Housing & Recovery

When people have a safe and affordable

They spend less time in

Having a roof over your head allows people to focus on recovery- employment, symptom management, community involvement, opportunity, security, family, etc.

Who is housing “ready”? EVERYONE
Think of housing as a human right, everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live.

Applying for independent housing starts TODAY!
Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

- Applying is easy! Click Here for Online Application
- Request for Status Form
- 30% of income
Applying for Section 8 Online

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE - JUNE 28, 2019*****

DATABASE ACCESS - TRANSITION TO NEW VENDOR

The current CWL online database access will be shut-down this evening, Friday, June 28, 2019. Access to the current system will resume next week. Please do not make any changes in the old CWL system after today as they will not update in the new GoSection8 system. Access will remain for PHAs for viewing and reference only.

APPLICANT OUTREACH

Starting the week of July 15th, GoSection8 will conduct an electronic outreach to current applicants on the CWL who have provided an email address on their pre-application to inform them of the switch of systems.

GoSection8.com

Find Affordable Rentals
Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.

Personal Information
- First Name: Adrianne
- Last Name: Cassidy
- Email Address: looking4ahome2019@gmail.com
- Phone Number: 508 808 3111

Additional Information
- Voucher Status: Yes
- Move Date: As Soon As Possible
- Do you have pets?: Yes
- Do you have any children in the following Age Group?
  - 0 - 4 years
  - 5 - 10 years
  - 11 - 13 years
  - 14 - 18 years
- I am the head of the household

Email and SMS Preferences
- I would like landlords to contact me with move-in specials & lease incentives.
- I would like to receive New Rental Alerts via email.

By clicking "Sign Up", you agree to our Terms of Use.

Sign Up

Get Started Now

Already have an account? Sign In Here
Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.
Welcome to the Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List

The Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List is a partnership of 101 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which streamlines their application process for a Section 8 Voucher. The centralized waiting list opened on January 6, 2003 and will remain open and accept applications indefinitely.

Applicants submit one application to the centralized waiting list system, operated by GoSection8.com, and their application is automatically added to the waiting list for all 101 participating PHAs. Each participating PHA selects participants to their Section 8 Voucher program off of the centralized waiting list in accordance with their local policy.

We are happy to announce our new partnership with GoSection8.com!
Applying for Section 8 Online Cont.

Find My Application

To review and update your waiting list application online, please fill out the form below.

Last Name: Cassidy
Social Security Number: *** *** XXXX

I'm not a robot

Find Application

We couldn't find your application

Call us at (866) 466-7328 for assistance regarding the waiting list application process.

Or

Start over Find my Application

Get Started

Fill in the form below to get started with your waiting list application.

Last Name
Social Security Number: XXX XX XXXX

I'm not a robot

Get Started

Skip
Two ways to apply for a Federal Section 8 Voucher:
1) Centralized Waiting List
2) Regional Administering Agency (RAA):
   masshousinginfo.org/

TO DO:
1. Centralized Waiting List
2. RAA
3. CHAMP

Click Here to Check Income Limits
$26,850
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Section 8 Application

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Public Housing/Project Based

- CHAMP
- Contacting Individual Housing Projects for Federal Housing

Woohooo! It only took 2-5 years and now I have subsidized housing!
Common Housing Application for Massachusetts Public-Housing

- **CHAMP** is the website where you can apply for state-aided public housing.
- Over 220+ options for housing for adults with disabilities

**CLICK HERE**
**Link to CHAMP**
Additional Resources for Public Housing

Mass Access Housing Registry - [Click Here](#) for link
- Section 8/subsidized housing
- Not kept up to date

PublicHousing.Com - [Click Here](#) for link
- Website provides lists of subsidized properties by town
- Most will have a waitlist

Masshousing.com - [Click Here](#) for link
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Hud.gov - [Click Here](#) for link
Mass Rental Voucher Program/Alternative Housing Voucher Program

MRVP
- Chapter 707 Program
- Tenant & Project based vouchers
- Tenant pays 35%-40%
- 2,100 Mobile and 3,000 Project Based
- Eligibility is based on income that does not exceed 80% of Area Median

AHVP
- Established in 1995
- ~500 mobile vouchers
- Applicants can apply by directly contacting any of the 24 issuing administering agencies that have received an allocation of AHVP vouchers
## Tracking Applications

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<th>Name of Person Supported</th>
<th>Current Housing Situation</th>
<th>Name of Property/ Housing Entity</th>
<th>Phone/Contact info for property</th>
<th>Mailing Address for each Property</th>
<th>Date Application Mailed</th>
<th>Date Confirmed that application was accepted</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Your Name Here</td>
<td>DMR Housing (contract $)</td>
<td>Centralized Section 8 Waiting Li</td>
<td>(617) 552-5501</td>
<td>82 Lincoln St, #101, Newton H</td>
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<td>Boston Housing Authority</td>
<td>617-988-3400</td>
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**Keep A Record of the Places You’ve Applied for Housing**

1. You can print this out, and fill it in by hand, or you can type your answers in the gray boxes.
2. Call each property two months after sending an application: “I applied around (any date) - can you confirm I made it onto your waitlist?”

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<th>Name of Property</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Mailing Address for each Property</th>
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Documents Needed to Apply for Housing

• Birth certificate (issued by the city/town with seal)
• Social Security card
• Photo identification
• Verification of Income type and amount
• Housing history for the last 3-5 years
• Certification of disability or homelessness
• Out of pocket medical expenses
Poll & Questions?
Eviction Help


What eviction protections are provided under the CDC moratorium?

When the state moratorium expired on October 17, a federal moratorium established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) became effective in Massachusetts. Through December, the CDC moratorium will prevent evictions for non-payment for qualified tenants who submit a written declaration to their landlord. Courts will accept eviction filings and process cases, and may enter judgments, but will not issue an order of execution (the court order that allows a landlord to evict a tenant) until after the expiration of the CDC order. Protection is limited to households who meet certain income and vulnerability criteria. Declaration may be found here, and in a number of additional languages.

CALL 211 for more info!
RAFT & ERMA

Declaration Form: HALT IN EVICTIONS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

- Time is of the essence – there is funding available NOW and the earlier households apply for aid, the quicker they will receive it.

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Housing Preservation

Average Rent By City 2019

1. San Francisco, CA: $3,500
2. New York, NY: $2,750
3. San Jose, CA: $2,490
4. Boston, MA: $2,450
5. Los Angeles, CA: $2,420
6. Oakland, CA: $2,350
7. Washington, DC: $2,100
8. San Diego, CA: $1,950
9. Seattle, WA: $1,900
Housing Preservation
Landlord Questions

Tenant:
What do you do for work?
What type of disability?
What is your rental history?
Do you smoke?
Do you have money for first, last, & Security?

I don’t work with vouchers, sorry.

Preparing for Showings:
• Dress to impress
• Show up on time
• Encourage people to hold off on smoking
• Be friendly and polite
• Be prepared to complete a rental application
• Bring a checkbook or money order
• Ask questions about lease terms
• Role play on car ride
Reporting Discrimination

- The Fair Housing Act
- Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination
  - (617) 994-6000
- Civil Rights Division
  - (617) 727-2200

- Race
- Color
- Religious creed
- National origin
- Ancestry
- Sex
- Marital status
- Veteran status
- Age
- Handicap/disability
- Gender Identity
- Sexual orientation
- Children
- Public assistance
- Children/Lead Paint
- Section 8 voucher holder
Reasonable Accommodation

- What is reasonable accommodation?
- Financial or Administrative Burden
- 10+ units
Questions?