

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING

All Residents of Public Housing must meet the community service and self-sufficiency requirement intended to assist adult public housing residents in improving their own economic and social well-being and give these residents a greater stake in their communities. The community service and self-sufficiency requirement allows residents an opportunity to "give something back" to their communities and facilitates upward mobility.

In order to be eligible for continued occupancy, **EACH ADULT FAMILY MEMBER (EXCEPT THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE EXEMPT)** must either (1) contribute eight hours per month of community service (not including political activities), or (2) participate in an economic self-sufficiency program, or (3) perform eight hours per month of combined activities. Community service includes performing work or duties in the public benefit that serve to improve the quality of life and/or enhance resident self-sufficiency, and/or increase the self-responsibility of the resident within the community. An economic self-sufficiency program is one that is designed to encourage, assist, train or facilitate the economic independence of participants and their families or to provide work for participants. These programs may include programs for job training, work placement, basic skills training, education, English proficiency, work fare, financial or household management, apprenticeship, and any program necessary to ready a participant to work (such as substance abuse or mental health treatment).

The following adult family members of tenant families are exempt from this requirement:

- A) Family members who are 62 or older.
- B) Family members who are blind or disabled as defined under 216(I)(1) or 1614 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(I)(1)) and who certifies that because of this disability she or he is unable to comply with the community service requirements.
- C) Family members who are the primary care giver for someone who is blind or disabled as set forth in Paragraph B above.
- D) Family members engaged work activity. The minimum number of hours for a work activity exemption is 30 hours per week.
- E) Family members who are exempt from work activity under part A title IV of the Social Security Act or under any other State welfare program including welfare-to-work program.
- F) Family members receiving assistance, benefits or services under a State program funded under Part A title IV of the Social Security Act or under any other State welfare program, including welfare-to-work and who are in compliance with that program.