



## Chicago Housing Authority Demonstration Program and Special Initiatives Overview

### Access Living Family (ALF) Vouchers Initiative (Approved September 2014)

#### Overview

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The Access Living Family (ALF) Voucher Initiative is a special initiative that targets families with one or more disabled members and disabled individuals who are working with Access Living to secure permanent affordable housing. Families and individuals referred to CHA by Access Living may receive a tenant-based voucher. The CHA sets aside up to 10% of its annual attrition vouchers for the ALF Voucher Initiative. (For reference, the number of attrition vouchers in 2013 was approximately 1,900.)

#### Purpose Why was this program created?

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The CHA recognizes the challenges that families with disabled household members and disabled individuals face in the search for affordable housing.

#### Eligibility Who can participate?

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To be eligible for the ALFs initiative, applicants must be referred to CHA by Access Living. The CHA will work with Access Living to prioritize families and individuals currently on the HCV wait list. At least one household member must have a documented disability. Applicants must also meet all the standard HCV eligibility requirements outlined in the CHA's HCV Administrative Plan.

#### Process

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- Access Living assists a family or individual in finding a suitable unit to rent.
- Access Living refers the family or individual to CHA and conducts an initial inspection of the unit.
- CHA processes the application and conducts the appropriate background check.
- CHA has the discretion to exclude any potential participant.
- The typical HCV leasing process is followed (inspection, lease, HAP, etc.).

#### Housing Where and how will CHA house participants?

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Participants will be housed in units using a tenant-based HCV only. This pilot program is not for Public Housing.

#### Requirements What do participants have to do?

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Participants must comply with their lease and with all HCV requirements as outlined in the CHA's Administrative Plan.

### **Timeline** When will the program take place?

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- The CHA is committed to providing up to 10% of its annual attrition vouchers to the ALF Voucher Initiative through 2018.