

To: **IHCDA Partners** Notice: PN-24-05

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Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List to Open in Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Porter,

Pulaski, Newton, and Starke Counties

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WAITING LIST

Effective 4/1/2024, Northwest Indiana Community Action on behalf of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List for Lake, Porter, Jasper, Newton, Laporte, Pulaski and Starke County(s).

The Section 8 HCV program is available to income eligible individuals and families and exists to assist with rent payments to provide decent, affordable, sanitary, and safe housing for persons with low incomes. The Section 8 HCV program is not emergency housing assistance and your waiting time for assistance may exceed 24 months.

NWICA will accept applications online only at the following website:

Lake County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2493 Porter County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2512 Jasper County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2485 Newton County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2504 LaPorte County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2494 Pulaski County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2514 Starke County: https://waitlistcheck.com/IN1806-2523

The application portal will be available on April 1, 2024. Please note that you will be required to create a WaitListCheck account and have a valid e-mail address in order to submit an application. A link to free e-mail providers will be included on the website for your convenience.

If you have a disability where a reasonable accommodation to allow you equal access to the application process may be needed, please contact NWICA at 219-794-1829 to request an accommodation no later than March 17, 2024. For assistance in another language, please call IHCDA at 317-232-7788 to schedule a phone call with an interpreter no later than March 17, 2024.









Applicants are placed on the list in order of preference points, then by date and time of application. IHCDA has the following preference points:

- **Residency** Applicant is a legal resident of, has been hired to work in, or currently works within the COUNTY they have applied to
- Person residing in an institutional setting or at risk of being placed in an
 institutional setting An institutional or other segregated setting includes, but is not
 limited to: Congregate settings populated exclusively or primarily with individuals with
 disabilities; or congregate settings characterized by regimentation in daily activities, lack
 of privacy or autonomy, policies limiting visitors, or limits on individuals' ability to engage
 freely in community activities and to manage their own activities of daily living; or
 settings that provide for daytime activities primarily with other individuals with disabilities;
 or a person at risk of being placed in a setting defined above
- Working Families Persons either attending a school/training program or working at least 20 hours per week; elderly status (age 62 and older), non-elderly disabled status (61 and under with disability), having a disabled family member (any age)
- Elderly Applicant (Head, Spouse, Co-Head, Sole Member) is age 62 or older
- Non-Elderly Family Member with Disability Non-elderly (61 years or younger) family, Head, Spouse, Co-Head, or sole member meets HUD's definition of disabled
- Family Member with a Disability An individual who meets the HUD definition of a person with a disability
- Youth Exiting Foster Care Youth that Indiana Department of Child Services has certified to be at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days and is homeless or is At Risk of Becoming Homeless
- Child Welfare Involved Families A family that Indiana Department of Child Services
 has certified as a family for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the
 placement of the family's child, or children, in out-of-home care, or in the delay of
 discharge of a child, or children, to the family from out-of-home care.

Placement on the waiting list is not a guarantee that applicants will qualify for assistance. Any preferences claimed at the time of application will be verified at the time of selection from the waiting list.

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