

- **Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)** The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. KHC uses federal Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts to provide rental assistance in the Section 8 Program. Landlords receive the HAP portion of the tenant's payment from KHC monthly on behalf of Section 8 families.
- **Mainstream Vouchers**-Mainstream vouchers assist non-elderly persons with disabilities. Aside from serving a special population, Mainstream vouchers are administered using the same rules as other housing choice vouchers. Funding and financial reporting for Mainstream vouchers is separate from the regular tenant-based voucher program.
- **The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)** program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Through EHV, HUD is providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in order to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability. The Emergency Housing Program offers a signing bonus of \$500 upon execution of a HAP contract to owners who enter a 12-month lease for a unit that has never been previously leased to another HCV program participant and a signing bonus of \$500 for units transitioning from a homeless assistance program to EHV upon execution of a HAP contract owners who enter a 12-month lease. An incentive payment of \$500 payable upon completion of the first annual recertification and renews with a 12-month lease. PHA will provide damage loss payments to owners who agree to accept a reduced security deposit. The reduced security deposit must not exceed \$200. At move out, PHA will award a damage payment for tenant caused damages up to a maximum amount of one month's contract rent, which is typically the normally required security deposit amount minus any amount covered by the tenant security deposit, form provided in the leasing packet.
- **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development- VA Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH)** is a collaborative program which pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services for homeless Veterans. These services are designed to help homeless Veterans and their families find and sustain permanent housing and access the health care, mental health treatment, substance use counseling, and other supports necessary to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community.
- **Family Unification Program (FUP)** is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV's) are provided to:
 - Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in either:
 - o The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care.
 - o The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.

There is no time limitation on FUP family vouchers.

- Youth at least 18 years old and not more than 24 years old who:
 - Left foster care at age 16 or older or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act; and
 - Are homeless; or
 - Are at risk of homelessness.

-FUP vouchers used by youth are limited, by statute, to 36 months of housing assistance.

Public housing agencies (PHAs) administer FUP in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs). The PCWA initially determines if the family or youth meets the FUP eligibility requirements, certifies that the family or youth is eligible, and refers those families or youths to the PHA. Once the PCWA makes the referral, the PHA places the FUP applicant on its HCV waiting list and determines whether the family or youth meets HCV program eligibility requirements, including income eligibility. The PHA conducts all other processes relating to voucher issuance and administration.

In addition to rental assistance, supportive services must be provided to FUP youths by the PCWA for the first 18 months that the youth participates in the program. Examples of the skills targeted by these services include money management skills, job preparation, educational counseling, and proper nutrition and meal preparation. The program does not require PCWAs to provide supportive services for families; however, PCWAs may make them available to families as well.