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Child abuse Awareness Month



April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Texas and the nation. There are 61 Children Advocacy Centers (CACs) across Texas that tackle the difficult task of fighting child abuse by partnering with law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health experts and victims' advocates.



How to Help

Child abuse is a crime of secrecy which breeds within our communities because its difficult to talk about. Adults must be courageous to discuss this issue openly.

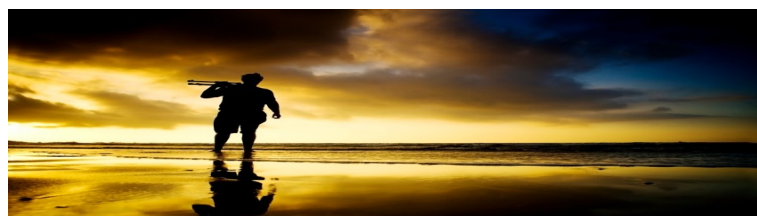
Report Suspected Abuse

**Call 1-800-252-5400 or
9-1-1**

- ◆ Last year, alone, more than 58,600 Texas children were victims of child abuse or neglect
- ◆ 60% of child abuse or neglect victims were 6 years old or younger
- ◆ Last year in Texas a total of 48,795 children were in the child protection system

Our Mission Statement:

The Housing Authority's mission is to service the housing needs of low-income families in the Authority's jurisdiction in order to enhance self-sufficiency and promote community quality of life and economic viability.





Exterminations:

20—E.W. Williams/Office

23—Vogel

25—Deegan/Riviera

Current RAB Members:

Mary Garcia

Kathleen Ritz

Lester Crenshaw

Phyllis Rister



April Events



- ◆ 1—Rent Due!
- ◆ 5—Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge (if the 5th is on a weekend or holiday, rent is due on 1st business day after weekend or holiday)
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Every Tuesday-Jazz Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress, 8:30pm-10pm. Free
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ April 1—Happy Easter
- ◆ April 17-Tax Deadline
- ◆ Amerigroup Medicaid/Medicare Presentation at Deegan at 2:00p.m
- ◆ 25 -Administrative Professional Day

What is RAB?

RAB stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing and residents from Section 8. These residents reflect and represent the residents assisted by the Abilene Housing Authority. The role of this board is to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the PHA plan and any significant amendment or modifications to the PHA Plan. We

want YOUR Input!

Call Tanya —676-6032



Resident Council

This is a council consisting of only residents from public housing. Unlike RAB, Resident Council is a tenant association geared towards the revitalization of public housing. The Resident Council exists to make public housing better. With a Resident Council, people can come together and get things done, get things changed!

Now, we all know that there are some things that cannot be changed. However, we are dedicated to making changes that will bring improvement.

Interested?

Call Tanya —676-6032

Participation in RAB and/or Resident Council

counts toward Community Service Hours



April is Fair Housing Month



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On April 11, 1968 President Johnson signed the landmark Fair Housing Act into law prohibiting discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status or disability. This year's Fair Housing Month Theme: "Fair Housing Equals Opportunity" Equality in housing provides the foundation upon which aspirations can be achieved and lives can be built. Just when you might

think or hope that housing discrimination is a thing of the past, we're reminded it's still very much part of society today. Fair housing month is a time for HUD (and all of us) to cast a spotlight on a persistent problem that exists in this country as individuals and families continue to face both blatant and subtle forms of housing discrimination.



In order to change we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.
Author Unknown

Renter's Insurance

As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing renter's insurance.

- ◆ Renter's insurance is a form of insurance that covers a policyholder's belongings against perils such as fire, theft, windstorm, hail, explosion, vandalism, riots, and oth-

ers. It also provides personal liability coverage for damage the policyholder or dependents cause to third parties. It also provides additional living expenses, known as loss-of-use coverage, if a policy holder must

move while his or her dwelling is repaired. It also can include coverage for property improvements. Possessions can be covered for their replacement cost or the actual cash value that includes depreciation. (Insurance Information Institute)

Additional information is available in the PH Office Lobby!

Manager's Corner

TENANT CHARGES FOR DOOR PROJECT

A project to replace damaged doors throughout Public Housing units was completed for our REAC inspection. Please note that Management is in the process of issuing a notice of charges to residents who had doors replaced due to "tenant abuse".

The normal item identified as "tenant abuse" is holes in doors. These charges are based on the "schedule of charges" attached to your lease.





SAVE THE DATE

Saturday June 9, 2018

Public Housing Strong Families Day Event

(formerly Annual Father's Day Event)

Saturday June 9, 2018

11:00 to 3:30 p.m at our Vogel Site 2100 Vogel St.



Come celebrate mothers, fathers as well as other role models who are involved in the lives of Public Housing children and families. We appreciate all the positive role models in children's lives.

We will have food, drinks, music, bounce houses and other games. We will also have representatives from various agencies providing information for community resources.

*Also this year we will have hourly drawings for prizes such as gift certificates from local restaurants, stores and other local businesses. **MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!!***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!



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**RELAY SERVICES 711
OR 1-800- RELAY
TEXAS**



Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday,
8:00am-5:00pm**

**Closed from
12:00pm-1:00pm
for lunch**

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Chief Executive Officer—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Amy Pugh

Assistant Housing Manager—Jennie Davila

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor I—Veronica Berube

Crew Chief—Jason Moore

Maintenance—Onecimo (Mo), Forrest, and Earl

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