

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Emergency Housing Voucher Program was launched July 1, 2021 in the Los Angeles region. Vouchers will be prioritized by the LA Coordinated Entry System, initially referring participants who are homeless, recently homeless, or fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Los Angeles' Coordinated Entry System Policy Council.

It is likely that most people eligible for this resource are already connected to the Coordinated Entry System and will be referred by case managers assigned to provide client housing support and connection.

If, however, you think you are eligible for the Program (see the [CES Interim Policy](#) on Emergency Housing Voucher priority populations), please contact a Coordinated Entry System [Access Center](#) in your region.

Please note that connection to the Coordinated Entry System does not guarantee your eligibility or prioritization for housing or rental subsidy support.



ADVANCED IRS CHILD TAX CREDIT

On March 11, 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). The ARP increases child tax credits for the 2021 calendar year. This change is referred to as the Advance Child Tax Credit.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun releasing the Advance Child Tax Credit payments. Eligible families will receive:

- Up to \$3,000 per qualifying child between the ages of six and 17 (child will not turn 18 during calendar year 2021); or
- Up to \$3,600 per qualifying child under age five (child will not turn six during calendar year 2021).

The payment amount will vary based on the family's income according to their tax year 2020 tax returns, and the number of children in the household eligible for the credit. These payments will end in December 2021.

The full Advance Child Tax Credit will be available to:

- Single tax filers with an eligible child who make up to \$75,000 per year;
- Joint tax filers with an eligible child who make up to \$150,000 per year; and
- Heads of Households with an eligible child who make up to \$112,500 per year.

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) requires all assisted families to report any changes to their household income within 10 days. While the Advance Child Tax Credit **will not be counted as household income**, you are still responsible for notifying the LACDA of this increase, since these payments will continue until the end of the year.

The IRS' Advance Child Tax Credit Payments portal allows you to check your eligibility, manage your payments, and opt out. Please click [here](#) for additional information regarding the Advance Child Tax Credit.



FREE MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is offering iPrevail FREE to all Los Angeles County residents. iPrevail is an online mental health resource residents can use 24/7 to get support. Connect with trained peer specialists, join a community support group, or try out one of the many digital programs. Sign up for your free subscription at [iPrevail](#). As our communities continue to navigate challenges related to the pandemic and re-emerge after a year in isolation, it's more important than ever to make your mental health a priority!

HAVE YOU CREATED A TENANT PORTAL ACCOUNT?

The Tenant Portal helps you remain up-to-date on rental assistance matters. The Portal, accessible via the LACDA website, allows you to perform many useful tasks, including receiving LACDA correspondence. You will be notified via email anytime a new letter is available. The Portal is secure and available 24/7.

If you are not already using the Owner Portal, or have not used it in a while, please visit www.lacda.org to access or create an account.

Coming Soon! The LACDA will be launching a new and improved Owner Portal. More information coming soon.



TENANT WORKSHOP

Tenant workshops are designed to provide an opportunity to learn about new policies and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program updates.

August Lunch & Learn

The Housing Rights Center will be presenting on Senate Bill 329 California's Source of Income Law

- What you need to know as a landlord or HCV participant

**Thursday, August 19, 2021
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at
<https://bit.ly/3z3umH0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

Questions?
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