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## **CPO's Landlord Tenant Education Committee Launches Series for Renters** *Series Designed to Empower Tenants with Knowledge for a Stronger Housing Future*

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., (3/12/2025) – In an effort to fulfill its mission to create strong neighborhoods and communities, Community Partnership of the Ozarks (CPO) invites all renters and tenants in Springfield to the **Tenant Educational Workshop Series**, a four-part series to empower renters and equip tenants with valuable knowledge and resources to navigate housing challenges.

“These workshops provide an excellent opportunity for tenants to become more informed about their rights and responsibilities, while also gaining practical skills for securing and maintaining housing,” said **Emily Fessler, CPO Affordable Housing & Homeless Prevention Continuum of Care Director**. “By offering this education, we hope to support tenants in their housing journey and contribute to a more stable and informed rental community.”

This series is sponsored by CPO's Landlord/Tenant Education committee, which is a joint initiative between CPO's Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness and CPO's Housing Collaborative. The four workshops will be held at empower:abilities located at 1450 W Cambridge St. from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and are as follows:

- **Tenants' Rights** – April 2
  - Gain insight into the rights that are provided to tenants and how to exercise them.
- **Reasonable Accommodations** – April 16
  - Become familiar with reasonable accommodations and the ways to navigate and gather the necessary resources to obtain them.
- **Housing Search & Navigation** – May 7
  - Explore effective strategies and utilization of resources to assist in finding and securing housing options.
- **Renting Tips & Tools** – May 21
  - Observe several tips and tools that new and experienced renters and tenants can use to enhance the rental experience and everyday living.

Tenants can go to just one workshop or all four. Registration is encouraged but not required. Food will be provided at each workshop. All workshops will be recorded for future use or any tenants who may not be able to attend the workshop.

For any questions, please contact CPO Director of Community Collaboratives, Megan Garrett at [mgarrett@copozarks.org](mailto:mgarrett@copozarks.org)

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