

# **THE TARGETING PROGRAM**

## **Affordable Housing for Persons with Disabilities**

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Over 1,000 low-income persons with disabilities have successfully obtained housing through the Targeting Program – a partnership between the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the NC Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA). Another 700 units are under development. Benefits of Targeting Program housing include:

- Access to newly constructed or rehabbed independent apartments.
- Integration in communities of choice.
- Rent that does not exceed 30% of household income.
- Required access to supports and services by Referral Agency.

### **TARGETING PROGRAM APPROVED REFERRAL AGENCIES**

The Targeting Program provides housing linked to supports and services by virtue of commitment from referral agencies. DHHS and NCHFA look to local human service agencies to make referrals for persons receiving their services and to provide access to supportive services for Targeted Unit tenants. Basic responsibilities of referral agencies include:

- 1) Making referrals based on professional assessment of each individual's ability to live in independent housing with the supports and services available.
- 2) Providing access to supportive services for persons referred to Targeted units and being a point of contact should tenants need assistance.
- 3) Collaborating with other community partners to support tenants and build local housing knowledge.

### **BUILDING HOUSING KNOWLEDGE**

Ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to affordable housing and to the supportive services they need requires collaboration at the local level. Local Housing Support Committees provide:

- A venue for referral agencies and other community partners to network, learn about housing and share information and resources to support persons with disabilities.
- An opportunity for agencies to get involved at the community level in housing and human service related issues.

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

To become a referral agency, review the Targeting Program Referral Agency Agreement to Participate to see if the program is a good fit with your agency's mission. All agencies interested in supporting persons with disabilities are welcome to join their local Housing Support Committee. Agencies considering becoming a referral agency or those that would like to get involved with a Housing Support Committee should contact:

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