

Participation in the Housing Plus Program entitles you and members of your household to all types of FREE services including:

Money: Could you use extra money – tax free? Housing Plus will create a savings account for you and start saving for you when your income from employment increases.

Personal Counseling: Participants in the Housing Plus Program will get one-on-one counseling from a certified Workforce Specialist toward your short-term and long-term goals. Other services include: resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search techniques.

Career Planning: Our Workforce Specialists will help you develop a training plan to meet your career goals – whether it is getting a GED or High School Diploma, enhancing your computer skills, or earning a college degree.

Homeownership: Housing Plus can give you the counseling you need to buy that first home and qualify for your first mortgage.



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Individuals with disabilities may contact SAHA at (714) 667-2200 to request a reasonable accommodation



The Housing Plus Program is a life-changing opportunity.

This free opportunity provides you with access to one-on-one counseling from trained and certified specialists who will guide you through your own personal journey to achieve your professional goals.

LET'S BE HONEST, this is a WIN-WIN for you. If you get a higher-paying job or a raise after you join, and your housing assistance decreases, the Santa Ana Housing Authority will put money into a savings account for you. But if you're not on this program, you miss out on the free savings account, the free career counseling, and various other life-changing benefits.

We want you to have your own home. We want you to obtain a job where you are happy and fulfilled. And we want to work with you toward your financial and lifelong goals to become independent of our housing assistance.

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Using our Assistance as a Platform for Families to Attain Self-Sufficiency and Independence



What is the Housing Plus Program?

The Housing Plus Program is a voluntary program for Housing Choice Voucher Program participants. This program will provide you with support to get a new job, a promotion at work, earn a college Degree/certificate, or even purchase your own home.

Who can join Housing Plus?

The program is only available for **current** participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program

What kind of services does Housing Plus offer?

- Free referrals and/or information to various supportive service, employment and vocational training programs
- Monthly updates and information on job fairs, job openings, and/or certified training programs
- An Individual Training and Services Plan customized and tailored just for you
- Regular, on-going follow-up to support your goals and objectives; and
- Financial education, literacy, and overall empowerment coaching

How does the Housing Plus Program work?

Participants who join the Housing Plus program agree to sign a voluntary 5-Year Contract of Participation. This Contract contains an individual plan customized and developed by the head of household with the assistance of a Workforce Specialist. The individual plan establishes specific short-term and long-term goals by which the Workforce Specialist and the family can measure the family's progress.

After you join the Program, SAHA will create a savings account for you when you have an increase in earned income. The amount of money we deposit into your savings account will depend on your earned income from the time you sign your 5-Year Contract of Participation. In general, as Housing Plus participants reach their goals, their earned income increases. And the more money you earn, the more money we put into your account. Most of all, the money earned in your savings account, plus interest, will be yours to keep after you achieve your goals during your 5-Year Contract of Participation.

Do I have to give up my Voucher when I complete all of my goals under my 5-Year Contract?

While ideally some Housing Plus participants graduate and leave the Housing Choice Voucher Program, you may continue to receive rental assistance from SAHA as long as you are still eligible.

What makes the Housing Plus Program different?

Choice: It is voluntary. You are free to change your own goals based on your current circumstances for you and your family. How well and how quickly you succeed depends on you and your willingness to work toward your goals.

Personal Attention: A Workforce Specialist will work tirelessly on your behalf - helping you to reach your goals one step at a time and encouraging you to reach your next level of personal self-sufficiency.

Respect: Our Workforce Specialists will always respect your ideas, choices, and lifestyle, and help you to make your dreams come true.

Personal Gain: This is the only program you will find that will create a savings account for you while you are working toward your goals. There is so much for you to gain from joining this voluntary program; it is a Win-Win for you.