



National Alliance to
END HOMELESSNESS

Capitol Hill Day 2008 **Federal Policy Agenda**

The following items are high priority issues where the Alliance believes we can make significant progress during Capitol Hill Day at our Annual Conference, July 28-30. This is not a complete list of all the policy initiatives that the Alliance supports.

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations _____

1. Significantly increase funding for homeless and housing assistance programs within the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Significantly increase funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for services linked to permanent and supportive housing for homeless individuals, families, and youth.
3. Secure substantial funding for programs authorized by the Second Chance Act to help reduce recidivism, increase public safety, and help states and communities improve the response to the growing numbers of people released from prison each year.

Authorizations _____

1. Enact a National Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve 1.5 million units of housing for the lowest income families over the next 10 years and ensure adequate funding sources.
2. Pass legislation to reauthorize the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants program that will protect homeless families and homeless people with disabilities, expand prevention activities, and focus on permanent housing solutions to homelessness.
3. Enact the Section Eight Voucher Reform Act (SEVRA) to streamline the Section 8 program and permanently address a formula problem that led to the loss of 150,000 vouchers over 3 years.

