



# SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is funded by the federal government through HUD and administered by Belmont Housing Resources for WNY on behalf of the Erie County PHA Consortium. The program is intended to help very low-income families and individuals afford decent rental housing.

## **HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR A SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER?**

If the combined gross income of all household members is less than the applicable limit listed below, your application will be placed on a waiting list according to the date it was received. Preference will be given to applicants who live or work in Erie County.

Effective March 19, 2009

<u>People in Household</u>	<u>Gross Income Limit</u>	<u>People in Household</u>	<u>Gross Income Limit</u>
1	\$22,250	5	\$34,300
2	\$25,400	6	\$36,850
3	\$28,600	7	\$39,350
4	\$31,750	8	\$41,900

## **HOW DO I APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?**

You can apply for a Housing Choice Voucher by completing and submitting an application to Belmont Housing Resources for WNY. We will review the application and let you know if you are eligible. Unfortunately, we have more applicants than we have vouchers, so we have to place applicants on a waiting list until we have funds available. We will notify you via mail of your placement on the waitlist. It is very important you notify us anytime your mailing address changes while you are on the waiting list, as all notification is done via mail. You can check your status on the waiting list at anytime by going to [www.waitlistcheck.com](http://www.waitlistcheck.com).

## **HOW LONG WILL I HAVE TO WAIT FOR ASSISTANCE?**

While it is not possible to predict with any certainty how long you may have to wait to receive a voucher, we think you will most likely wait seven or more years. Therefore, this form of assistance might not meet your immediate needs. Whatever the waiting period may be, we encourage you to apply. You lose nothing by applying and we may be able to help you find alternative solutions to your housing problem while you wait. The date your application is received is very important; sooner is better.

## **IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULD KNOW BEFORE I APPLY?**

Yes. Federal regulations prohibit those who are subject to lifetime sex offender registration from receiving assistance. Furthermore, if you neither live nor work in Erie County you will most likely not be selected to receive assistance through this program. Finally, you must be a U.S. citizen or have eligible immigrant status to receive Section 8 assistance.

## **WHAT OTHER AGENCIES PROVIDE RENTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS?**

Here's a list of agencies that offer public housing or administer renter assistance programs in Erie County. Please contact these agencies directly to request information or an application.

### **Section 8 Renter**

<u>Assistance Program</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
City of Buffalo Rental Assistance Corp. of Buffalo, agent	470 Franklin Street Buffalo, NY 14202	(716) 882-0063

### **Public Housing Authority**

<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	245 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 855-6774
Kenmore Municipal Housing Authority	657 Colvin Boulevard Kenmore, NY 14217 (716) 874-6000
Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority	135 Odell Street Lackawanna, NY 14218 (716) 823-2551
City of Tonawanda Housing Authority	200 Gibson Street Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 692-3555

**Belmont Housing Resources for WNY**  
1195 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14209-2196  
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