



FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

Tips on looking for housing:

1. Check the classified section of local newspapers where houses and/or apartments for rent are listed.
2. Check with friends, neighbors, and your case manager. Ask owners that have no vacancies if they know of other owners with vacant units.
3. Use the internet to search for free listings of rental units:
 - <https://www.socialserve.com/>
 - <https://www.gosection8.com/>
 - <http://www.nchousingsearch.org/>
4. Check with real estate offices or rental agencies. Some areas have apartment guides at the grocery stores. Look in the Yellow Pages of telephone directories.
5. Always ask to see the unit you want to rent. When you find a unit, ask the owner some important questions. Some suggestions are provided below, but you may have other questions to add to the list:
 - Will you rent to me under the Section 8 Program? (If you have a reputation as a good tenant, tell them about it and try to convince them to rent to you).
 - Who is the owner or agent, and what is their name, telephone number, and address?
 - What is the address of the unit you want to rent?
 - How much is the rent?
 - What utilities are included in the rent?
 - Who furnishes the stove and refrigerator?
 - How much is the security deposit?
 - How many bedrooms?
 - Always read your lease before you sign it and be sure you get a copy to keep

Please note your housing search is not limited to the websites above. You are free to find housing by searching in the newspapers, apartment listings, and other on-line sites.

If the family includes a person with disabilities, the family may request a list of available accessible units known to OCHA, if needed.

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