



# Voucher Holders and Public Housing Residents

## We want to hear from you!

An opportunity to comment and share your thoughts on Chicago's Blueprint for Fair Housing.

**When:** Now through May 28<sup>th</sup>

**How:** [www.chicago.gov/fairhousing](http://www.chicago.gov/fairhousing)

### What is the Chicago Blueprint for Fair Housing?

The Chicago Blueprint for Fair Housing is a draft report that:

- Identifies barriers to affordable and safe housing;
- Identifies disparities in community assets and opportunities (like employment, schools, transportation, and retail) and the populations and geographic areas that are most harmed;
- And creates new commitments from the City of Chicago and the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to advance policies and programs that begin to address the disparities.

#### To help meet the needs of people with disabilities, the CHA proposes to:

- Attend HCV participant briefings/meetings and explain the housing locator services for people with disabilities.
- Outreach to landlords, property managers and realtors to develop relationships and build units within the housing locator database.
- Provide webinars (both live and recorded) to potential and existing HCV landlords on accessibility opportunities.

**Chicago does not have enough accessible housing for people with disabilities.**

#### Voucher holders face unjust and illegal housing discrimination.

#### In response the CHA proposes to:

- Partner with outside agencies to provide fair housing training and education. In addition, the CHA will continue to provide referrals to HUD, the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations agencies for investigations of alleged fair housing violations.
- Analyze, provide recommendations for, and implement strategies to address the results of the Fair Housing Testing project designed to identify discriminatory housing practices

#### In response, CHA proposes to:

- Continue to assist families in identifying housing and community needs and desires, as well as locating a unit in a Mobility Area.
- Connect participating families with the Mobility Counselor throughout the move process to assist with transition into new communities (e.g. locating community resources, enrolling children in schools).
- Provide participants with the following benefits:
  - Workshops on home maintenance, financial management and tenant rights
  - Community tours and unit search assistance
  - A grant of up to \$500 to be used toward a security deposit or move-in fee

**Eviction, displacement, and unhealthy housing conditions are public health issues.**