

# Arlington Housing Authority





## Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

- AHA is awarded 3,745 vouchers annually
- 45% of our families are elderly and/or disabled
- 47% of our families have children under the age of 18
- 93% have income
- AHA has a budget of \$29MM for rental assistance annually
- Tenants pay 30% of their monthly income toward rent, AHA pays the difference by direct deposit directly to the landlord
- Currently have 763 landlords participating
- Currently have 100 families with vouchers looking for units on any given day

# Family Self Sufficiency

- ▶ Voluntary program for HCV clients
- ▶ Enter into 5 year action plans with their caseworkers
- ▶ Goal is to increase income, and other goals established by participants such as education, homeownership, and improved credit
- ▶ AHA goal is to have 250 FSS participants
- ▶ FSS participants often increase income so much that they no longer need housing assistance
- ▶ Coordinate with employers, nonprofits and other social service agencies to assist participants in achieving their goals



# Boutique Programs

- Veterans rental assistance
  - Clients are homeless veterans
  - Receive case management from VA
- Family Nurse Partnership
  - Clients are pregnant and experiencing homelessness
  - RN case management for 2 years
- Family Unification Program
  - Clients are referred by DFPS
  - Designed to keep families together



# Boutique Programs



- Shelter Plus Care
  - Clients are homeless and disabled
  - Receive case management
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
  - Transitional program for clients are homeless and/or low income
  - Receive case management

# What are our families looking for?

- Safe, decent and sanitary housing
- Better opportunity for their children
- Close proximity to employment and amenities
- Close to family and friends
- Housing in areas of low poverty concentrations
- Availability of 1 and 2 bedroom units



# Benefits to working with Arlington Housing

- Direct deposit of rental assistance on the first of the month
- Payments made weekly for mid-month lease up
- Online AssistanceConnect for landlords to view payments, tenants, request rent increases, and to contact AHA electronically
- AHA will enforce the terms of the Family Obligations
- Criminal background checks
- Bi-annual and courtesy inspections

# NEW INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

Effective 10/01/2022 **ALL** units that receive assistance from Arlington Housing Authority are required to have carbon monoxide (CO) detector(s).

\*1/31/22 HUD issued Notice PIH2022-01 addressing the new requirement of all assisted units having CO detectors

\*A carbon monoxide detector must be installed outside the sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms. The detector may be hard-wired or battery operated and combination carbon monoxide-smoke detectors are allowed.

\*The carbon monoxide detector does not replace the smoke detector requirement. Smoke detectors will continue to be a requirement in all units.

\*CO detectors are available for purchase at any local hardware store, superstore, or online.

\*Units that do not have gas are still required to have a CO detector.

## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



**CAN'T  
BE SEEN**



**CAN'T  
BE HEARD**



**CAN'T  
BE SMELLED**



**CAN  
BE DETECTED**





## Contacts for Arlington Housing

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