

make your **GOOD MOVE**

YOUR OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD

We've helped more than a thousand qualified families with a voucher to rent a house or apartment in selected areas of the Baltimore metropolitan region where poverty, minority households, and assisted housing are not concentrated. Their new neighborhoods have provided them with better educational, work, transportation, and recreational opportunities.

For more information on how you can move to an opportunity neighborhood:

SPECIAL MOBILITY HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

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MOVE TO AN OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD

YOU'RE PROBABLY LOOKING for a safer neighborhood with better schools, and access to employment and transportation. The Special Mobility Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program could be the break you're looking for.

OUR GOAL IS TO HELP eligible families locate safe and affordable rental housing in parts of Baltimore City and six surrounding counties – Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard and Queen Anne's.

Metropolitan Baltimore Quadel (MBQ) can help you achieve your goals.

the Special Mobility **HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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“This program is one of the best things that ever happened to my family. I am less stressed about financial issues and can finish college. We love the beautiful, quiet neighborhood and the school system. We could not be happier. It was a blessing and I appreciate the help!”

-MBQ PROGRAM PARTICIPANT



An Affordable Housing Program Administered by:
Metropolitan Baltimore Quadel (MBQ)





WHAT'S THE CATCH?

It's not easy to move to a new community, but nothing worthwhile ever is.

At MBQ we help prepare families who are ready to make a change and want to experience new opportunities. Through group workshops and one-on-one counseling sessions, you and your housing counselor will develop a plan and set goals that will help turn your dreams into realities.

Families who are eligible for the Special Mobility Housing Choice Voucher Program are current or former residents of public housing in Baltimore City or those who were on the HABC waiting list before August 1, 2002. These families receive training and counseling from a professional housing counselor who supports them during every step of the process of moving.

HOW WE HELP

The MBQ housing counselor will:

- ◆ Help you assess your needs in terms of neighborhoods and housing
- ◆ Assist you with the housing search
- ◆ Serve as your advocate
- ◆ Introduce your family to prospective owners
- ◆ Escort you to available rental units

Readiness Workshops: Our goal is to help your family succeed in your new opportunity neighborhood experience.

The Readiness Workshops will give you vital information and resources that empower you to make good choices about where to live, whom to rent from, and how to be a good tenant – the type of tenant that landlords value. Some of the workshop topics include:

- ◆ How to repair your credit standing
- ◆ Questions to ask prospective owners
- ◆ Your rights regarding security deposits and interest
- ◆ What to do if you're denied housing based on your race or because you have children
- ◆ How to develop and follow a monthly budget
- ◆ What provisions to look for and avoid in a lease

SOME OF OUR SERVICES

The professional housing counselors and support staff at MBQ offer a full complement of mobility counseling services to help families before, during and after their move. A comprehensive assessment of each family's needs are evaluated to determine what services may be needed. Some of the typical services offered by MBQ include:

- ◆ A free copy of your credit report and credit repair guidance
- ◆ Community tours and information about location options
- ◆ Housing search assistance
- ◆ Security deposit assistance
- ◆ Regular meetings and follow-up with your housing counselor
- ◆ Transportation assistance, including help with gaining access to public and private transportation options
- ◆ Help to navigate and take advantage of new schools, neighborhoods and opportunities

THE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Success helps generate more success. Some of the families in the Special Mobility Housing Choice Voucher Program have moved from renting to owning their homes with the assistance of the Homeownership Program.

The Homeownership Program is available to former residents of public housing in Baltimore City and may be helpful in making the dream of homeownership a reality. Participants in the Homeownership Program attend a series of pre-purchase counseling workshops and learn about the benefits and responsibilities of being a homeowner. For those who qualify, down payment assistance and monthly mortgage assistance payments may be available.



“I have recommended MBQ to everyone who would listen! This is the best housing program I've ever experienced. When I have any concerns about the smallest thing, my housing counselor is right on it. I appreciate her and all the effort she puts into making my transition go so smoothly.”

-MBQ PROGRAM PARTICIPANT