Targeted Services to Help with What You Need Most

Resident Services partners with a range of providers who can work with your family to achieve your goals. Through these services and programs, we can help with your:

**Housing Stability and Enhance Your Quality of Life**—Access resources to stay healthy and engaged in your community; remain lease compliant.

**Academic Achievement**—Engage in programs for both youth and adults to support your education.

**Earning Power**—Find, keep and advance in a job.

**Economic Independence**—Build wealth and decrease your reliance on subsidy; invest in homeownership.

Our Mission:  *CHA’s Resident Services Division works to increase the quality of life of all residents and support those on a pathway towards self-sufficiency.*

**FamilyWorks**

FamilyWorks is CHA’s family coaching program, offering targeted, wrap-around services to families living in public housing and for a limited number of families living with a Housing Choice Voucher. Residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider directly to learn about services available to them. Call CHA’s Resident Services Info Line at 312.786.6601 and enter prompt #1 if you’re not sure how to get in touch with FamilyWorks.

**HCV Participants**

Although not all Resident Services programs are open to families living in the private market with a Housing Choice Voucher, families can take advantage of the following programs and services that are marked with this symbol: HCV. HCV families can access service through their HCV office or contact a program directly.
HOW WE CAN HELP

Enhance Your Family’s Quality of Life

Resident Services can help make sure that residents remain lease compliant, have access to resources to stay mentally and physically healthy, and are engaged in their communities.

If you need help staying compliant with your lease, you can:

- **Get help with lease issues.** All public housing residents and a limited number of HCV participants can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for assistance.

- **Get help with issues specific to mixed-income developments.** Public housing residents in mixed-income developments should contact CHA’s Ombudsman’s Office.

If you want to satisfy your Right of Return, you can:

- **Get support from CHA’s Housing Team.** Residents who occupied a CHA unit as of October 1, 1999 and still have a Right to Return can contact CHA’s Housing team via the CHA Residents Services Info. Line at 312.786.6601.

If you need mental health support, you can:

- **Access counseling services.** All public housing residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for individual or group wellness counseling.

If you have been the victim of a targeted crime, you can:

- **Get help from the Victim Assistance program.** Public housing residents can get referrals to counseling services. Those who have been victims of violent crimes or trauma and who need to move for safety reasons may be relocated, according to provisions of the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). Contact 312.913.7396.

- **Find programs, events and resources for seniors.** Seniors living in senior-designated housing should contact their Resident Service Coordinator to connect to services and opportunities. Seniors living in other housing types should contact their FamilyWorks provider*.

- **Find other programs and services in your neighborhood.** Public housing residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider about services offered by CHA and other organizations in their neighborhood.

If you want to learn about moving to a new neighborhood, you can:

- **Enroll in the Mobility Counseling program.** HCV families can learn about finding housing in a neighborhood that will give your family access to better opportunities. Call Housing Choice Partners at 312-386-1009.

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Find further information at [http://www.thecha.org/residents/services/](http://www.thecha.org/residents/services/).
HOW WE CAN HELP

Support Your Academic Achievement

Resident Services has programs and partnerships that can help both youth and adults advance their education.

If youth in your household need summer or after school academic programs, you can:

- **Find youth academic programs.** Public housing residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for help finding youth programs offered by CHA or its partners. Over the summer, all CHA youth can go to https://youth.thecha.org/
- Call the CHA info line at 312.786.6601 and enter prompt #3 to learn about CHA summer programs, or go to onesummerchicago.org to learn about summer opportunities across the city.

If you have a young child, you can:

- **Find an early learning program.** Anyone in Chicago can go to www.chicagoearlylearning.org to find information on early learning programs.
- **Enroll youth in summer and after school programs.** Public housing residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for help with the college application process, including applying for financial aid.

If you want to go to college, you can:

- **Go to one of the City Colleges of Chicago at little to no cost.** All CHA residents can enroll in a certificate or degree program at the City Colleges of Chicago for no cost after financial aid is applied. For information about City Colleges programs, call 312.553.2830 or visit www.thecha.org/partnersineducation.
- **Apply for a CHA Scholarship.** CHA awards scholarships from $1,000 to $2,500 to youth and adults attending post-secondary education. Applications are accepted during mid-January to mid-May. Check www.thecha.org/scholarship for more information.
- **Learn about how to apply for college.** Public housing residents can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for help with the college application process, including applying for financial aid.

**Programs for Youth**

Resident Services and its partners offer a wide range of programs for youth during summer and after school hours. Programs that youth can access include:

- Specialized summer camps for youth interested in game design, documentary film making, community improvement or other connect areas.
- After school programs through After School Matters and Chicago’s Department of Family and Support Services.
- Park District camps during the school year and over the summer at a reduced rate.
- Learn and Earn, a summer academic enrichment, college readiness and career exploration program.
- Summer employment with a wide variety employers throughout the city.

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HOW WE CAN HELP

Increase Your Earning Power

Resident Services has a number of resources to help residents find, keep, and advance in a job.

» Talk to your family coach. Public housing residents can work with their family coach at their FamilyWorks provider* to get help preparing for employment and obtain referrals.

» If you have limited or no job experience enrolling in Transitional Jobs may be right for you. CHA residents who are interested can contact their FamilyWorks provider* for a referral to TJ or contact one of three providers directly:

  Center for New Horizons: (773) 373-5700
  Employment & Employer Services: (312) 629-5627
  Safer Foundation: (773) 826-6323

» If you are job ready, contact the Employment Placement Programs.

  All CHA residents who would like assistance with job placement can contact one of three Employment placement providers:

  Centers for New Horizons: 773-373-5700
  Employment & Employer Services: 312-429-5930
  Phalanx: 773-291-1086

Call CHA’s workforce line 312.786.6601 and press prompt #3 to learn more about these programs.

Residents may also see City Colleges of Chicago (page 3) for occupational training programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2019, 63% of residents 18-54 had income from employment. In addition, 2,432 youth were engaged in paid summer opportunities.

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Foster Your Economic Independence

Resident Services offers programs that can help you build wealth or buy a home.

If you want to buy a home, you can:

- **Participate in the Choose To Own Program**: All residents can learn about what it takes to buy a home, and those who qualify can get homebuyer counseling and other support. For information on the Choose to Own program, contact at 312.786.3196 or 312.786.6601 and press prompt #4.

If you want to save money in an FSS account, you can:

- **Participate in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program**: All residents can join the Family Self-Sufficiency program to set and work toward self-sufficiency goals, including earning money in an program savings account. For information about this program, contact Heartland Human Care Services at 773.358.3838 ext.2654.

Did you know?

In 2018, 65 households graduated from FSS, earning an average escrow of $7,900, while over 40 households from the HCV and Public Housing Programs purchased their own home through the Choose To Own Program, joining over 600 participants in the program!

For additional information at [http://www.thecha.org/residents/services/](http://www.thecha.org/residents/services/).
HOW WE CAN HELP

Resident Services provides access to computers at nine CHA Digital Resource Centers located in the following developments and community centers. To find out more, contact the individual Digital Resource Center at the phone number listed below:

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<td>Charles Hayes FIC</td>
<td>4859 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60615</td>
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<td>Dearborn Homes</td>
<td>2910 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60616</td>
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<td>Jane Addams Family Resource Center</td>
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<td>Lake Parc Place</td>
<td>3983 S. Lake Park, Chicago, IL 60653</td>
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<td>Lawndale Gardens</td>
<td>2527 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60623</td>
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<td>Lowden Homes</td>
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<td>312.243.0895</td>
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<td>3757 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60609</td>
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Each center has on-site staffing, technical support, open computer time and coordinated programming for residents. Days and hours of operation varies by location; be sure to call or visit the Center.

Resident Representation

Public housing residents living in traditional family developments, including senior designated buildings are represented by elected resident leaders in Local Advisory Councils (LACs) and the Central Advisory Council (CAC).

Public housing residents living in mixed-income developments are represented by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Important phone numbers

- Central Advisory Council: 312.913.7828
- City Colleges of Chicago: 773.COLLEGE (773.265.5343) or 312-553-2830
- Choose To Own Program: 312.786.3196 or 312.786.3404
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program: 773.358.3838 ext.2654 (Heartland Human Care Services)
- HCV Customer Service Center: 312.935.2600
- Mobility Counseling Program: 312.386.1009 (Housing Choice Partners)
- Office of the Ombudsman: 312.913.7899
- Resident Services Info. Line: 312.786.6601
- Relocation Rights Contract / Relocation Line: 312.786.3104
- Section 3 Field Office: 312.542.8802
- Senior Services Info. Line: 312.913.7164 or 312.786.6601 (Prompt #2)
- Victim Assistance Program: 312.913.7396
- Workforce and Employment Programs: 312.786.6601 (Prompt #6)
- Youth info Line: 312.786.6601 (Prompt #3)