

Resources that can help you locate, move into, and maintain permanent living

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Fairfield Affordable Housing, Inc.

111 South Broad Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-652-9285
Housing opportunities for seniors ages 55 and over and persons with MRDD.

Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (FMHA)

315 North Columbus Street, Suite 200
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-653-6618
TTY & Ohio Relay Callers: 740-653-2653
www.fairfieldmha.org
Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The **Housing Choice Voucher Program** uses Federal funds to provide rental assistance to low income families and individuals. Section 8 participants who are income eligible find private rental housing which fits their needs and which meet certain requirements. The Housing Authority pays a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) directly to the owner towards the monthly rent and the family pays the rest of the cost of rent and, if eligible, utilities. The amount of HAP is determined by the size of the unit, utilities, size of the family, and their monthly income.

The **Public Housing Program** was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for low-income families. The single family, three-bedroom houses and duplex units are located in six Lancaster neighborhoods. Eligible families are screened and take classes that enable them to be responsible tenants. The family pays rent based on their gross income. To be eligible for participation, an applicant must meet HUD's criteria as well as any permissible additional criteria established by the Housing Authority.

FMHA offers all Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) holders and Public Housing residents the opportunity to participate in the **Family Self-Sufficiency Program** (FSS). A 5 yr contract is established between the family and FMHA to determine goals and services needed to achieve these goals. An interest bearing escrow account is established by each qualifying family or participant.

The **Homeownership Program** gives qualified families the option to use their HCV subsidy toward a mortgage rather than renting. By working with other area agencies and local mortgage lenders, FMHA makes it possible for participants to move from rental housing into affordable homes.

The **Housing Counseling Program** offers advice and information to families and individuals interested in homeownership training and purchase counseling. Our program helps clients understand the home-buying process, find solutions to being behind on mortgage or rent, work with lender to save homes from foreclosure or work with landlords to prevent eviction.

Fairhaven Place (Permanent Housing Program)

Lutheran Social Services

1681 East Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-653-2265
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Fairhaven Place is a program that provides permanent housing and case management for 17 low income homeless adult men and women who have a section 8 voucher from Metro upon move-in. Individuals must apply and be accepted into the program and be willing to work on goals to gain self-sufficiency.

Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County

3476 Cincinnati-Zanesville Road, NE

PO Box 2392

Lancaster, OH 43130

740-654-3434

Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County is a nonprofit, Christian ministry dedicated to helping qualified families obtain a home of their own and to make adequate, affordable housing a matter of conscience and action. Families that apply must demonstrate need, ability to pay and the willingness to partner with Habitat. Through volunteer labor, donations and the help of the family, Habitat builds affordable houses. These houses are sold to the family at cost, no profit and a no interest loan.

New Horizon Youth and Adult Center

1952 Granville Pike

Lancaster, OH 43130

687-0835

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

New Horizon provides comprehensive mental health care for children and adults in the form of counseling, psychiatric/psychological evaluations, and emergency services. Transitional and permanent housing is also available for individuals with serious mental health disabilities.

Our Place

1663 E. Main Street

Lancaster, OH 43130

740-654-0477

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Daytime drop-in center for individuals dealing with mental health issues. Programming, group meetings, and breakfast and lunch available for clients. Housing also available for mental health clients; must be income eligible.