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Mobility Counseling Services Program

Families living in mobility areas can get more help with their rent. The Mobility Counseling Program can help you find your new home.

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Program Overview

Mobility Areas are neighborhoods with low poverty (less than 20%) and low crime rates. Families may choose to move to these areas for better schools, safer streets, and more job opportunities.

The Mobility Counseling Program (MCP) helps families find housing Mobility Areas. A counselor will help you plan your move, find and apply for housing, and build a support network in your new community. Participants can also attend workshops to learn about budgeting, understanding leases, and moving tips.

Families living in mobility areas can receive higher rent assistance, and are eligible for this on their own (contact the HCV program for more information) or with help from the MCP.

Benefits of the Program

Our services include:

- **Personal Counseling:** Meet one-on-one with a counselor to discuss your housing needs.
- **Neighborhood Info:** Learn about different neighborhoods, schools, and community resources.
- **Housing Search Help:** Get help finding units in your ideal neighborhood.

- **Financial Help:** Information about programs that can help with moving costs.
- **Workshops and Trainings:** Learn about budgeting, understanding your lease, and moving tips.
- **Support Services:** Connect with other CHA and community services.
- **Extra Benefits:**
 - Guidance on Mobility Areas, fair housing, and tenant rights
 - Help with finding a new home
 - Up to \$1,000 for a security deposit, move-in fee, or other moving expenses

Eligibility for the Program

You can join if you are:

- A current HCV participant not living in a Mobility Area
- New to the HCV Program
- A family moving in from another Housing Authority

Other requirements:

- Good standing with CHA and your HCV property owner/manager
- At least 45 days left on your voucher
- One or more youth dependents up to age 16

Families already in a Mobility Area can get counseling but not the \$1,000 grant.

How to Enroll

1. See if your unit is in a Mobility Area

1. Use the **Interactive Mobility Map** below.
2. To determine if your desired unit is located in a Mobility Area (highlighted in green), simply enter the Chicago address in the search box.

2. Sign up for a Mobility Workshop

Ready to find your new home? Contact Housing Choice Partners at 312-386-1009 to sign up. Mobility Counseling Services participants must attend a Mobility Workshop.

Zoom Workshops

Wednesday **07/23** | 9:30 AM - 12PM

Tuesday **07/29** | 6:00 PM - 8 PM

Wednesday **08/06** | 9:30 AM - 12PM

Tuesday **08/12** | 9:30 AM - 12PM

Tuesday **08/19** | 6:00 PM - 8 PM

In Person Workshop

Saturday **08/23** | 9:30 AM - 12PM

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