

Public Notice

HOM, Inc., on behalf of Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation, will conduct an open enrollment lottery to accept pre-applications for the Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Program (Mainstream Program) on **Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 10:00 AM**. The Mainstream Program provides Section 8 housing choice vouchers to eligible **disabled families**. For purposes of eligibility for this program, the following definitions apply:

1. **Disabled Family** - Disabled family means a family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities. It may include two or more persons with disabilities living together, or one or more persons with disabilities living with one or more live-in aides.
2. **Person With Disabilities** - Means a person who:
 - a. Has a disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 423;
 - b. Is determined, pursuant to HUD regulations, to have a physical, mental or emotional impairment that:
 - i. Is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration;
 - ii. Substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and
 - iii. Is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or
 - c. Has a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001.
 - d. Does not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;
 - e. For purposes of qualifying for low income housing, does not include a person whose disability is based solely on any drug or alcohol dependence.
3. **Income Eligibility** - The family's gross annual income must be at or below the very-low income limits, as follows:

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
22,450	25,700	28,900	32,100	34,650	37,250	39,800	42,350

Additional eligibility criteria require U.S. citizenship or legal immigrant status, documentation of Social Security cards for all household members, signing required consent forms and additional "suitability" criteria requiring a criminal background check for all adult household members.

Verification of families' eligibility according to all eligibility criteria will not be performed at the time of the lottery. The lottery will serve as the method for placing applicants' pre-applications on the waiting list in the order of lottery ticket drawing. A final eligibility determination will be made at the time that families approach the top of the waiting list, which may be 6 to 12 months from the date of the lottery.

Applicants for this program must be present in person in order to participate in the lottery process and submit a pre-application.

Applicants requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to complete this process may contact the HOM, Inc. office for a Request for Reasonable Accommodation form. HOM, Inc. utilizes the services of Arizona Relay Services for telecommunications for the deaf via a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD). The TDD telephone number is 1-877-367-8939.

Location:

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)
The Disability Empowerment Center of Arizona
5025 East Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85034

Public transportation is available via bus and light rail to the Disability Empowerment Center of Arizona. Parking is available on-site.

Applicants already on waiting lists for other housing programs must apply separately for this program. Applicants will not lose their place on other waiting lists with other housing agencies when they apply for assistance in this program.

The waiting list for the Mainstream Program will close following the conduct of the open enrollment lottery process. HOM, Inc. will not accept further pre-applications for the program following the lottery.

It is the policy of HOM, Inc. and Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation to comply fully with all Federal, State, and local nondiscrimination laws; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, familial status, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under HOM, Inc. and Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation housing programs.

