

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Summit

NEW LANDLORD MEETINGS

The new landlord meeting is designed to acquaint landlords new to the Housing Choice Voucher program with the program rules. They will be held at AMHA Central Office multipurpose room every other Friday between 1 PM – 2PM beginning on January 18, 2019. These meetings will be mandatory for new landlords. A contract will not be executed until completion of the class. Call Kristina Kochis, (330)376-9405 to reserve your place.

February 1st and 15th
March 1st, 15th and 29th
April 12th and 26th
May 10th and 24th
June 7th and 21st
July 5th and 19th
August 2nd, 16th and 30th
September 13th and 27th
October 11th and 25th
November 8th and 22nd
December 6th and 20th

UPCS-V UPDATE

The UPSC-V protocol demonstration is continuing through 2019. Our field representative, Kelli Johnson, came from Washington DC to review our processes and answer questions from our staff. Kelli reviewed our statistics and determined that our agency is number one in the country for accuracy and volume in the UPCS-V demonstration! Congratulations to our inspectors and schedulers for a job well done!

CO-2 Detectors

Missing CO-2 detectors are the number one reason for a 24 hour failed emergency inspection. As of January, 2019 AMHA began to require CO-2 detectors in all units with gas fired appliances, gas hot water tanks, gas furnaces, or an attached garage. Please save AMHA inspectors time and landlords money by having your detectors installed outside of all sleeping areas before we come out to inspect.



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Mission Statement

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority provides quality, affordable housing as a platform to develop people, property and community.

AMHA offices will be closed:

Monday, February 18th

Friday, April 19th

Monday, May 27th

Upcoming Important Dates

Quarterly Landlord Meetings

March 11th

June 10th

September 16th

December 9th

Quarterly meetings start promptly at 11:30 am and run until approximately 1:00 pm

Annual Landlord Meeting

Wednesday, October 16th

11:00 – 1:00

Landlord meetings will be held at 100 W. Cedar St, Akron, OH 44307. Please contact Kathy Patton at 330-376-9366 to schedule.

Brian M. Gage



Brian Gage was appointed the ninth Executive Director of the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority in August 2018. Although he previously spent 15 years working in Washington DC and Houston, Texas, he was born and raised in Northeast Ohio. He began his career as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Public and Indian Housing Office of the Cleveland field office. He moved to HUD Headquarters and spent a decade in Washington, DC working on policy development for the HOPE VI Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing program and was a Moving to Work coordinator. He managed the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) recovery team for Hurricane Ike in the State of Texas. Brian has also worked in the Housing Choice Voucher Division at HUD and has led policy development initiatives on foreclosure prevention, Housing Quality Standards, and the Section Eight Management Assessment Program.

In 2012, Brian left DC and moved to Texas where for the last five years he served as the Senior Policy Advisor for the Houston Housing Authority. He has overseen the grant activities under the Community Development Block Grant and the HHA Energy Performance Contract and portfolio wide energy conservation programs. Brian earned his Masters of Public Administration and Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University.

Kristina Kochis

Kristina has joined AMHA as our HCVP Secretary. She was previously working in the HCVP department on a temporary basis since August, 2018. Kristina has 20 years of experience in finance and collections. She also has experience in supervision, customer service and administrative assistance. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Consumer Sciences of Family and Child Development. Please join us in welcoming Kristina to our team!



2019 Housing Assistance Payment Information

Please note the following for 2019:

- February and November will not have a mid-month check run.
- The cutoff date for changing bank accounts and ownership is the 18th of each month.

The following is the 2019 payment cutoff schedule. Contracts submitted after the following dates and times will not receive payment until the following mid-month or end of month.

	Mid-month cutoff 12:00	End of month cutoff 4:30
January	1/10/19	1/24/19
February	NO MIDMONTH	2/21/19
March	3/12/19	3/22/19
April	4/10/19	4/23/19
May	5/10/19	5/23/19
June	6/12/19	6/21/19
July	7/10/19	7/24/19
August	8/12/19	8/23/19
September	9/11/19	9/23/19
October	10/9/19	10/24/19
November	NO MIDMONTH	11/21/19
December	12/11/19	12/20/19

January 1, 2019 HCVP Administrative Plan Changes

- Updated the HCVP Administrative Plan to reflect the new definition of “emancipated youth” per HUD’s new guidelines for the HCVP’s Family Unification Program (FUP) grant. AMHA is in the process of applying for additional FUP vouchers.
- Updated the HCVP Administrative Plan to reflect the changes regarding inspections; all HQS language has been updated to reflect the UPCS-V required language.
- Updated the HCVP Administrative Plan language under “debarments” to reflect HUD regulations prohibiting AMHA to conduct business with any person(s) that has a debarment sanction.
- Updated the HCVP Administrative Plan Payment Standard language to comply with HUD Notice PIH 2018-01.
- Updated the HCVP Administrative Plan Recertification language to allow for triennial certifications in anticipation of future HUD regulations.

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