

## fact sheet

### The Miami-Dade Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List

#### Why does the Miami-Dade Housing Choice Voucher (MDHCV) Program have a waiting list?

Because of the great number of families interested in receiving rental assistance through the MDHCV Program, a general waiting list is maintained. Every year, many people are housed from the list, but there are still thousands of families on the list waiting to be served.

Families and individuals wishing to receive a rental subsidy under the voucher program are selected from the



program's general waiting list and screened for income eligibility. A criminal background check is also performed on all household members 18 and older. The current general waiting list was created in 2008 when over 72,000 families applied for the program. The general waiting list is now closed to new applicants.

#### How does the waiting list work?

When a family's number reaches the top of the waiting list and a voucher becomes available, the family is called from the waiting list and screened for program eligibility. If the family is eligible, the MDHCV Program will issue the applicant a voucher and they will be given a short time to search for available housing units.

#### How do I get on the waiting list?

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#### Who is eligible to be on the waiting list/receive a voucher?

The program provides assistance to applicants (U.S. citizens and non-citizens with eligible immigration status) who are 18 years old or older. Total family income must be within a certain limit according to family size. Income limits are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to change.

#### Where can I use my voucher?



The voucher program is a national housing program. Families may use their vouchers to rent a single-family home, an apartment or a condominium anywhere in Miami-Dade County or anywhere in the nation where there is

an administering agency. However, before a family can lease a unit under the voucher program it must pass inspection and meet rent reasonableness guidelines. Under certain circumstances, families may use their voucher for their current residence.

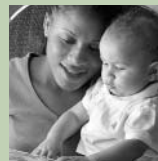


#### Are there rent limits?

Families with vouchers are limited to housing that they can afford and housing that meets "rent reasonableness" guidelines. Federal rules require that rents charged for units in the voucher program be comparable to rents charged for similar non-voucher units in the same community. This helps to prevent the voucher program from artificially inflating or suppressing rents in a given area.

#### What if I'm on the waiting list and I have a baby or I get a new job or my circumstances change while I'm waiting?

If you are on the waiting list, you will be contacted when a voucher is available. At that time, it will be determined whether you meet the criteria. If you do, you will be issued a voucher. Even if you meet the criteria now, if your circumstances change and you do not meet the criteria when a voucher is available, you will not receive the voucher.



It also works in the reverse. If you are not eligible now, and your circumstances change and you do meet the criteria when a voucher is available, you will be issued a voucher.

#### What if I move while I'm on the waiting list?

It is your responsibility to notify the MDHCV Program if your address changes while you are on the waiting list, so that we are able to reach you if your name comes to the top of the list. If you move, send a change of address notice to:

Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency  
Application Leasing Center  
2925 NW 18th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33142