# RESIDENT SERVICES

# 'A NETWORK to OPPORTUNITIES'

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# INTRODUCTION

The Anniston Housing Authority's Resident Services connects residents throughout Anniston and Calhoun County with opportunities initiated by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.

The goal is to provide residents with resources to assist them in a journey of self-sufficiency, through programs such as the:

- . Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program
- Section 3 Program
- . **Employment Training Program**
- . Transportation Diversity Council (TDC)
- . Boys & Girls Club of East Central Alabama

# Learn about different activities and programs by:

- Visiting AHA's Facebook Page
- Reading AHA's Quarterly Newsletter, 'The Informer'
- . Reading your mail
- Reading flyers delivered to your apartments
- . Calling Resident Services 256-236-1575 ext. 123/135

# FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS)

The Anniston Housing Authority's FSS Program is:

- A program designed to assist eligible families in achieving economic independence through education and employment
- Is voluntary and a 5 (five) year program
- Eligible participants are Anniston Housing Authority (AHA) residents that are unemployed or underemployed, living in the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program or in Public Housing
- Participants works with a case manager to set goals that will lead to employment and self-sufficiency
- Once employed, the rent increase is credited into an escrow account for the participant and is given to the participant <u>only</u> upon completion of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program



- ↑ The Anniston Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program is in its 6th (sixth) year
- ♦ AHA FSS Program graduated 1 (one) participant. She received a check for over \$3,000.00.
- ♦ For more information on the FSS Program and to see how you can become a participant, call...
- ♦ Sharon Dunson
   Resident Initiative Coordinator
   FSS Coordinator
   256-236-1575 ext. 135



# **Resident/Executive Council**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Resident Council of the Anniston Housing Authority is to bring empowerment to ou communities by using effective communication with the housing authority on issues that affect ou everyday lives such as safety, employment opportunities and housing programs.

### **Resident Council**

- Duly elected esidents fom each community
- Must be 18 yeas or older
- Gives residents a voice in their community
- Residents gather for community meetings to discuss problems or economic opportunities fo their communities

### **Executive Council**

- Volunteers under the AHA's Resident Services Assistant
- Is made up of Resident Leaders from each housing community
- Meets monthly with the housing authority's staff
- Meetings:
  - · 2nd Thursday of each month
  - 3:00 p.m.
  - Resident Services Building 500 Glen Addie Ave.
     Anniston, AL 36201

# **Youth Programs**

# **GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



# **Charles A. Hamilton Club**

(Norwood Community) 420 W 29th Street Anniston, AL 36201 256-236-1164

# Shirley A. Hill Club

(Constantine Homes Community)
316 Elm Street
Anniston, AL 36201
256-831-6264

# For Youth 6 to 18 Years

2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed holidays)

### **Activities**

- Project Learn a Boys & Girls Clubs of America design to improve grades
- Homework Assistant/Tutoring provided daily by staff and volunteers
- Smart Moves teaches how to recognize and resist media influences and peer pressures
- Torch Club designed to help establish positive personal and career goals
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) is a reading appreaciation and comprehension program

# **AHA'S SAFETY PROGRAM**

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

911 to report all incidents and emergencies to the Anniston Police Department

Clarence Copeland – Resident Safety Manager 256-403-2782

### **Community oriented Policing Services (COP's)**

Off duty Anniston Police Officers hired by housing authority

### **Photo ID Card**

Identification Card for all residents 13 years and older living on Anniston Housing Authority's properties

### **Vehicle Decal**

All residents, vehicles parked on Anniston Housing Authority's properties must have a housing authority Vehicle Decal

Resident may also get a decal for their visitors

### **AHA Curfew Policy**

Residents and nonresidents are not allowed in the common areas on housing property during the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

These areas include: Basketball courts, parking lots, standing between buildings and housing authority playgrounds

## AHA Employment Training Program

The Employment Training Program is a section of AHA's Section 3 program that assists participants in selecting a career interest to pursue.

### The courses are:

- Basic Plumbing
- Basic Electricity
- Basic Carpentry
- Appliance Repair
- Heating / Cooling
- Dry Wall/Paint

Section 3 is about helping paticipants with job training.



# AHA SECTION 3 PROGRAM

AHA Section 3 Program is designed to assist participants with career choices.

Since its beginning in 2013, the Anniston Housing Authority has...

- Selected a Program Coordinating Committee from different agencies throughout Calhoun County, AHA Resident Council and AHA Staff to look at barriers to employment
- Provided participants with GED and Computer Classes
- Held quarterly Section 3 Workshops
- Held annual Job Fairs
- Hired 7 (seven) residents for employment
- Added the Employment Training Program



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# AHA Section 3 Program



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### SECTION 3

## What is Section 3

Section 3 is a provision of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968 that helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual selfsufficiency. The Section 3 program requires that recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent feasible, provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for low or very low-income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods.

### Section 3 Promotes Self-Sufficiency

Section 3 is a starting point to obtain job training, employment and contracting opportunities. From this integral foundation, coupled with other resources, comes the opportunity for economic advancement and selfsufficiency.

- Federal, state and local programs
- Advocacy groups
- Community and faith-based organizations

### Who are Section 3 Residents?

Section 3 residents are:

- Public housing residents or
- Persons who live in the area where a HUD-assisted project is located and who have a household income that falls below HUD's income limits

### FY 2020 Income Limit

- Very Low (50%) Income Limit for a Family of...
   1-\$21,250 4-\$30,300 8-\$40,000
- Externely Low Income Limit for a Family of... 1-\$12,760 4-\$26,200 8-\$40,000

What is a Section 3 business & what types of economic opportunities are available under Section 3?

- A business that is 51% or more owned by a Section 3 resident
- Types of opportunities include: job training, employment and contracts

### **Examples of Opportunities include:**

Accounting Machine Operation Architecture Manufacturing Appliance repair Marketing Bookkeeping **Painting** Bricklaying Payroll Photography Carpentry Plastering Carpet Installation Plumbling Catering Printing Purchasing Cement/Masonry Research Computer/Information Demolition Surveying Drywall Tile setting Transportation Electrical **Elevator Construction** Engineering Word Processing Fencing Florists Heating Iron Works

**Janitorial** 

Landscaping

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