

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 AssistanceCheck 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

Arlington Cares

- Has multiple programs to assist families with past due and future rent who were/are affected by COVID
- Goal is to prevent homelessness
- Received \$750,000 from State
- Received \$21 million from US Treasury
- Received \$735,000 from Department of Housing and Urban Dev
- Application can be found at www.arlingtontx.gov





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