Housing Highlights

Deputy Director of Housing Services

On March 27, 2017, Jesse Mofle was named Johnson County's Deputy Director of Housing Services. He has been with Johnson County for three years serving as Housing Inspector for the Housing Choice Voucher and Weatherization Programs. Our former Deputy Director of Housing Services, David Ward, assumed the role of Director of Housing Services with Johnson County in November of the previous year.

Please join us as we welcome Jesse in his new leadership role. He can be reached at Jesse.Mofle@JoCoGov.org or 913-715-6602.

Awards and Achievements

For the 16th year in a row, the Johnson County Housing Authority was recognized as being a High Performance Agency through HUD. This shows that the housing authority is in compliance with federal regulations for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Housing Staff was recognized by the Board of County Commissioners for their success.

A brochure, listing all the Housing Service Programs, was submitted at the State and the 7 state Regional Level of NAHRO (National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials). We are proud to announce it won Best Publication at both levels and will go on to the National Level.

Initial Inspections

All units on the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program must pass an initial inspection before a Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract can start and the Housing Authority can start assisting with rent. While the tenant may already reside in the unit, the Housing Authority is not responsible for any rent until an initial inspection is passed. The make ready of the unit should include:

- Fresh Paint
- Clean Carpets/Floors
- Unit Cleaned to Move In Condition
- All utilities (gas, electric, and water) must be turned on for the unit. It is not the prospective tenant’s obligation to turn on utilities but they may transfer the utilities to their name.
- The hot water tank must be lit, working properly, and not in vacation mode.
- The furnace must be in safe and proper working order. If a furnace appears to be in questionable working condition or is over 10 years old, a furnace statement from a certified HVAC person will be required.

Inspectors must be given proper notice to accommodate an initial inspection in their schedule. You will be notified if a unit fails an inspection. A list of deficiency items will be mailed to the address we have on file. When a unit passes an initial inspection, a HCV Occupancy Specialist will notify you of the lease start date.
Our Mission is........
"Providing essential human services as a safety net, targeting older adults, people with a disability, and low-income families, in order to support independence, dignity, and self sufficiency."

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Waiting List Update

The Johnson County Housing Authority opened its waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and accepted applications on May 23, 2017. For the first time ever, applicants were able to apply online from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Special accommodations were granted for those who made arrangements ahead of time to come into our office and meet with an Occupancy Specialist. The opening of the waiting list was announced 3 weeks prior in the Kansas City Star, Dos Mundos, and The Call as well as on the Johnson County website and automated phone line. It was announced that the first 1,000 applicants would be placed on the waiting list. 751 applications were submitted; all applicants were placed on the waiting list. Like previous years, preferences will be given to those living or working within Johnson County excluding the city of Olathe; person with a disability and/or elderly; and those currently in domestic violence situations.