

## THE RIVERVIEW HOUSE RECEIVES A GRAND RE-OPENING

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority celebrated a milestone with the Grand Opening of Riverview House in East Walnut Hills on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025! This joyous occasion brought together key financial partners who made the RAD conversion possible, along with Board Members, residents, and CMHA staff who played vital roles in financing and constructing this amazing building. CMHA CEO Gregory Johnson highlighted the significance of Riverview House as a community cornerstone and expressed excitement about how the redevelopment will ensure this historic residential gem thrives for the next 20 years. What a fantastic step forward for our community!

“When I see what it looks like when it’s finished with construction, re-imagining comes to mind. Gorman has done a wonderful job to make this a home for our residents. It’s something fresh, that if you come home stressed, something fresh relaxes you.” Ms. LaVerne Mitchell, Vice Chair of the CMHA Board, gratefully stated. Additionally, she thanked the financial partners for their part in making what some call a “dream” happen for residents in the East Walnut Hills community.



**l-r: Tyler Watts, Shonda McMillan, Gary Boeres, Grant Miller of OFCH, Joe Norton, CMHA Board Vice Chair Ms. LaVerne Mitchell, CEO Gregory Johnson,**





**Left: CMHA Board member Ms. LaVerne Mitchell expressing her gratefulness for the Right: Grant Miller of OHFA sharing his thoughts.**



We were thrilled to welcome our financial partners from various agencies for the grand reopening! Grant Miller, a representative from Ohio Finance Capital Finance Co-OCCH, shared some inspiring words about teamwork. He highlighted how many partners come together, from Capitol Hill to our financial allies, alongside the dedicated team at CMHA, all working tirelessly to make our vision a reality. Kyle Sullivan, Associate Director of Lument, also praised the remarkable transformation of the Riverview House, mentioning, "As the lender, our role at the start of the project may seem small, but it takes a true village to bring an idea to life. Seeing the finished product really showcases the incredible work that CMHA has done and the fantastic team they've built." Riverview was buzzing with excitement as we toured a resident's unit, showcasing what quality, re-imagined affordable housing looks like right here in Hamilton County!



**Kyle Miller of Lumnet offers kind words of CMHA**

Over the last year, CMHA did a full rehabilitation of The Riverview House providing upgrades including new plumbing and electrical systems, a new firebox and electrical panels, and an upgraded generator. Initially designed with 110 apartments, the building now has 100 units of one-bedroom apartments with 20 wheel-

chair accessible and hearing-impaired accessible units. There is one 2-bedroom unit on the ground floor. Additionally, each unit received a complete renovation with brand new kitchen cabinetry and appliances, new bathrooms with walk-in showers, tile, and vanities, new LTE flooring throughout the rooms, and updated lighting in the unit. These grades provide quite an impactful experience in the daily lives of Riverview residents



**A new kitchen and living space at Riverview.**



# CMHA AND OBERER MANAGEMENT OPEN NEW RESOURCE OPPORTUNITY CENTER AT CITY WEST!



CMHA and Oberer Management officially opened the Resource Opportunity Center at City West, located at 1202 Linn Street! This resource center is an important addition to the community as our downtown residents have not had the access to community partners they may need. CMHA surveyed the residents that reside at City West

Apartments and held various resident meetings to discuss the type of resources that this community was looking to access the most. While many of the residents at City West are seniors, or families, we also thought about our Stanley Rowe residents who are not too far away.

Our first resource fair at this ROC Center was on March 14th and included community partners like Caresource, Amerihealth, Freestore Foodbank, the 513 Relief Bus, Re-assist, Caresource,



Dedicated Senior Medical Center, MCDA (who was dancing on their feet the entire event!), and so many more!

# KINGS & QUEENS: SAVE OUR YOUTH TAKES A TRIP TO ALABAMA



Active gun violence advocate and community partner to CMHA, Mitch Morris and his team at Kings & Queens took the young children of the Winton Terrace and Findlater community on a trip down to Alabama! They visited several Civil Rights monuments and learned about the history of the civil rights movement in the South. It was a successful trip and the kids got to learn about important moments in American history!



# CMHA HOSTS JOB FAIR WITH ONSITE INTERVIEWS



CMHA's Human Resources Team hosted a job fair on Friday, March 28th, for all open positions! We encouraged those who attended the event to bring a resume, as HR held interviews onsite for those who qualify for the positions they were interested in. It was a great turnout!

If you know anyone interested in employment at CMHA, encourage them to apply to our open positions which can be found on our website at: <https://secure4.entertimeonline.com/ta/6128043.careers?CareersSearch=&lang=en-US>

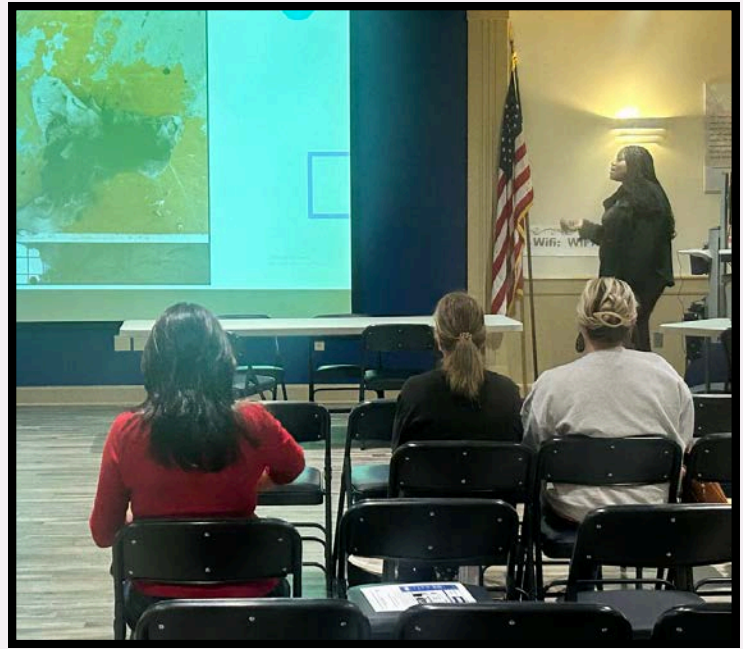
## HR HOSTS "LUNCH AND LEARN" FOR CMHA EMPLOYEES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BUILDING CREDIT

HR invited Fifth Third Bank to a "Lunch and Learn" for CMHA employees to learn more about credit building basis! Encouraging CMHA employees to learn more about the financial advantages they can incorporate into their everyday life is a part of our mission at CMHA to empower employees and residents to financial freedom! The event took place on March 26th in the Café with 5/3 Financial Center Manager, Ya'Elle Barnett!



# HCV HOSTS CMHA U WITH LANDLORDS

The Housing Choice Voucher Department at CMHA held it's monthly CMHA U session on March 12th to discuss the inspections process. Landlords were able to learn about what the requirements are to pass HQS inspections, popular reasons why units may fail these inspections, and share some faux pas and maintenance mishaps they have experienced! HCV Inspections Manager, Brittany Smith, gave a presentation on how to pass their next inspection with "flying colors" and have a preview of some upcoming NSPIRE-V changes!



Housing Choice Voucher Program held a table to provide information and recruit landlords at the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association. They shared the great benefits landlords gain in partnering with CMHA.





Congratulations! Ms. Ship completed the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program recently. This achievement marks a significant milestone in her journey toward financial stability and independence. Ms. Ship plans to save her escrow funds, accumulated through the program, for a future home purchase. A testament to her dedication to securing a brighter financial future.

CMHA is proud of Ms. Ship's accomplishment, recognizing the program as a great opportunity to achieve her personal and financial goals.

Read more about it through the FSS area on our website!

## Ms. Ship Completes FSS Program!



## FSS INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS HELD AT THE ENVISION CENTER AND ROC

 **MARCH 2025**

### Family Self Sufficiency Information Sessions

**FRI 7** **Winton Terrace Envision Center**  
4848 Winneste, Cincinnati, OH 45232

**WED 12** **City West - Rock Center Resource Opportunity Center**  
1202 Linn St, Cincinnati, OH 45203

**FRI 28** **Findlater Gardens Envision Center**  
595 Strand Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45232

 Join us to learn how the FSS program helps families achieve financial independence and build brighter futures!


**11 AM**

 **MORE INFO:** [hcvfss@cintimha.com](mailto:hcvfss@cintimha.com)

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program has held several informational sessions at the Envision Centers at Winton Terrace and Findlater, as well as Resource Centers at Maple Towers and City West. Their monthly informational session was a success at our downtown offices! Our community partner, AmeriHealth Caritas, shared important information about their \$750 housing assistance if residents are active on their plan. Residents can switch to this healthcare plan if on Medicaid. They also had a raffle (winner pictured on the right). Bagels were provided to attendees!

The virtual informational session is on on March 24th, and registration is required for the link. Spread the word!

# HCV REMINDS LANDLORDS OF NEW SMOKE DETECTOR RULES




**10 Year Tamper-Proof Alarm**  
NEVER REPLACE BATTERIES  
2-in-1 Smoke & Fire Alarm  
Removable Low-Battery Charge  
10 Year  
Universal  
Smoke & Fire Alarm


## New Smoke Detector Requirements

In Effect as of January 1, 2025

Units must include 10 year tamper free battery or hard-wired smoke detectors.

- One on each level
- Inside each bedroom
- Within 21 feet of any door to a bedroom measured along a path of travel (ie: hallways)
- *This is a 24 hour emergency fail if requirements are not met.*






**Attention Property Owners & Managers!**

- Inside HCV Processes
- RTA submissions
- Preview

**Free!**


Register for the next



**ASK THE EXPERT**

Presented by the Housing Choice Voucher Program

**April 23, 2025**




Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) Online Submissions

Computers  
Tablets  
Phones

RTA submissions are going digital! No more driving to the office or waiting for RTA Express. Online submission of the forms will begin soon. Submissions can be done on a phone, tablet or computer. Make plans to join us for sneak peek at how the new RTA Submission process will work.

Join us April 23, 2025 at 5:00pm.  
HCV Administrative Office—1635 Western Avenue

**Registration is requested!**  
Visit [www.cintimha.com/calendar](http://www.cintimha.com/calendar) to sign up or call (513) 977-5800



Check out the next Ask the Expert Night with HCV regarding Online RTAs coming soon. Also, don't forget about Landlord Orientation, Your Rental Connections, FSS informational sessions and so much more!

Remember to keep a lookout for the newsletter from our VP, Lisa Isham, which provides critical updates on all aspects of the Housing Choice Voucher program and any related Federal policy/changes.



# HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH CMHA AND CITY OF CINCINNATI

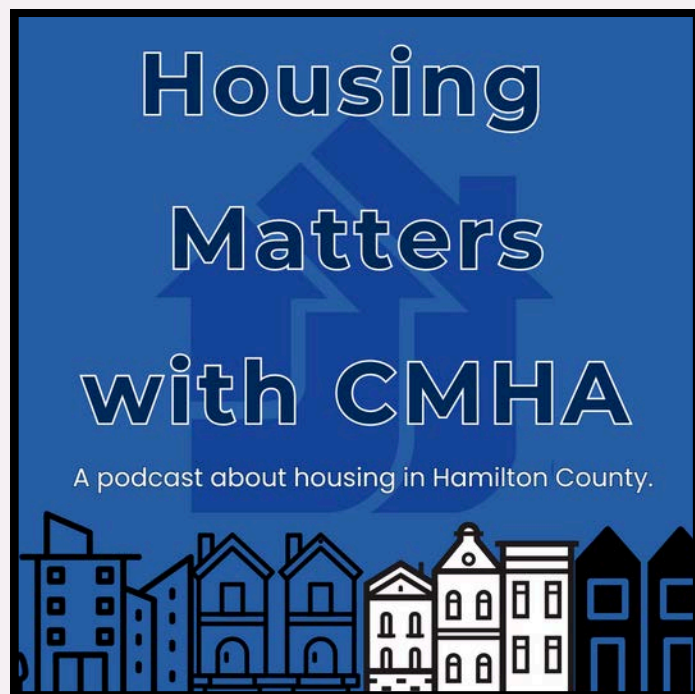


How to Do Business with CMHA and The City of Cincinnati Economic Inclusion Department teamed up to offer a sessions about how to work together.



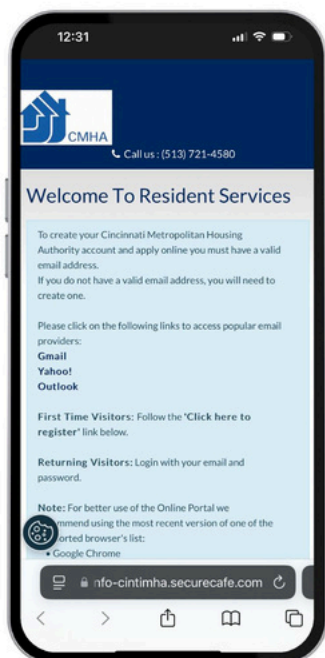
If you would like to learn more about how to do business with CMHA, visit our website at [\*\*https://cintimha.com/business-opportunities/\*\*](https://cintimha.com/business-opportunities/)

# Take a listen to our new episode on our podcast, Housing Matters with CMHA:



## Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority **Rent Café is Here!**

**You can get your personal Tenant Code from your Property Manager, if you are not signed up already!**



### **What does this mean for you?**

- A simpler way to pay your rent
- Faster ways in uploading documents for recertification
- An all-in-one system that allows you to see work orders placed, documentation required, and rent statements with CMHA

CMHA Asset Management/Public Housing is moving to Rent Cafe to better assist residents in paying rent, uploading documents for recertification, placing work orders, and much more.





# CMHA WILL BE ENFORCING NO SMOKING POLICY



Cincinnati Metropolitan  
Housing Authority

## Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority Smoking Policy



- CMHA's policy on smoking states that residents must smoke outdoors in designated areas **ONLY**.
- Per your lease agreement and HUD's rule all public housing buildings are smoke-free.
- Violating this rule could result in eviction.

CMHA and Touchstone Management Services Property Management is heavily enforcing the 'No Smoking Policy' instituted by HUD.

Due to Federal Regulations, there is a zero tolerance policy for smoking in the unit or away from the designated smoking areas in our communities. Please advise all residents that the 'No Smoking Policy' is a condition of their lease agreement and will result in a lease violation and potentially eviction.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: NON-PAYMENT OF RENT MAY CAUSE EVICTION

CMHA strongly encourages residents who are behind on their rent to contact property managers. Residents are being notified with 30-day notices and 3-day notices of eviction for non-payment of rent. CMHA is willing to work with you to agree on terms for a re-payment agreement. There are ways that residents can avoid eviction.

1. Residents: that if you lose your job or source of income, your rent can be decreased. You **MUST** see your Property Manager.
2. Residents: CMHA is willing to work with you on re-payment agreements, but you **MUST** meet with your Property Manager.
3. Residents may voluntarily move out of the unit to avoid eviction on their records.
4. Other assistance resources are available and can be found directly on our website at <https://cintimha.com/resources-for-resident-services/>

# FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

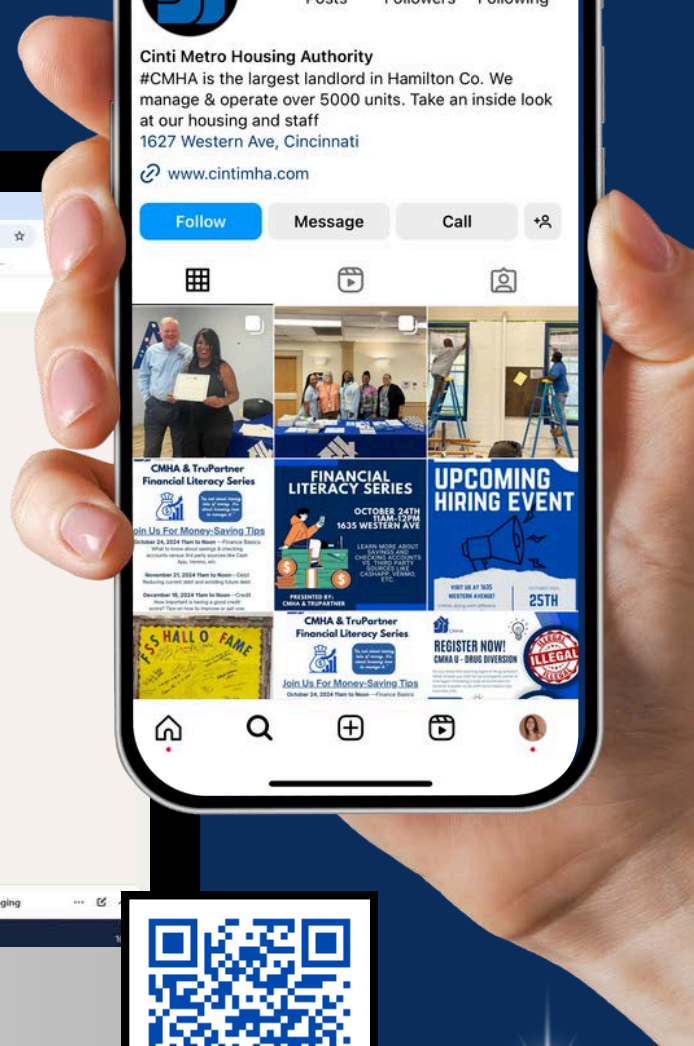
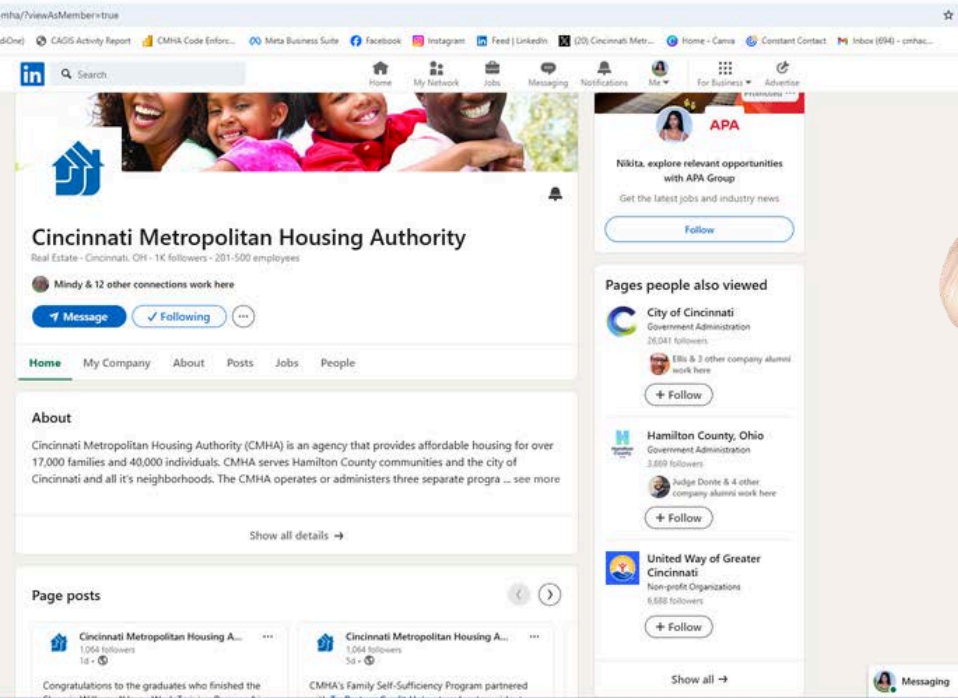


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