

Housing Authority of the City of Austin
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The HACA Mission

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin is a public agency whose business is to:

- Ensure that safe, quality affordable housing opportunities exist for families of low income
- Break the poverty cycle by serving as a catalyst for our residents to become economically self-sufficient
- Create meaningful partnership to maximize available community resources for our residents
- Efficiently and effectively meet federal, state, and local mandates

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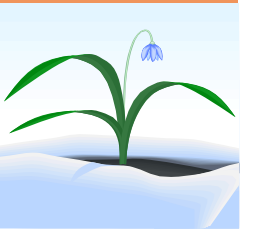
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Attn: Landlord Outreach
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February 2009

A Newsletter for Housing Choice Voucher Program Families

Your better, **BRIGHTER** future . . .

Scholarships opportunities!

HACA Resident Scholarships

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin Board of Commissioners established the HACA Resident Scholarship in 2001 for the benefit of all HACA Public Housing Residents and Housing Choice (Section 8) participants who are planning to attend an institution of higher education. The scholarship serves as a vehicle of hope to those individuals who have a desire to further their education but lack the adequate financial means to accomplish this goal. The scholarship is designed to inspire these individuals to work toward becoming independent and economically self-sufficient members of the community. The scholarship is funded by the Southwest Housing Compliance Corporation, a HACA subsidiary. The scholarships are available on a competitive basis, and the award amount varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds.

Deadlines for scholarships available to HACA residents:

- Texas NAHRO - February 12, 2009
- HACA Resident Scholarship - March 13, 2009
- Southwest NAHRO - April 3, 2009
- Housing Authority Insurance Group- April 10, 2009

Scholarship applications are available on the HACA website and also
at the reception area at the central office:

www.hacanet.org

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FSS open waitlist enrollment!
If interested you must attend one of the following orientation sessions:

Are you a current Housing Choice Voucher resident and ready ...

... to set goals for a new future?
 ... to get started on the road to success?

... to support your family free of government assistance?

May 4th, 2009: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

The HCV-Family Self Sufficiency Program WILL WORK WITH YOU TO SUCCEED!

Location:
 Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)
 Administration Building, 1124 South IH-35
 South of Riverside Drive

Please be prompt. No children please.

IF MOVING . . .

The housing authority has available rental listings and the bulletin boards at the reception area are a source to help you locate a home of your choice. However, you may choose a home anywhere in Travis County or Round Rock if the owner is willing to participate. HACA encourages you to find a home that best meets your needs. The zip codes listed below are under HACA's jurisdiction. The red zip codes are considered low poverty areas. If you locate a home and the property owner needs more information regarding the program, please have him/her contact Gisela Silva, 477-1314 Ext. 1301 or e-mail giselas@hacanet.org

78613	78701	78724	78734	78746	78757
78617	78702	78725	78735	78747	78758
78641	78703	78726	78736	78748	78759
78645	78704	78727	78737	78749	
78653	78705	78728	78738	78750	
78660	78717	78729	78739	78751	
78664	78719	78730	78741	78752	
78665	78721	78731	78742	78753	
78669	78722	78732	78744	78754	
78681	78723	78733	78745	78756	

Notice: HACA does not go into Travis County zip codes 78645 & 78669, Williamson County zip codes 78645 & 78641, Hays County zip codes 78610, 78640 and 78652, and Bastrop County zip codes 78602, & 78612

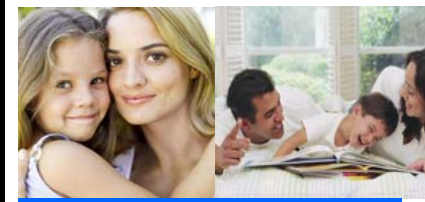
DID YOU KNOW . . .

HACA's web site has a **resource page?**

You will find resources for homebuyer & home repair, assistance programs, emergency rental & utility assistance, scholarships, federal financial aid and more!



Simply go to: www.hacanet.org
 On the main page click on **Resources**



IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATION RESPONSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS/HEALTHY MARRIAGES

The Responsible Relationships and Healthy Marriages Program is dedicated to helping participants achieve their goals in relationships, family and marriage.



Between US

- SUPPORT SOLUTIONS**
- LINKS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
Our Family Support Workers will assist families with needs identified.
- EDUCATION SERVICES**
Links to educational services provided amongst the community.
- TRANSPORTATION**
Provided to participants with short-term transportation problems.
- FREE CHILDCARE**
Childcare provided during workshop participation.
- Funding for this program is provided by Office of Family Assistance, Washington D.C. and Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Austin, TX.

By joining our Between US workshops, you can expect to find:
 Improved relationships and communication skills
 Marital satisfaction
 Improved child-parent relationships
 Improved family and child well-being.

CALL TODAY
 (512) 451-7361

IMPROVE YOUR REALTIONSHIP.

IMPROVE YOUR FAMILY 'S FUTURE.

Our Between Us workshops are designed to help you learn simple communication skills that make a difference.



Flexible times and dates available



WORKSHOPS ARE PROVIDED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

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Call 2-1-1 or visit

www.communitytaxcenters.org



FREE Credit smart CLASSES

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **February 21st**
- **March 21st (Spanish)**
- **April 18th**
- **May 16th**
- **May 16th**

- ESTABLISHING & RESTORING YOUR CREDIT
- MANAGING YOUR MONEY
- GOAL SETTING
- STEPS TO FINANCIAL SUCCESS
- BECOMING A HOMEOWNER

All participants must register with Julie Loredo at 477-4488 Ext. 2190

Sign-in begins at 8:45 a.m. Participants must attend duration of class. Lunch will be provided.

Location: Housing Authority of the City of Austin, Administration Building, 1124 South IH-35 (south of Riverside Drive)

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