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Join us May 21st at The Lyceum as the 2015 IForum series continues with

CHOICE → MOBILITY → OPPORTUNITY!!

Connecticut Needs Housing Choices AND Mobility To Produce Education and Economic Success!

From employment opportunities to healthcare to transit access to closing the achievement gap, more housing choices at affordable levels in more communities can provide families and children with opportunities they now lack.

How Can Connecticut Make That Happen?

Connecticut municipalities are creating a wider variety of affordable homes for low- and moderate-income families. But are those families aware of those new choices? While many will choose to stay in their current neighborhoods for a variety of reasons, others will need help to overcome barriers to housing choices in new locations. What support can we provide so families can live successfully and affordably in the towns that work for them?

Higher security deposits and rents, discrimination, limited housing information and landlords unfamiliar with the benefits of subsidy programs all present obstacles for families wishing to make “the big move” to higher-resourced communities. The state also lacks data about these families: their needs, their desires, why they stay, why they move. From better data gathering to proven innovations such as mobility counseling, policy changes can improve outcomes.

Join the Partnership for Strong Communities and Open Communities Alliance as we look at housing affordability, state efforts to create more housing choices in more communities, how parents are choosing and how schools and communities are helping them prosper where they've been living, or in their new surroundings.

featuring:

**Alison Shuman, Executive Director
Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership**
Expert in housing choice, mobility counseling

- Department of Housing Commissioner Evonne Klein
- Urban and Suburban School Principals, Parents, Resource Officers
- Mobility Counselors, Human Resource Professionals

Thursday, May 21, 2015

The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT
(directions: www.lyceumcenter.org)

8:30am – 9:00am: Coffee, pastry, conversation

9:00am – 11:00am: Program

Event is free. We expect strong attendance.

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