



# PMHA Resident News



Public Housing Newsletter

March 2018

## Have a Healthy 2018!

PMHA offers **free** on-site health & wellness presentations at Eastowne Manor and Etna House, courtesy of Guardian Angel Home Health Care. These on-site presentations are aimed to assist participants with understanding their health, to gain knowledge in various health-related topics, and to assist with individual well-being in order to improve quality of life and keep elderly/disabled residents in their homes (and out of facility care) as long as possible.

The presentations, offered monthly at both locations, are conducted by Guardian Angels nursing staff. You are invited to attend the following presentation at either location, in the community room:.

**Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

**Topic: Medication Management**

**Times/Locations:**

**1:00PM – Eastowne Manor**

**2:30PM – Etna House**

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Moss at (330) 2971-1489 ext. 213 or by email at [smoss@portagehousing.org](mailto:smoss@portagehousing.org).

### PMHA's Mission Statement

The Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority is dedicated to meeting the housing needs of low-income families and individuals of Portage County by developing, managing and supporting decent, affordable housing in cooperation with community partners.

### Office Hours

PMHA offices are open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, except for holidays. Office visitors are advised to call ahead for an appointment whenever possible.

## Section 3 Employment

**What is Section 3?** It is a means by which HUD fosters local economic development and individual self-sufficiency by providing jobs for Public Housing Residents and other low and very-low income persons who live in the area, by awarding contracts to businesses that contain full-time employees who are Section 3 residents or are owned by Section 3 residents.

PMHA is creating a pool of qualified Section 3 residents with job skills in various fields, for contractors to view, interview and possibly hire as subcontractors when additional workforce is necessary. PMHA is also interested in creating a listing of Section 3 resident-owned businesses for contracting. These individuals and businesses would need the necessary working skills and/or the ability to perform job duties required, in order to be considered for hire or selection. Section 3 resident-owned businesses must have insurance and bonding as required, for each job.

Examples of work that may be available for Section 3 residents for subcontracting, or for Section 3 resident-owned business, include: painting, building renovation work, general labor, janitorial services and cleaning.

If you are interested in being part of the pool of Section 3 residents with qualified job skills for contractors to view and interview for hire, or if you wish to be added to the list of Section 3 resident-owned businesses, please contact Wes Ransom, Project Manager, at (330) 297-1489 ext. 222. or Sabrina Moss, Social Services Coordinator, at (330) 297-1489 ext. 213.



## EnVision Centers & App

In December 2017, Dr. Ben Carson, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the launch of EnVision Centers, a new initiative designed to help HUD-assisted households achieve self-sufficiency.

Located on or near public housing developments, EnVision Centers will be centralized hubs that serve as an incubator for the four key pillars of self-sufficiency; character and leadership, educational advancement, economic empowerment, and health and wellness.

As a part of the initiative, HUD will launch ten pilot EnVision Centers across the country. HUD is also launching a mobile app to help HUD-assisted households find local resources through the EnVision Center network.

Secretary Carson said, "EnVision Centers are designed to help people take the first few steps towards self-sufficiency. Every household we are able to help graduate from HUD-assistance allows HUD to help one more family in need."

Download the EnVision Centers App for iPhone at:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/envision-centers/id1315794561?mt=8>

and for Android devices at:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.psi.envision.EnvisionApp>.



## Office Closings

The PMHA office will be closed as follows in recognition of the upcoming holidays:

**MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018**  
Memorial Day

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018**  
Independence Day

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018**  
Labor Day

## Consumer Credit Counseling

Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) is a program that offers services such as financial education, budgeting assistance, and debt management plans. Through this program, consumers can work with a credit counselor to:

- Create and/or develop a household budget
- Access and understand your personal credit report
- Eliminate credit debt through a personalized debt management program (creditors typically reduce interest, minimum payments and fees through this program!)
- Attend financial literacy classes in the community
- Set financial goals for the future and a plan to achieve those goals
- Complete required bankruptcy credit counseling and education certification

Consumers meet with a financial counselor and can actively participate in their financial future. For more information, call the Portage County CCCS office at (330) 297-0080 ext. 362.

### Do you need help, but don't know where to turn?

Assistance to PMHA Public Housing residents is available through referrals and linkages to community services. **Sabrina Moss**, Social Services Coordinator, is available to assist you. Please feel free to contact Sabrina at the PMHA office if you or a family member is in need of assistance.

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