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NJ housing advocates discuss “Affordable and Accessible Housing” in the March episode of Aging Insights



Caption: In Episode 102 of Aging Insights, on Affordable and Accessible Housing, host Melissa Chalker (left) is joined by (clockwise) Diane Riley, Executive Director of the Supportive Housing Association of NJ; Ann Lippel, Chair of the Montclair Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Staci Berger, President and CEO of the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ.

TRENTON, NJ (March, 2020) – Older adults around the Garden State face a housing dilemma, unable to afford their current housing, but equally unable to afford a new and appropriate home.

In Episode 102 of the New Jersey Foundation for Aging’s monthly TV program *Aging Insights*, host Melissa Chalker is joined by three expert advocates to discuss *Affordable and Accessible Housing*. Guests are Staci Berger, President and CEO of the Housing and Community Development Network of NJ (<https://www.hcdnnj.org/>); Diane Riley, Executive Director of the Supportive Housing Association of NJ (<https://www.shanj.org/>), and Ann Lippel, Chair of the Montclair Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (<https://scacmontclair.org/about/>).

“This episode stemmed from a statewide group the NJFA convened in 2018,” Chalker explains. “My three guests were among that group. We published a Senior Housing Stakeholder Group Recommendation Report, which is posted on our website at <https://www.njfoundationforaging.org/policy-reports/>.”

In January of this year, the NJFA also held a Senior Housing Forum with panelists from other agencies and organizations who are working to solve housing challenges for the state’s aging population. “This *Aging Insights* episode focuses on a broad range of services available to help older adults impacted by the housing crisis,” says Chalker.

Launched in 2011, *Aging Insights* is an award-winning, half-hour show that promotes dialogue and provides resources on critical issues for older adults and caregivers. *Affordable and Accessible Housing* will be available the first week of March on more than 70 public-access stations across NJ (check local listings for channels and times) as well as on NJFA’s website at www.njfoundationforaging.org/aging-insights and YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/njfoundationforaging.

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*The New Jersey Foundation for Aging (www.njfoundationforaging.org) is the only statewide organization focused solely on providing leadership in public policy and education to enable older adults to live with independence and dignity in their communities. In addition to its policy leadership role, the NJFA produces the award-winning **Aging Insights**, a monthly half-hour TV program promoting dialogue on critical issues for older adults and caregivers. The show is available on more than 70 public-access stations, www.njfoundationforaging.org/aging-insights and www.youtube.com/njfoundationforaging. The NJFA also presents an annual conference offering development opportunities and best practices for professionals entrusted with caring for seniors.*

