

HACSB FACTSHEET

Moving to Work | OVERVIEW

PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

In March 2008, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) became one of only one percent of housing authorities nationwide to be designated a Moving to Work (MTW) demonstration site by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

MTW is a demonstration program that allows housing authorities to design and test ways to: 1) promote self-sufficiency among assisted families; 2) achieve programmatic efficiency and reduce costs; and 3) increase housing choices for low-income households. As an MTW agency, HACSB will have the opportunity to implement new policies outside the usual scope of HUD policies and regulations.

As an MTW demonstration site, HACSB is able to transform its programs and services to empower families and individuals to achieve an enriched quality of life.

What does this mean for public housing residents? The following are approved changes that will directly apply to residents:

MINIMUM RENT:

- **New policy:** HACSB has adopted a new minimum rent amount of \$125. Pursuant to HUD regulations, if 30 percent of the monthly adjusted household income is less than the established minimum rent, the total tenant payment toward rent and utilities will be increased to \$125. A temporary waiver policy has been established for families who demonstrate a hardship in paying the increased required minimum amount.

In order to qualify for a temporary waiver, the family's income must have decreased due to a no-fault loss of employment or the death of a household member.

- **Previous policy:** The previous minimum rent amount was \$50.

ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY EARNED INCOME DISALLOWANCE:

- **New policy:** HACSB will eliminate the HUD Mandatory Earned Income Disallowance (EID) from the calculation of total tenant payment and replace it with the rent reform activities authorized under the MTW agreement. No additional families will be processed under HUD EID requirements. Families currently receiving an earned income disregard will continue to receive such benefit as follows: 1) Until the naturally occurring expiration date under the EID provisions if such date is before September 1, 2011; or 2) For a maximum of 24 months from August 31, 2009 if the current scheduled expiration date is later than September 1, 2011.

- **Previous policy:** In the previous policy, earned income may be disregarded in calculation of tenant rent for two 12-month exclusion periods with a lifetime limit of 48 months.

The Housing Authority is transitioning to implement the various activities to achieve the goals listed above. Some activities are well underway, and others are still pending HUD approval. A complete list and details of the various activities can be found at www.hacsb.com.



OUR MISSION

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino empowers all individuals and families in need to achieve an enriched quality of life by providing housing opportunities and resources throughout San Bernardino County.

OUR CORE VALUES

Respect | We believe that all people should have a stable and enriched quality of life and should be afforded the opportunity to not only survive, but to thrive in environments that are sensitive to and encourage respect and empathy for individual circumstances.

Safety | We believe that all residents deserve a safe and secure living environment that is crime and distraction free and where families can feel good about raising their children.

Integrity | We believe that there is a strong, mutually-reinforcing connection between the integrity of our staff/programs and the success of our clients. Integrity-building within our organization is key toward fulfilling our mission statement.

Service | We believe that in order to be successful we must serve the public by being effective stewards of its financial resources and by developing a customer service business model based on benchmarks and measurements.