

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PORTABILITY
WITH
THE RALEIGH HOUSING AUTHORITY**

****Note: The Raleigh Housing Authority is currently billing the initiating Housing Authority.**

The Raleigh Housing Authority welcomes active Section 8 participants from other jurisdictions.

The family must have a valid Section 8 Voucher that is transferable to other jurisdictions. In order to transfer the Section 8 Voucher to Wake County the family must start the process with the current Housing Authority, which will send the required paperwork to this office at the following address:

**Raleigh Housing Authority
Attention: Miriam Rodriguez
900 Haynes St
Raleigh, NC 27604
or
email: mrodriguez@rhaonline.com**

(No fax copies, please!)

When the Raleigh Housing Authority receives the portability paperwork from the initiating Housing Authority, background checks will be conducted in accordance with Raleigh Housing Authority criteria. The initiating Housing Authority will be contacted for any discrepancies that fall within the **five (5) year** timeframe **for misdemeanors** and/or the **seven (7) year** timeframe **for felony charges**.

The family will be notified by **mail** of the scheduled appointment date and time to attend the portability briefing. The family may wish to begin their search for housing in the Wake County jurisdiction by using the following websites:

www.gosection8.com
www.acceptsection8.com
www.socialserve.com
www.nchfa.com
www.nchousingsearch.org
www.rentals.com
www.craigslist.com

The Raleigh Housing Authority administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for the **Wake County area only**.

At the portability briefing interview the family will be counseled on the Raleigh Housing Authority Section 8 Voucher program requirements. Program policy requirements differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Only families that bring all requested documentation to the meeting will receive a new Section 8 Voucher and a Request for Tenancy Approval Leasing Packet at the portability briefing. The family will be issued a voucher based on Raleigh Housing Authority's Occupancy Standards for bedroom size, which may differ from the voucher size currently being used.

The briefing interview will be held at: 971 Harp St. Raleigh, NC 27604 (Community Center)
It will last approximately (2.5) hours. The family should be prompt for the briefing interview and, if at all possible, should not bring children.

The family is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the area to avoid being late for the appointment. Should the family be unable to attend the appointment or arrive late, the portability paperwork will be returned to the initiating Housing Authority.

The family is required to bring COPIES of each of the following items:

- **birth certificates for all family members,**
- **social security cards for all family members,**
- **current income verification for all family members,**
- **bank statements for the last 3 months for all household members that this applies to, and**
- **an acceptable form of photo identification for all family members 18 years of age or older (i.e. state issued drivers license or identification card, passports, student ID, etc).**

All family members 18 years of age or older will need to attend the briefing session in order to sign the required forms.

Based on the voucher bedroom size issued by the Raleigh Housing Authority, below is a listing of the ranges in which the family should be looking for rent. The rental rates listed are effective **01/01/2011**. (*Ranges given are for rent only and do not include utilities*)

1 bedroom	\$639 or less
2 bedroom	\$686 or less
3 bedroom	\$876 or less
4 bedroom	\$885 or less
5 bedroom	\$1034 or less

Please note, if the family moves into the new unit prior to the unit passing the HUD HQS inspection, the family will be responsible for the full contract rent until the unit passes inspection or the HAP contract is signed, whichever date is latest.

The Leased Housing staff at Raleigh Housing Authority looks forward to working with the portability family!