

MOVING TO WORK DESIGNATION



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

HACSB MOVING TO WORK

In 2008, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) was designated as a Moving to Work (MTW) Agency by Congress. This designation allows HACSB to waive some HUD program requirements to develop local policies adapted to the diverse communities that make up San Bernardino County.

WHAT IS IT?

MTW is a national demonstration program for public housing authorities to design and test affordable housing strategies. Lessons learned by MTW agencies can influence national housing policy to improve programs and services for all families. Fewer than 2% of housing authorities are designated MTW agencies.

Using MTW flexibilities, we have executed 27 innovative initiatives based on the three statutory objectives of the MTW demonstration:



1. Save taxpayer dollars through efficient work



2. Help our families achieve economic independence



3. Ensure a family's freedom of housing choice

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS PARTICIPANT PROFILES

JODI

A single mother of three, Jodi became a participant in HACSB'S Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program (TLA) with the goal of becoming a homeowner and providing for her kids. Together, with staff she was able to exit the program a year and a half early to buy a home in the High Desert, leaving room for more program participants.



JULIAN

Recent Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program participant Julian states that "there is no secret to achieving homeownership". Combining hard work and coaching from HACSB staff, Julian was able to organize his budgeting and pay off over \$22,000 in credit card debt. Julian recently moved into his own home and is now a part of HACSB's Homeownership Program.

MOVING TO WORK ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to report the results from some of our endeavors:



Saving Taxpayers' Dollars

Saved **231,000 staff hours** through streamlining the income and rent process.



Assisting Families to Achieve Self-Sufficiency

We actively seek out partnerships with expert service providers to help our customers work toward their goals.

Loma Linda University (LLU): LLU has conducted several needs assessments to determine the top needs of our residents, which include mental health services, family counseling, and case management.



Ensuring Housing Choice

Nearly **2,300 families leased units** that would have been out of reach under traditional program regulations. Leasing in areas of opportunity **increased by 30%**



Promoting Economic Independence

-50% ————— 0 ————— 50%



33% decrease in the number of families receiving assistance income



41% average increase in earned income among families served



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Building Communities, Changing Lives