

**NYCHA TO ACCEPT REFERRALS FOR SECTION 8 ASSISTANCE FROM
THE NYC ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES
FOR FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE PARTICIPANTS and
THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES**

On July 1, 2022, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will open its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting list to accept applications for its HCV program from the following referral sources only:

- 1) New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) for Foster Youth to Independence Initiative (FYI) participants; and
- 2) New York City Department of Homeless Services.

NYCHA’s HCV waiting list remains closed to the general public. The referrals will be placed on NYCHA’s waiting list in order of any applicable preference and application date.

NYCHA will process applications to determine whether they meet all eligibility requirements as described in NYCHA’s Administrative Plan. Please see NYCHA’s Administrative Plan (available online) for additional information.

What is the HCV Program?

The HCV Section 8 Program provides rent subsidies for eligible low-income families to allow them to rent decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Eligible families will receive a voucher to begin their housing search. The voucher allows families to search for housing within a neighborhood of their choice and rent a unit from a landlord willing to participate in the program. The program allows families to pay a reasonable share of their income toward rent while the program, within specific limits, makes up the difference in the form of a subsidy.

Obtaining an HCV Application

- NYCHA’s HCV waiting list remains closed to the general public.
- NYCHA is opening the waiting list only for the limited referrals described above.
- The listed agencies above can refer eligible households by submitting the required documentation directly to NYCHA.

Questions?

Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): <https://on.nyc.gov/sec8emergencyreferralsfaq>