

**The Housing Authority of the County of Cook  
COMMUNITY CHOICE HOUSING PROGRAM  
Enrollment Agreement**

This agreement is between HACC., and \_\_\_\_\_, head of household of the participating family, (hereinafter referred to as Family).

The Family has accepted Housing Agency's offer of services to assist the Family to search and successfully lease rental housing in an "Opportunity Neighborhood". This agreement explains the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

**Definitions**

"Opportunity Neighborhoods" are community areas that have been identified as the better performing communities in suburban Cook County based on characteristics including: poverty rate, racial diversity, frequency of violent crimes, the success of education (based on drop-out rates and test scores), the presence of businesses, employment rate and other quality of life features. Moves to "Opportunity Neighborhoods" are encouraged because they generally offer a good quality of life based on this criterion and because socio-economic diversity results in healthier communities.

**Term of Agreement**

This agreement shall be effective on:

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

And terminate on:

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Housing Agency may extend the term of this agreement provided that the Family has shown progress in its preparation and search for housing in Opportunity Neighborhoods.

**Family Responsibilities**

As a participant in the Community Choice Housing Program, the Family must:

- Actively search for housing in Opportunity Neighborhoods;
- Permit Housing Agency to obtain a credit report for the family, for counseling purposes;
- Allow your assigned Housing Counselor access to your current unit for in-home appointments;
- Attend two mandatory workshops: *Tenant and Landlord Rights and Responsibilities*, and *Managing the Family Income*. Attend additional workshops recommended by the Housing counselor;
- Cooperate with the Housing Counselor assigned to the Family by responding to telephone inquiries, keeping appointments, giving at least 24 hours if unable to meet commitments and update them about any changes in phone # or address;\_
- Make every effort to resolve or work toward resolving any outstanding credit problems, utility debts, current or prior landlord issues, or other concerns that the Housing Counselor feels may be a barrier to a successful move;
- Comply with all Housing Choice Voucher Program rules and regulations, including Family Obligations;
- Provide a new telephone number within thirty (30) days of moving to an Opportunity Neighborhood, and permit a Housing Counselor to make a Welcome Home Visit within thirty (30) of moving to an Opportunity Neighborhood;
- Actively participate in discussions and/or meetings with Housing Counselor for up to one (1) year following move to Opportunity Neighborhood.

**Housing Agency's Responsibilities:**

- Provide information about Opportunity Neighborhoods (including location, housing market, services, and other descriptive information) so the Family is able to make an informed choice about their housing selection;



