

# SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE: KEEPING VULNERABLE PEOPLE HOUSED

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & DIVERSION: SESSION 2

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# Reminders

- This session will be recorded and materials will be made available to attendees.
- Participants will be muted by default.
- Please use the Chat feature to ask questions.
- Webinar content is for general informational purposes only. Anyone facing eviction or loss of housing should seek legal advice for their specific situation.



# Background

- 5,600+ households receive public housing
- 12,500+ households receive Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)
- 19,000+ households approved for temporary COVID-19 rent and utility relief
- 190,000+ ALICE households who struggle to make ends meet



# Session Goals

- Recognize common early signs of potential tenancy issues for people receiving housing subsidies
- Identify steps tenants and advocates can take to prevent loss of housing assistance
- Understand the scope of temporary rental and utility assistance that may be available
- Prepare recipients of time-limited subsidies for transition

# Panelists



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# Discussion



**What are some of the most common scenarios that put tenants at risk of losing their housing subsidy?**

**How can advocates help tenants who are at risk of losing their subsidy or housing? What are some easy solutions that often get missed?**



**What can tenants do if they fall behind on rent or utilities?**

**What do tenants who receive temporary rental assistance need to know?**

**Any questions from participants?**

**Anything else you would like to add?**

# Wrap Up

- Early identification and intervention
- Communication
- Connect to proper resources



# Future Sessions

- Session #3: A Guide to Finding the Best Rental Unit for You
  - June 1st, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Session #4: Expertise from Employment Programs
  - June 8th, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Session #5: Budgeting and Tenancy Skills
  - June 15th, 12 - 1 p.m.

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