

TENANT INFORMATION

How to Find a Rental Unit

- Use whatever information the Housing Provider can give you about available rental housing and landlords who will rent to participants in the ADOH housing assistance program.
- Check the website, www.socialserve.com, for comprehensive listings of available housing.
- Check the classified section of your local newspaper under “Houses and Apartments for Rent or Lease”.
- Check with friends or neighbors who may know of available units.
- Look for yard signs in the area where you want to live.
- Check bulletin boards in laundromats, grocery stores, community centers, etc.

Look for a Neighborhood That's Right for You and Your Family

- Be sure the neighborhood you choose is safe and drug-free.
- Getting the support services you need is easier if you live near your service provider.
- If you have school-age children, try to find a unit near a school that is appropriate for them.
- Find out if public transportation is available in the neighborhood.

Questions to Ask Landlord, Owners and/or Property Managers

- The name, address and telephone number of the unit's owner and his/her agent.
- The full address of the unit.
- The amount of rent being asked.
- The number of bedrooms in the unit.
- Restrictions on the unit, such as no pets.
- The landlord's policy on who to call and what to do in an emergency or life-threatening damage to the unit.
- What utilities the landlord pays.

Tips You Should Know

- If you find a unit that seems right for you and fits the guidelines given to you by the Housing Provider, ask for an appointment to see it. Be sure to keep the appointment and be on time. You may want to arrive early to look around the neighborhood.
- The best way to win over a prospective landlord is to be prepared.
- If you like the unit and the landlord agrees to rent to you, contact the Housing Provider to complete and sign all the required paperwork. The Housing Provider will schedule an appointment with the landlord.