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DENISE D. RESNIK

Founder & President/CEO, First Place® AZ

"Housing and community options for special populations are today where the senior housing industry started 50 years ago. We still have much to do to create a marketplace of options, recognizing that, like age, diagnosis alone does not determine an individual's home needs or preferences."

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[Learn more about Denise.](#)



DESIREE KAMEKA

Director, Autism Housing Network

"For millions of adults with autism, 'the next empty bed' should not be the only option. By bridging innovation across different industries, we can create an array of neuro-inclusive housing opportunities that benefit everyone in communities across the country."

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AMY PAWLOWSKI

Executive Director, Complex Care, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

"Helping individuals with a range of different abilities live the healthiest, happiest, most integrated lives possible drives me every day. I'm excited to be a part of advancing the healthcare delivery system to work better for everyone."

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JUAN SALGADO

Chief Executive Officer, Phoenix IDA/Phoenix Community Development & Investment Corporation

"Building communities that provide housing for all members of our diverse population is part of our mission. We are pleased to provide support for such a groundbreaking study and look forward to its results."

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ANDREA WHITSETT, MA

Director, ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy

"We want 'A Place in the World' to inform the decision-making happening in the community and at the same time inspire future scholars who select this type of research for their career paths."

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CHRISSIE BAUSCH, PHD

Research Analyst, ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy

"As with any complex issue, valid, nuanced data is needed to effectively respond to the housing demand of adults with neurodiversities—and there is still so much to learn."

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JIM WHITTAKER

President/CEO, The Arc Jacksonville

"Wouldn't it be really cool if we could develop a community that focused more on independent, semi-independent living in an apartment sort of setting where individuals would control their own space, make choices and also have staff supports...?"

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TOM TORONTO

President, Bergen County's United Way

"Affordable housing, or the lack thereof, is the biggest issue... The only way to address that, we felt, was not to study it, but to increase the supply of homes that people could afford."

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MIKE DUFFY

Senior Associate, Project Design Architect, RSP Architects

"Good design for autism is just good design. It's not that different from other design processes. We just need to add in a few more layers."

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POOJA PAODE, MS, MPP

**Research Assistant, ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy
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"There is not just a housing gap, but a legitimate housing crisis facing adults with autism and other cognitive disabilities. Distinct policy actions—and inaction—influence how we understand and measure the adequacy of housing and services for neurodiverse adults."

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