



HCCP Designee of the Year: Amanda Mistretta

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Amanda Mistretta joined Raymond James Affordable Housing Investments (RJAHI) in August 2018. She worked in the multi-family affordable housing industry for 17 years, specializing in LIHTC compliance. During her career, she has worked in many levels of property management as a leasing agent, compliance specialist and compliance coordinator. Amanda also worked as a trainer providing public and private trainings to state agency, management, and development personnel on LIHTC compliance, proctoring the HCCP exam.

How has the HCCP designation impacted your career?

The nationally recognized HCCP designation is the highest level of distinction in the LIHTC program. In an ever-changing industry filled with difference nuances that require constant learning, the HCCP designation symbolizes my knowledge and commitment to the LIHTC industry. The HCCP designation has opened the door for me to serve as a reliable resource to help others cultivate their knowledge and understanding of the LIHTC program.

How did you get into the LIHTC industry?

My career in the LIHTC industry began by accident, on-site as a resident myself. I had never heard of a tax credit property before I pulled up in front of the leasing office, but the property was brand new, the rent was affordable, and my young family met the guidelines, so I was in! When the property had an open position, I was hired as a part-time leasing consultant and quickly learned the importance of providing affordable housing. I have a passion for serving others and really enjoyed being a part of others finding their "Home Sweet Home."



What are your day-to-day responsibilities?

In my role as Senior Compliance Specialist, I perform tax credit initial tenant file reviews, ensuring compliance with all regulatory agency rules and regulations; collaborate with management partners on behalf of investors; and manage the annual document collection of compliance audits for the entire RJAHI portfolio.

What helped with your success in the LIHTC industry?

I have been fortunate to have met remarkable people, build long-lasting relationships, and serve in a variety of roles within the industry. From each mentor, I gained new experience, knowledge and insight in the tax credit program. Each position challenged me in different ways in both my personal and professional growth. Today, I continue to grow by learning from and working alongside industry leaders, many of whom I call friends, and attend industry specific trainings to stay on top of my game.

What's your favorite hobby?

Reading – I love getting lost in the pages of a good book. My goal this year is to read 50 books and I'm over halfway there!