

We Need You! Become a Section 811 Program Referral Agent Today!

WHAT IS THE SECTION 811 PROGRAM?

The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program designed to expand the supply of permanent supportive housing for extremely low-income people with disabilities.

The Section 811 Program makes available integrated affordable housing and support services for persons with disabilities through a partnership between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). TDHCA provides project-based rental assistance to make the rents affordable to extremely low-income households and HHSC makes available support services that can be accessed on a voluntary basis.

This is an exciting opportunity to become involved with an innovative program and to help people with disabilities move into their own apartments.

WHAT IS A REFERRAL AGENT?

A Referral Agent assists eligible persons with disabilities to apply to the PRA Program.

WHAT DOES A REFERRAL AGENT DO?

A Referral Agent will work with interested and qualified applicants to:

- Identify people with disabilities interested in the Section 811 Program;
- Review program criteria to help interested applicants see if they are likely to be eligible;
- Apply for the program;
- Collect necessary paperwork;
- Choose an apartment; and
- Help eligible tenants develop a supportive services plan and identify a Service Coordinator for on-going assistance.

Most Referral Agents already work as case managers, service coordinators or in other similar positions. Referral Agents can refer their own clients to these affordable housing opportunities.

HOW DO I BECOME QUALIFIED?

Referral Agents must become qualified in order to make referrals to the PRA Program. To find out how you can become qualified, contact TDHCA Section 811 Staff: bill.cranor@tdhca.state.tx.us

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

You can find more information about the PRA Program and becoming a qualified Referral Agent at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/section-811-pra/index.htm>.

