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Housing Choice Voucher Newsletter



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Changing Housing, Changing Minds, Changing Lives

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.

What Is the Benefit? The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

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
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program.

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CONNECTIVITY
PROGRAM**



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

1. 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.

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The Portal on SRHA Website

All program participants and applicants are to if not have already register on our website (www.suffolkrha.org) 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.



We strongly encourage you to register at our website **www.suffolkrha.org/pay-online** to register for an account. 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.

Gateway Services

Gateway Services, LLC is prepared and committed to helping individuals meet their challenges by providing interventions, which emphasize wellness, recovery, and resilience. It is our mission to assist individuals with developing the necessary skills to enhance their well-being, experience success, and fulfillment of their aspirations.

Gateway Services Program Includes:

- An emphasis on trauma-sensitive, culturally, gender and developmentally appropriate community-based services.
- A variety of housing options for qualified participants.
- Licensed Clinical Psychologist who serves as the Clinical Director.
- Licensed Professional Counselor as our Program Director



An established collaborative partnership with Medication Management agency; Alpha Psychiatry. **Contact Ms. Cara Mellanson, MPA the Program Director at 757-970-0353. For more information and details .**

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 offices at 757-925-6550 to find out more about the program and sign up.



Events for the month of June:

June 11, 2022: Saturday : Repair and Restore Saturday Workshop [IN-PERSON] - Go beyond DIY and learn about caring for and repairing your belongings at the Repair and Restore Saturday Workshops. This session is all about maintaining and repairing your clothes. Adrienne Eldridge will be at the library to talk about basic repairs and modifications. Feel free to bring in a clothing item you are working on or would like some guidance with. **For adults. All events are at 2:00pm –4:00 pm with registration required. Site: Morgan Memorial Library**



June 14, 2011: Tuesday : Encore: Juneteenth Pride Paint 'n' Sip [IN-PERSON] - Paint and sip with us this Juneteenth with a Marsha P. Johnson inspired art piece. All supplies included. Registration required. Encore is a series of classes and events intended for older adults, but all adults are welcome. The full schedule of Encore classes and events below. **All events are at 2:00pm with registration required. Site: Morgan Memorial Library**

June 21, 2022: Tuesday : Family Food Fun: Seasonal Salads [IN-PERSON + KIT]- Summer cooking can be challenging. Try out fun recipes that won't turn up the heat! Join us for a cooking demonstration and tasting and take home a kit with all the recipe ingredients for a family cooking night. Let's get together, try something new, and enjoy each others' company! Family Food Fun meets in the picnic area behind Morgan Memorial or in the picnic area besides North Suffolk. Registration required for each family. **All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Summer Family Food Fun recipes and schedule: 5:00pm - 6:00pm Location: Morgan Memorial Library**



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.

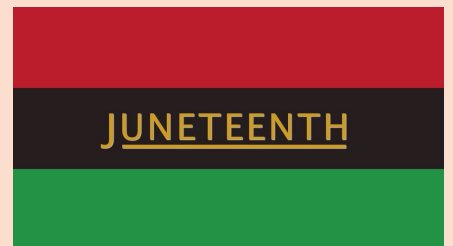
Constant's Wharf Park

- June 17- Rajazz
- June 24 -The Original Rhondels

Important Dates

Our offices will be closed on :

June 20— Juneteenth (Observed)



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