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*If We Can Send A Man To The Moon, Surely, We Can Alleviate Poverty:  
Campaign Unveils National Policy Agenda To Move One Million Moms OFF Welfare (1MMOW)*

*Host Congressional Briefing & Live Streaming*

WASHINGTON, DC – In celebration of Women’s Month, Can I Live, Inc, a national public housing residents association will soon release its national policy agenda, entitled “[Beyond Poverty: Rocket Science Solutions to Move One Million Moms OFF Welfare \(1MMOW\)](#)”. The initiative makes the case that entitlements provided to millions of moms living at or below poverty are structured to keep them poor while entitlements offered to wealthier Americans and corporations assist in wealth creation and enhanced prosperity.

“Beyond Poverty” identifies three immediate short-term priorities / policy strategies that will boost local economies and grow capacity to reduce dependency.

- **Real Oversight, Accountability And Consequences For HUD Financially Assisted Entities Who Fail To Meet Their Numerical Goals Under The Section 3 Federal Program:** The regulation gives agencies such as public housing authorities great latitude and opportunity to create and ensure economic opportunities are actualized for low-income residents.
- **Protect Families Enrolled In Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Programs With A Benefit Disallowance:** This would allow families who return to work not have their benefits (i.e. SNAP) decreased right away–thus resulting in an incremental reduction of benefits over time.
- **Educate, NOT Incarcerate Fathers For Failure To Pay Child Support:** Because child support is a predictor of welfare dependency–fathers who can support their children financially, serve as a catalyst to strengthening the family unit. Families become more self-sufficient and less reliant on public assistance for survival.

“Beyond Poverty” also identifies long term policy strategies that are essential to Congress to act upon, such as establishing a Step-Up Housing Model and 1MMOW Demonstration within public housing to preserve the nation’s largest affordable housing stock while increasing the outcomes of deliberate and unique human capital investment. Step-Up Housing in tandem with 1MMOW programming grows assisted families off the dependency of government subsidies.

*The Congressional Briefing will be hosted on Monday–March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the U.S. Capitol Victors Center Congressional Meeting Room North (CVC 268), Washington, DC 20004.*

Details on the event can be found at [www.canilive.org/beyond-poverty](http://www.canilive.org/beyond-poverty). This event is FREE and open to the Public. Light Refreshments will be served.

### About Can I Live Inc:

Can I Live, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) national residents' association dedicated to advancing progressive housing policies, economic inclusion, and personal responsibility for residents of public housing communities.

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