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Collective Action Network (CAN) Summit 2025: Local Residents Leading the Path to Change

Evansville, IN – ECHO Housing and Community Development is proud to host the upcoming Collective Action Network (CAN) Summit on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Carter Hall, University of Southern Indiana. This dynamic, full-day event will bring together community partner organizations, leaders, stakeholders, and neighborhood residents to explore collaborative solutions for neighborhood challenges. Are you interested in voicing the most pressing issues in your neighborhood and learning about how those issues can be addressed? Join us for this one-day event!

Keynote Speaker: Danielle Varda

The summit will feature Danielle Varda, Founder and CEO of Visible Network Labs, as the keynote speaker. Varda will present on “Thinking Like a Network Scientist”, offering insights into the power of community connections and data-driven collaboration.

What to Expect:

- Attendees will pinpoint their neighborhood's most urgent concerns, shaping the summit's focus and discussions.
- Public Release of the Ecosystem Mapping – A real-time visual of how community partners are connected and work across private, public, and non-profit sectors to address issues such as housing, government services, Veterans programs, education, healthcare, public safety, workforce, arts & culture, and much more.
- Resident-Led Panel – Firsthand experiences and insights from neighborhood residents
- Engaging Work Sessions – Interactive discussions informed by the pressing needs of neighborhood residents

Who Should Attend?

- Neighborhood Residents – Panel discussions will be based on issues neighborhood residents find most important
- Community Partner Organizations & Stakeholders – We encourage each organization to invite a resident from the neighborhoods they serve.
- Anyone interested in making our neighborhoods better

Registration & Cost:

- Neighborhood Residents – FREE
- Community Partner Organizations – \$25 per person – each paid registration also covers the cost of a neighborhood resident
- See more details and register at: echohousing.org/can-summit

Join us in fostering stronger community connections and impactful collaborations at the CAN Summit 2025!

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ABOUT COLLECTIVE ACTION NETWORK: The Collective Action Network (CAN) is a cross-sector group of community leaders who come together to create positive change. Using the collective impact model, this approach unites multiple organizations to tackle systemic challenges through shared goals, data-driven strategies, and coordinated efforts. Together, we strive to enhance community outcomes and build a stronger support system for those seeking to improve their quality of life..

ABOUT ECHO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: ECHO Housing Corporation is a designated non-profit 501(c)(3) Community Development Corporation (CDC) with a mission to improve lives by reducing barriers to housing, social wellbeing, and economic opportunity. Since its founding, ECHO Housing and Community Development has been the leading provider of homeless services, including permanent supportive housing, for individuals experiencing homelessness in the community, and a primary convenor of collaborative community development efforts. ECHO tackles the root causes of housing instability and homelessness by addressing critical community challenges. ECHO's community development efforts focus on three key areas: physical, social, and economic development.

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