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Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority

# Noter Intermediate May 2023

# Where can I get a registration form? **Registration Deadlines?**

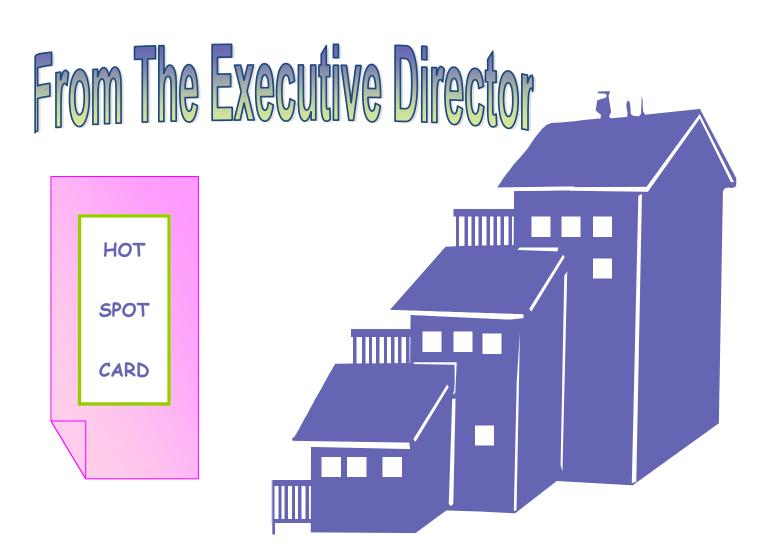


To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia a person must:

- Be a resident of Virginia (A person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes);
- Be a U. S. Citizen;
- Be 18 years old (Any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next election shall be permitted to register in advance and also vote in any intervening primary or special election;
- Does not claim the right to vote in any other State;
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law;
- If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored.

Persons eligible to register can obtain a registration application at any of the following locations:

- Local voter registration office: Newport News City Hall-2400 Washington Avenue-6th Floor-Newport News, Virginia 23607. Telephone number: 757.926.8683
- Online: www.nngov.com/voter-registrar.
- State or local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;
- Government offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to person with disabilities;
- Armed forces recruitment offices;
- Public Libraries: Pearl Bailey-2510 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607 Grissom-366 DeShazor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608 West Avenue-2907 West Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607 Main Street-110 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
- State Board of Elections office;
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices;
- Voter Registration Drives.





Karen R. Wilds Executive Director

You can resolve to make your neighborhood a safer place. A Hot Spot Card with a pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed in each newsletter this month. If you know about any past criminal, any potential violence or any activity you suspect is illegal anywhere in our City, please use this card. It is completely anonymous. It can be dropped off at your rental office or mailed.

If you would like to talk to someone about any concerns you have, you can call NNRHA Safety and Security Officer at (757) 928-2660.

# THE FAMILY INVESTMENT CENTER HAS MOVED FROM RIDLEY TO MARSHALL COURTS RECREATION CENTER

## FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Family Investment Center offers free training in the following courses:

- CNA;
- Self-Paced Typing;
- Employability Skills Workshops;
- Resume and Interviewing Prep;
- Job Lead Assistance;
- Homeownership.

Call 757-928-3680 if you have questions

#### PROGRAMA LIBRE DE INSTRUCCION

Centro de Trabajo Para la Familia ofierte los Cursos que sigue:

- Mecanografia;
- · Habilidades de obrero;
- Ayuda consu resumen y su entrevista;
- Como se encuentra trabajo;
- · Como encontrar y poseer una casa.

Centro de Trabajo Para La Familia

Lunes - Viernes 8 de le mana - 4:40 de la tarde

> 757.928.3680 ingles 757.928.6146 espanol

## Same great training opportunities... come to

## our new location.

### **The Family Investment Center**

#### ~ NEW LOCATION ~

Marshall Courts Recreation Center 3301 Marshall Avenue•Newport News, VA Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm



#### **REAC INSPECTIONS – COVID UPDATES AND INFORMATION**



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development initiated a Return to Inspection Operations in the June 2021. The Department worked closely with CDC and stakeholders to develop and implement a flexible protocol with controls and parameters in place to adjust and respond to COVID-19 related constraints. The protocols include a 28-day notification period to property management before an inspection to provide more preparation time. Residents may opt out of having their unit inspected and an alternate unit will be selected. Additional details are provided below.

## As a RESIDENT, what can I do if I have concerns with COVID-19 and have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- Residents should communicate any health or related concerns to their property representative. The inspector will work with the property representative to select alternate units.
- The inspector and property representative will practice safe distancing and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) consistent with detailed HUD safety protocols informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) most recent guidance.
- Residents who are home may elect to leave or stay in the unit during the inspection in alignment with their preference.
- ✓ Please review HUD's "Residents Rights and Responsibilities" flyer on inspections for further information. https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC\_12162.PDF

As a PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE, what can I do if my property has COVID-19 related cases and I have been notified of an upcoming REAC inspection?

- ✓ You may communicate COVID related concerns at the 28, 14, and 2-day notification intervals established in the 2021-01 Inspector Notice. Ideally, concerns are addressed ahead of the inspection date via these checkpoints.
- ✓ If you have any additional questions, please coordinate with your inspector or you may reach out to HUD's Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at 888-245-4860.
- ✓ PHAs/Owners & Agents may reference the REAC Inspector Notice No. 2020-01 for additional detail: <u>https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/COVID19InspectorProtocolNotice2021-01.pdf</u>



#### **REAC Inspection Postponement/Adjustment Process**

REAC works with properties and inspectors to analyze postponement requests on a case-by-case basis as outlined below. The process emphasizes flexibility and balances the risks of COVID against the risk of not conducting inspections. HUD factors in items such as available alternate units, local conditions, property elements, property designation status, etc. when adjusting inspection dates. As may be needed throughout the process, please contact the TAC and REAC will help facilitate any needed changes factoring relevant concerns of all parties involved. Core steps include:

<u>Step 1</u> The inspector will reach out to the property to provide date options for the upcoming inspections. Once the date is set, the inspector issues the 28-day notification to the property.

<u>Step 2:</u> At the 14- or 2-day protocol-based check-ins, COVID concerns should be discussed so that the date is maintained or adjusted as needed. REAC will work with the property and inspector as needed to help frame out schedule adjustments. <u>Step 3:</u> As part of the evaluation process, REAC will coordinate with MF/PH leadership to ensure it evaluates all relevant factors.

<u>Step 4</u>: On the day of the inspection, the inspector is required to report to the TAC the relevant COVID cases.

<u>Step 5</u>: TAC reviews the number of COVID related cases and documents units/bldgs. impacted and coordinates with the property and inspector if additional discussions are warranted.

Additional REAC Information may be found at: <u>https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/public\_indian\_housing/reac</u>



## BECOME A HOMEOWNER WITH AMERICA'S BEST MORTGAGE

- No Down payment
- No Closing Costs
- No Fees
- Below Market Fixed Rate
- No Perfect Credit Needed

# FREE HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

#### Take the First Step towards Homeownership

#### NEXT NACA WORKSHOP:

SATURDAY, JULY 08, 2023 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Brittingham-Midtown Community Center 570 McLawhorne Drive Newport News, VA 23601

#### TO SIGN UP, GO TO: WWW.NACA.COM OR CALL TOLL FREE: 425-602-6222

For complete information visit: <u>www.NACA.com</u>

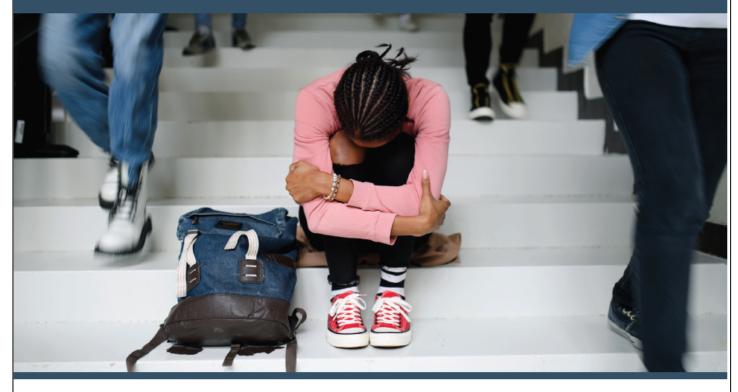
Visit <u>www.naca.com</u> for state specific licensing information NMLS #4082 (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org)

NACA, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, is a national non-profit community homeownership and community advocacy organization. NACA provides the Best Mortgage in America with over 13 Billion committed by Bank of America and CitiMortgage to this incredible mortgage. NACA's housing subsidiary NSC, is the largest HUD certified organization providing about 25% of the total counseling in the country.



## Youth Suicide: Risk and Prevention Conference

Bringing Support, Care, and Hope to Our Children



## May 4 & 5, 2023

#### Hybrid Conference Event

In-person Community Track – May 4 Virtual Clinical Track – May 5

For more information and to register, visit <u>CHKD.org/CME</u>.

#### **CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

Youth mental health continues to be in crisis with the suicide rate among children 10 and older continuing to climb since 2007. The stakes of untreated mental health symptoms for children and adolescents are exceptionally high and can have devastating and long-lasting consequences in a child's life. Mental healthcare training, screening, evaluation, and treatment programs must be strengthened and made a priority for all systems of healthcare.

National and local mental health experts will gather to discuss the importance for all mental health providers and community agencies to promote firearm and medication safety, address mental health in youth sports, and understand the substance use crisis and treatment options. In addition, participants will learn about cannabis use for self-medication and steps to address the stigma of mental health in and out of the clinic.

In partnership with







The Sarah Michelle Peterson Foundation





Newport News Shipbuilding

We Build More than Great Ships I We Build Careers

## EEO I Military Spouses I Veteran I Disabled I U.S. Citizenship Required

Newport News Shipbuilding is partnering with the Virginia Ship Repair Association and several local community colleges to offer **eight course-to-hire Marine Trainee** programs for individuals interested in full-time trades careers with NNS. These 2-3 week courses equip individuals with the skills necessary to begin a trades career at Newport News Shipbuilding.

#### BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years or age or older
- U.S. Citizen
- Ability to work any shift
- · Pass a background check, drug screen, and physical
- Pay a reimbursable \$250 to school prior to training

#### FITTER

Often called the "carpenters" of shipbuilding, or "Artists of Steel." They measure, cut, grind, fit, align, and tack weld parts to the structural body of the ship.

Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Camp Community College.

#### WELDER

Use a wide range of filler metals and welding processes to perform structural and pipe welds in all phases of production on aircraft carriers and submarines.

Thomas Nelson Community College, Tidewater Community College, and Camp Community College.

#### SHEET METAL WORKER

Responsible for fabricating and assembling a variety of components onboard ships such as ventilation, joiner bulkheads, framing, furniture, cabinetry, lockers and foundations. Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

**COURSES:** 

ALL

- Occurs Monthly
- Monday-Friday 7 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- 90% hands-on instruction
- Resulting in a full-time job with NNS upon graduating!

Starting Pay

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#### MARINE COATINGS

Perform solvent, hand tool and power tool cleaning. They apply paint using various brushes and rollers to the standards required in a marine environment.

Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

#### PIPEFITTER

Responsible for installing complex systems together on the ship and in the shop. More than 230 miles of pipe are installed on an aircraft carrier.

Trainee program offered at Tidewater Community College.

#### **OUTSIDE MACHINIST**

Responsible for the installation, repair and overhaul of naval ship's mechanical components and systems.

Trainee program offered at Camp Community College

Camp Community College.

#### Apply at: buildyourcareer.com

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Tenant's Name:			
Complex Name:			
Address/Apt. #:			
Telephone #:			
The Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is required by law to provide special services, transfers or modifications to apartments, buildings or grounds to meet the needs of tenants with disabilities. These are called reasonable accommodations. NNRHA may require documentation to support a claim for a reasonable accommodation. The information supplied will be kept confidential pursuant to law. NNRHA will work with you to determine how to fulfill your request.			
Tenant's Signature		Date	
<ul> <li>No one in my household has a dia (I do not need to complete the res</li> <li>I am not requesting NNRHA to pr</li> </ul>	st of this form)	n at this time.	
The following person (s) in my househol commodations below:	d has/have a disability a	and need one or more	e of the reasonable ac-
Uses a wheelchair		Uses a walker	
Vision impaired		Hearing impaired	
Grab bars		Audio visual smoke	
Door bell light signaler		Alarm	
Other accommodations, please e	xplain:		

## What You Need To Know About Section 3

#### Section 3 Act

Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u)(as amended), requires that economic opportunities generated by certain HUD financial assistance for housing (including Public and Indian Housing) and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be given to low and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing, and to businesses that provide economic opportunities for these persons.

#### Who Are Section 3 Residents?

Other HUD programs covered by Section 3 (to distinguish between HUD Public and Indian housing programs) are those that provide housing or community development assistance for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, or other public construction project.

Public housing residents including persons with disabilities.

Low and very low income persons who live in the area where a HUD assisted project is located.

#### What is a Section 3 Business?

A Section 3 business is one:

That is owned by Section 3 residents; Employs Section 3 residents or; Subcontracts with businesses that provide opportunities to low and very low income persons. ▶ What types of Economic Opportunities are available under Section 3?

- Jobs and Employment opportunities
- Training and Educational opportunities
- Contracts and Business opportunities

Who will provide the Economic Opportunities?

• Recipients of HUD financial assistance and their contractors and subcontractors are expected to develop a Section 3 Plan to assure that economic opportunities to the greatest extent feasible, are provided to low and very low-income persons and to qualified Section 3 businesses. One element of that Plan is the use of a Section 3 clause which indicates that all work performed under the contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3.

Who receives Economic Opportunities under Section 3?

#### For training and employment:

- persons in public and assisted housing;
- persons in the affected project neighborhood;
- participants in HUD Youth-build programs;
- homeless persons.

#### For contracting:

- businesses which fit the definition of a Section 3 business.
- How can individuals and businesses find out more about Section 3?

#### For contracting opportunities contact:

The Office of Human Affairs Representative: Emmagene Slade 392 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 37 Newport News, VA 23607 Phone: 757-247-6747 Fax: 757-380-1269

For training and employment opportunities contact: Representative: LaSandra Wingate Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority P. O. Box 797 Newport News, VA 23607-0797 Phone: 757-928-2628

## **Micro Enterprise Grant**

A new pilot program to support the City's Southeast Community, the Micro Enterprise Grant Program, has been established to assist in the creation and growth of viable micro businesses in the City of Newport News.



## **HOW ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?**

- Five (5) or fewer employees or persons that plan to create such an entity
- Be a for-profit Micro-Enterprise Business
- Be located or locating within the defined geographic area
- Be Low to Moderate Income (LMI) and/or the business must service a LMI area
- Have a Newport News Business License
- Be current on all local taxes or fees
- Complete pre-approved counseling sessions or workshop

TO APPLY OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit www.nnva.gov/development or

Contact Priscilla Green at:

Phone: (757) 509-2587

Email: greenpa@nnva.gov

## FIRE PREVENTION FOR APARTMENT & TOWNHOME COMMUNITIES Quarterly Email Newsletter from the Newport News Fire Department



Close All Doors behind you! Once Outside, Stay Outside, •

## ESCAPE 101

- Treat EVERY FIRE ALARM as an emergency. When the alarms sound get outside!
- Know the locations of all stairs & exits from your floor. If you see fire or smoke blocking an exit you may have to find another way.
- Always take your keys and cell phone with you in case you aren't able to get out of the building.

CAUTION!

Information Source: NFSA.org

Practice your exit plan 2 times a year!

NEVER Go Back into a burning building for people, pets or things.

## **Charge Safely**

#### Minimize Lithium-Ion Battery Fires!

Only use UL listed items. Keep devices at room temperature. Don't beat up your devices.

Do not store devices in windows or in hot vehicles.

Do not throw batteries in the trash; take them to a battery recycling center. Don't keep devices plugged in longer than it takes to reach full charge.

#### Stay In The Kitchen

Information Source: NFPA #1 cause of structure fires and civilian burn injuries is COOKING.

Ranges are involved in three of every five (57%) home cooking fire incidents. Ovens account for 16%.

15% of the fire deaths occurred when something that could catch fire was too close to the equipment.

## COOKING

- Watch what you heat: Fires start when the heat is too high. If you see any smoke or the grease starts to boil, turn the burner off.
- Keep a pan lid or baking sheet nearby: Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire. Then turn off the burner and let the pan sit until completely cool.

NNFD Public Education Bureau - 757-975-5400 - 610 Thimble Shoals BLVD., Building #6



## Requested Work Orders

#### **Public Housing**

Marshall	(757)	928-6154
Ashe Manor	(757)	928-6187
Aqueduct	(757)	833-5700
Pinecroft	(757)	269-4300
Orcutt Townhomes I	(757)	928-6187



\*Marshall

(757) 928-6181

#### **Tax Credit Properties**

Oyster Point/Brighton (75	57) 269-4307
Brighton (75	57) 591-3280
	57) 833-5720
Orcutt Townhomes III (75	57) 928-6187
Lassiter Courts (75	57) 928-2690
Great Oak (75	57) 592-7448
Jefferson Brookville (75	57) 928-2690
Spratley House (75	57) 928-6187

#### **\*USE ONLY AS AN ALTERNATE NUMBER**

Please use this number ONLY after 5:00 pm (757) 247-0484

#### **GENERAL OVERTIME GUIDEINES**

Maintenance staff will respond to the following calls:

- 1. Gas Leaks;
- 2. Electrical Problems;
- 3. Smoke Detector;
- 4. Power Outages (only at Pinecroft, Ashe Manor, Spratley House and Marshall);
- 5. No Heat between 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:00 am on Sunday or holidays if the next day is a working day. If the next day is not a working day, accepts calls until 6:00 p.m.
- 6. Floods and Sewer Problems;
- 7. Broken Windows;
- 8. Collapsed ceiling or damaged roofs;
- Commode stopped up (if two in apartment hold to next day if that is a normal business day);
- 10. Lock Out/Lock Change;
- 11. Damaged Exterior Doors;
- 12. Fire.

<u>Note to Residents:</u> If you believe the situation can wait until the next day, call first thing in the morning.

## TENANT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Aqueduct	Last Thursday Each Month	10:00 am Gymnasium
Ashe Manor	3rd Thursday Each Month	1:30 pm Community Room
Brighton	3rd Tuesday Each Month	2:00 pm Community Center
Cypress Terrace	2nd Tuesday Each Month	11:00 am Community Center
Great Oak	3rd Thursday Each Month	2:00 pm Community Center
Jefferson Brookville	3rd Thursday Each Month	3:30 pm - Lassiter Community Room
Lassiter Courts	2nd Thursday Each Month	3:30 pm Community Room
Marshall Courts	3rd Thursday Each Month	2:00 pm Recreation Center
Orcutt Towhomes I	4th Thursday Each Month	10:00 am - Ashe Manor Community Room
Orcutt Townhomes III	4th Thursday Each Month	1:30 pm - Ashe Manor Community Room
Oyster Point	3rd Tuesday Each Month	11:00 am Community Room
Pinecroft	1st Monday Each Month	3:00 pm Lobby
Spratley House	2nd Wednesday Community Room	3:00 pm Community Room



YOU need Renter's Insurance if your apartment is damaged by a fire, flood, or burglarized. Your personal property is not replaced unless you have rental insurance. Sofas, beds, toys and clothes are covered only if you buy this type of insurance.

Renter's Insurance can also help if you move out of your apartment temporarily due to a fire. It can help you even if the problem is not in your apartment.

Look under "Insurance" in the yellow pages of the telephone book for companies located in the Newport News area. Don't take chances with your belongings.!

According to Section II, 9-C of the Resident's Lease "Management will not be responsible for any of Tenant's personal belongings which are damaged or destroyed by natural disaster or other circumstances which are beyond the control of Management".



During times of crisis, the Foodbank plays an important role in meeting community needs. In response to the coronavirus, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been working to provide food to people who might otherwise go hungry.

The Foodbank's Mobile Food Pantry Program is distributing food in high-traffic spots across the peninsula and they are working with partner agencies to ensure people receive the food they desperately need. The team from the Foodbank's Culinary Training Program is preparing breakfast and lunch graband-go bags for children throughout our local area. The Foodbank has also hosted several large-scale public food distribution events to help individuals and families struggling to locate healthy meals. During a distribution event in Newport News last week, they provided food to support 500 households.

If you are struggling to get the food you and your family need, please visit the Get Help page on the Foodbank's website to locate a mobile food pantry or partner agency that can help. Please call (757-596-7188) prior to visiting to confirm hours of operation, as distribution plans change quickly and without much notice.

Due to the increased demand for food in grocery stores, the Foodbank has seen a significant decrease in food pick-ups and store donations, which means personal donations are even more important. You can still drop food donations off at their Hampton headquarters at 2401 Aluminum Avenue. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available to be distributed. You can make a monetary donation to help purchase truckloads of supplies, donate through YouGiveGoods or purchase through online retailers to ship items directly to the Foodbank's doors. For additional information on any of these options, you can contact Tracy Hansbrough at thansbrough@hrfoodbank.org.

## FILING A COMPLAINT.



Here is the Customer Service Hotline Number:

757-928-3680 or 757-928-6060

A TENANT HOTLINE IS A FREE SER-VICE FOR TENANTS LIVING IN PROP-ERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE NEWPORT NEWS REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHEN FILING A COMPLAINT, YOU MUST STATE YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND SPEAK AS SLOWLY AND CLEARLY AS POSSI-BLE.

WE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 48 HOURS REGARDING YOUR CONCERNS.

THANK YOU



#### Virginia Medicaid Updates Policies to Fight Coronavirus

Virginia Medicaid will cover all COVID-19 (coronavirus) testing and treatment for members and eligible Virginians. They have also updated other policies to fight the spread of coronavirus and protect members. Updated policies include:

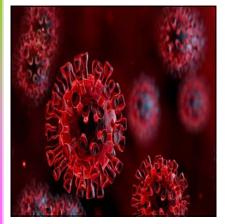
- No co-pays for any Medicaid or FAMIS covered services;
- No pre-approvals needed and automatic approval extensions for many critical medical services;
- Outreach to higher risk and older members to review critical needs;
- 90-day supply of many routine prescriptions;
- Ensure current Medicaid members do not inadvertently lose coverage due to lapses in paperwork or a change in circumstances;
- Encourage use of telehealth resources.

#### NEWPORT NEWS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Call center is open 8 AM - 6 PM

Please call 757•594•8045

If you have questions about where to get tested if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.



We encourage you to self-report illness or quarantine if you are not feeling well. This will prevent spreading COVID 19 to your loved ones and friends.





We all know the heartache and devastation that drugs can bring to our families.

If you or anyone you know and love is affected by substance abuse help is available.

Program Name	Services	Payment
<b>Tidewater Area</b> Hot Line 459-8467	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Narcotics Anonymous VA Regional Hot Line 1-800-777-1515	Support group for recovering sub- stance abusers.	No fees
Hampton Roads Clinic Reflections 827-8430	Outpatient Coun- seling I.V. Metha- done Mainte- nance 30-45 day Resi- dential Facility	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
Project Link 245-0217	Case manage- ment and coordination services for pre- natal abuser	Sliding fee Scale Medicaid
<b>Al Anon/Alateen</b> 1-888-425-2666 <b>AA Hotline</b> 595-1212	Support group Alcoholism- friends/relatives and teens. 12 Step Program	No fees No fees
Peninsula Area Help Line 875-9314	Narcotics Anonymous	No fees
Advanced Recovery Systems 1-888-338-1433	Alcohol, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse	Private Insurance
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The waiting list for housing assistance at the Warwick SRO is open for single room occupancy only.

Please call (757) 928-6060, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment.





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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



The mission of the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NNRHA) is to create affordable housing, viable neighborhoods, and opportunities for self-sufficiency that enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Newport News.