

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER NEWS

New Position Announcements



Blake Rosser

We are excited to announce the following promotions and new staff on our team:

HCV Manager **Blake Rosser** has been promoted to fill the **Housing Director** vacancy effective the end of June.



Alycia Brown

HCV Coordinator **Alycia Brown** has been promoted to the position of **HCV Manager**.

The HCV Team has a new team member: **Letricia Harris, HCV Locator & Inspector**. This position will both assist our current inspector with inspections, as well as assist clients who are having trouble locating a vacant unit.

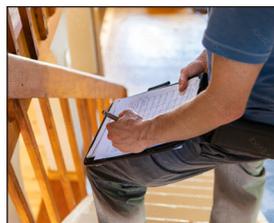


Letricia Harris

Any inquiries should be directed to hcv@orangecountync.gov

Annual Inspection Reminders

Small failures can make a big difference. An inspection ensures your unit is safe and sound. Items such as a crack in the light switch panel or outlet cover can keep a unit from passing, as can a missing battery in your smoke detector.



Please have these items addressed before your inspection (either by your landlord or by yourself). And remember: if our inspector is unable to inspect your unit at the scheduled time, you risk losing your unit or even your voucher.

Do You Have Any Changes To Report?

Please report any changes to your household *in writing* as soon as they occur:

- Change in family, work or income status
- New phone number or email address

Report changes to hcv@orangecountync.gov, 919-245-2490, or by visiting www.orangecountync.gov/HCVForm



Emergency Housing Assistance

As previously communicated, **the EHA program county-wide has reduced its service effective November 1st, 2023, and reduced it once more effective July 1st, 2024**. The County is now assisting county residents with arrears assistance *only* in cases of immediate eviction (with a scheduled court date) or with a Life-Changing Event in the last 3 months that impacts your ability to pay rent. Because of this, from now on:



- **OCHA will ONLY be paying move-in costs for new applicants who are leasing up for the 1st time on our program**
- **OCHA will NOT be paying move-in costs anymore for existing clients (those who have already completed an initial lease on our program)**
- **OCHA will NOT be paying move-in costs anymore for Port-In clients**

This will in no way affect your monthly rental subsidy, it only applies to people who are planning to move.

We understand that this will make it more difficult for our clients to move, and we apologize for the inconvenience. For questions and concerns, please contact Legal Services Manager Ryan Evans at 919-695-6511 or ryevans@orangecountync.gov. You can see the full details of the revised EHA program at the following link: www.orangecountync.gov/EHA

Fall Event Tentatively Planned

Some of you will remember the event we had in August 2023, which was a fun gathering that shared information and provided free food for HCV families. Stay tuned for information about a similar event coming up this fall!

Hours of Availability

We are currently available for in-person visits every day from 8am-5pm at both our Chapel Hill (2501 Homestead Rd.) and Hillsborough (300 W. Tryon St.) offices.

We encourage clients to call or email us beforehand if they will be coming in, so that we can prepare anything needed and make your visit as quick and smooth as possible: 919-245-2490, hcv@orangecountync.gov