

## Finding Housing Resources

The lack of affordable and accessible housing in North Carolina remains a significant barrier to meeting the needs of extremely low income households, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The following are places to find information about housing resources in your community. Many of these materials are available over the Internet. If you need access to a computer visit your local public library.

**Locate available rental units** - Go to NC Housing Search at <http://www.nchousingsearch.org/>. At the left side of the page under "**For Renters**" click on **Find Housing**. The NC Housing Search can provide you with available apartments across the state. NC Housing Search is an affordable housing listed hosted by a non-profit. If you not have access to the Internet call NC Housing Search at 1-877-428-8844.

**Access the "Affordable Housing Primer"** designed to provide important basic information and resources that individuals, particularly persons with disabilities, their advocates, families and service providers, can use to increase understanding of the housing system and help meet their needs. For more information visit the North Carolina Housing Coalition at <http://www.nchousing.org/research-data/affordable-housing-primer> or call 1-919-881-0707.

**Use the Internet to find local HUD subsidized housing resources** - Go to the HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>. On the far-left hand side of the screen there is a list of topics, click "**Renting**" and you will access the renting page. There are three major kinds of federally subsidized housing listed on this page.

- The *first* is **privately owned subsidized housing**. Click on **search for an apartment** and then from the list of states click on NC. Select an area by city, county or zip code. You will get a list of all the privately owned Section 8 properties in your community. Call the property for additional information.
- The *second* type is **Public Housing**; the *third* is the **Housing Choice Voucher Program** (also known as Section 8 tenant based rental assistance). Access to both of these programs is through local public housing authorities or administering agencies. Click on **public housing agency** and then on North Carolina from the list of the map. You will get a list of all the Public Housing Authorities (PHA) and agencies that administer Section 8 in the state. Scroll until you find your city or town. Many PHAs have preferences for persons with disabilities. Call the agency or inquire if the wait list is open; if it is open make application to be placed on the wait list. If it closed ask how you can be informed if/when it opens again.

**Find Rural Housing Services** multifamily rental projects in rural communities. Go directly to [http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select\\_state.jsp](http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_state.jsp) and then from the map of states click on NC. Select an area from the map or search by town or zip code. You will get a list of all the properties in your community. Call the property for additional information.

**Locate Housing Credit Properties** from the NC Housing Finance Agency at <http://www.nchfa.com/>. The "**Affordable**" **Housing Locator**" can provide you with information about Low Income Housing Tax Credit Developments by county. Though not subsidized to the extent of other resources listed above, by regulation LIHTC developments must accept Section 8 vouchers from otherwise qualified households and

some have project based rental assistance making them affordable to persons with lower incomes. Call the property for additional information.

### **Information and Referral Resources for Services**

- NCcareLINK - a Web site providing up-to-date information about programs and services across N.C. for families, seniors, youths and everyone in-between. It is a collaborative effort of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and many other government and non-profit information and referral stakeholders across North Carolina. Go to <https://www.nccarelink.gov/>.
- NC CARE-LINE is the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' toll-free Information and Referral telephone service. Information and Referral Specialists provide information and referrals regarding human services in government and non-profit agencies. You may now reach the CARE-LINE 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including state holidays by calling 1-800-662-7030(English/Spanish) or 1-877-452-2514(TTY). For local calls, you may dial 855-4400(English/Spanish) or 919-733-4851(TTY).