

# A program to reunite families

Public Housing Authorities are being urged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to adopt programs that enable some formerly incarcerated individuals to gain stability and reunite with their families. This includes but is *not* limited to families living in public housing. Research shows that the re-entry approach strengthens families and enhances safety in communities.

## HOW IT WORKS

The Family Reunification Pilot Program is a collaborative effort designed to reunite individuals leaving prison and/or jail with their families and to provide them with re-entry services on a case by case basis.

Eligible participants are identified by a participating provider after release (see the list on back).

Participants will be given a two year temporary permission to reside in the household while they are enrolled in the program.

At the end of two years, if the pilot participant successfully completes the requirements of the program, his/her family can request that he/she be added to the household (SMHA household, if applicable) on a permanent basis.

The participant **must** work with a case manager and **must** successfully complete program goals set for the participant. Goals may include obtaining employment or attending relevant treatment programs.

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible to participate in this program:

- You must be at least 18 years old.
- You must want to live with family members who agree to participate.
- You must have been released from a correctional facility within the last 3 years (you may be identified and referred to the pilot prior to the release). These facilities include jails, prisons, and juvenile correctional facilities.
- You must be willing to participate in intensive case management services for at least 12 months. Services will also be available to family members.

- You must live with someone with whom you have a familial relationship.

You are **not** eligible to participate in the program if:

- Your criminal record includes arson related convictions.
- Your criminal record includes sex offense convictions.
- You have been convicted of producing methamphetamine.
- You are currently engaged in illegal drug use or alcohol abuse that could threaten other residents' and/or employees' health and safety, and you are not participating in a rehabilitation program.
- You have been evicted from federally assisted housing within the last three years for drug-related crimes and have not completed a rehabilitation program or cannot demonstrate changed circumstances.

## GETTING STARTED

If you and your family are interested in learning more about this program, please contact SCAP at 518.374.9181.

# Implementation

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