

Healthy Housing Initiative

When tenants talk, we listen.

"My last place that I was staying at, the whole wall in the bathroom was caved in and it was starting to grow mold. That's hazardous, I have children! [The landlord] would not fix it. He told me to put up a plastic bag and tape it with duct tape... I was paying \$1,000 a month to stay there."

"Landlords or management companies have so much over you, a lot of people are actually scared to call the health department or the city for aid because [landlords] come back on you and tell you 30 days – sometimes not even 30 days, you get 5 days to get out."

"The biggest struggle that I faced was the evictions. You could have even make a mistake when you were 18, 19, when you didn't know no better and then you're still penalized when you're 32, 34, 35, when you think different things. It's like there are no avenues for second chances."

"[If] we need something fixed and he always just replies 'busy' or says he will come the next day or the next day, always the next day and he never comes."

"I see [housing instability] play out more so in the kids. Kids going from one school to the next...the transient-ness destroys communities so there's not ever an ability for that kid to get grounded or be a part of something"

"If you're in a certain state where you're homeless or you're in a shelter or you're in a dangerous situation... that puts a strain on... your mental health too. So that thing can affect not only you but the people around you."

"Until there is a concerted effort for community organizing around landlord-tenant relationships that occurs on a regular basis, nothing is going to change... Your child, my child, they deserve just the same equality,"



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