy’s role in creating a culture of lifting voices of lived experience in communities around the country.

Access to the webinar recordings is only available to Full Members of Funders Together. If you are interested in joining to view these recordings as well as gain access to other Full Member benefits, contact Stephanie Chan, stephanie@funderstogether.org or visit our Join Us page.

In addition to our Funders Together programming, check out these partner events that Funders Together will be at, representing and highlighting philanthropy’s work in the efforts to prevent and end homelessness. If you are attending any of these events or would like to attend and meet up, please contact Amanda Andere or you can find more information directly on the Where We Will Be page.

Click on the map below to see what events we will be at in the coming months!