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Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter



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To all HCV Program Participants and Applicants in this age of technology we are doing some exciting things at SRHA. Please visit our website at www.suffolkrha.org.

We are embarking on exciting times with our for the online portal. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, this is an awesome way to update your information for annual reexamination, interim changes, and upload documents. This is also a secure way of proving information to your caseworker directly and a way of tracking any documents submitted to our agency. You will have access to your account electronically. This will give you the ability to keep your records updated at all times.

We strongly encourage you to register at our website **www.suffolkrha.org/pay-online** to register for an account. Click the tab to pay online. This will open you to the registration page. Once, registered you will be able to upload document to your caseworker as well as make changes to your application. Please keep in mind you must first register with a valid email address to be granted access.

Please remember your user ID and password. In addition, you can communicate directly with your caseworker and there is a record of any documents you upload. This will eliminate the need to visit the office.

We are streamlining things making the process contactless and safe. This is a reliable method of doing business considering Covid-19 restrictions to ensure your information is secure and confidential. Thank you for your full cooperation in our efforts to better assist you. — **HCV Department**

Important Dates

- We will begin our Summer Hours on July 5, 2022. We will operate on a 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM schedule Mon, Tues, Thur and Friday.
- The Office will be closed on Wednesdays for the summer.
- July 4th & 5th — Office Closed on Independence Holiday & Observance



Welcome to HCV!

- Christie Walker-Flythe-Eligibility Specialist (caseload E,F, G, H, I)
- Dinah Lewis-Resident Specialist (FSS clients and resident services)
- Kimberly Ivory-Eligibility Specialist (J,K,L,R,T & FSS client income updates)

Suffolk Public Schools Summer Food Service Program

Suffolk Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability or age, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times as follows:



- Hillpoint Elementary School, 1101 Hillpoint Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30
- John Yeates Middle School, 4901 Bennetts Pasture Rd, Suffolk, VA 23435. Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30
- Nansemond River High School, 3301 Nansemond Pkwy, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast 7-9/Lunch 11-12:30
- Kings Fork Middle School, 350 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434, Monday-Thursday (June 22, 2022 (3:00-6:00p.m.) July 5-August 4, 2022) Breakfast/Lunch 10-12

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a \$14.2 billion program that supports eligible low-income households struggling to afford monthly internet service. This critical program ensures that households have the connections they need for work, school, healthcare, and more. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible to Receive ACP Support? A household is eligible if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program in the current or immediately preceding school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or

How Does an Eligible Household Enroll in the Program? There are two steps to enrolling in the ACP:

Complete and submit an online or mail-in application available at [ACPBenefit.org](https://www.acpbenefit.org).

2. Contact a participating provider to select an internet plan and have the ACP discount applied

For more information contact Call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575.



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Family Self-Sufficiency is a program which offers housing assistance as part of a coordinated linkage to other programs and services to include child care, transportation, personal and career counseling, adult basic or college education, job training and job placement assistance.

The goal of the FSS Program is to assist highly motivated persons to become economically self-sufficient (i.e., self-supporting by obtaining employment and/or education without receiving city, state and federal assistance). Any SRHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) client and/or Public Housing residents. The FSS Program Staff will help you access your needs and direct you to those resources that will enable you to move forward in becoming self-sufficient.



To find out more on how to become successful and establish an escrow account please reach out to our FSS Coordinator Dinah Lewis at 757-925-6550 or email dlewis@suffolkrha.org to find out more about the program and sign up. There will also be zoom informational meeting about the FSS Program on July 19, 2022 at 11 am. The information for the Zoom for as follows:

Topic: FSS New Orientation

Time: Jul 25, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 813 8263 2325

Passcode: FSS2022!



Events for the month of July:



July 4, 2022—Monday : Stars and Stripes—Enjoy the Stars and Stripes Spectacular on July 4th as the skies of Suffolk light up with a fireworks show over the beautiful Nansemond River at Constant's Wharf Park and Marina. The park will open at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment, children's activities, merchandise vendors and a variety of food choices. The Fuzz Band will take the stage at 6:00 p.m. The fireworks show will begin at 9:00 p.m. for the entire family to enjoy.

July 7, 2022— Thursday: LARP at the Library [IN-PERSON] - Have fun with the Minions: Gru has sent you on a mission: find the missing plans to take over the world! You can Live Action Role Play (LARP) at Suffolk Public Library this summer! Make new friends, solve puzzles, and try not to get caught by the villain! For tweens and teens. Parents are required to attend with participants under 12. (4-6 pm at Morgan Memorial Library)

July 16, 2022—Saturday: The Game of Spades: Spades Tournament and Day Party [IN-PERSON] - Are you a Spades wiz? Join SPL's tournament and compete for the title of Spades champion! The tournament features exciting game play, lively music, refreshments, and a chance to win prizes! Single players and teams of two welcome. Single players will be matched the day-of. **For adults. (Meeting Room—Morgan Memorial from 2-3:30 pm)**

TGIF Summer Concert Series - 2022—Enjoy live music on Friday's in Suffolk at two of our parks this summer! All concerts are free and open to the public. Each event is 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Beer and wine are available for purchase for those 21 and older.

Constant's Wharf Park:

- July 8 Good Shot Judy
- July 15 Tumbao Salsero
- July 22 The Deloreans



July 28, 2022— Thursday: Suffolk Belongs: Teen Safe Space [IN-PERSON] - Have you always wanted to be an ambassador for equality and empowerment in your community? Suffolk Belongs is a safe space for teens, by teens! Hangout and meet other teens in a safe environment and make your impact by planning and promoting future Suffolk Belongs events. **(4:00pm - 6:00pm—Location: Meeting Room (Morgan Memorial)**

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