







### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Rental housing counseling can help you:

- > Determine the right type of rental for you
- > Understand leases and rental agreements
- > Know your Fair Housing rights
- > Get answers to your questions

### HUD-APPROVED HOUSING COUNSELING IS YOUR TRUSTED RESOURCE.

Empowering consumers to make informed housing decisions. HUD-approved housing counseling helps more than a million households every year.



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## RENTER'S GUIDE RENTING 101



# THIS SPACE FOR RENT



## HOW WE CAN HELP



#### **CONSIDER THIS**

- > What type of rental is best for you
- > Where you'd like to live
- > How long you plan to rent
- Finding affordable rental housing
- Whether you should purchase renters insurance, and what kind of plan might be best for you

Have your eye on that inviting new apartment, duplex or townhome? Renting is filled with details and decisions, and you're bound to have questions. That's why the first step should be to contact your local HUD-approved housing counseling agency. In no time, you'll have the answers and insights you need to confidently find the right rental for you.

### ASK YOUR HOUSING COUNSELOR ABOUT

- > What to expect in your lease
- ➤ The difference between a rental agreement and a lease
- What to look for when inspecting your new rental
- ➤ Your rights regarding your security deposit

So you've found the right rental, in the ideal neighborhood for you. Maybe you've even picked out your furniture. Before you sign on the dotted line, there are things you need to know in order to be an informed tenant. Have all your bases covered before you make a move – a little knowledge goes a long way.

#### **LET'S TALK ABOUT**

- ➤ The terms you'll see and hear during the rental process
- > Documents you'll need to apply
- ➤ Your Fair Housing Rights
- What to do if you think you've been discriminated against

Location. Lifestyle. Leases. And more. There are so many pieces to the puzzle, and your HUD-approved housing counseling agency can help you put them all together. You'll have an experienced housing counselor on your side with the answers you need to make your rental home a perfect fit.



The road to home is a journey, but you don't have to walk alone. To learn more about renting, or to find a HUD-approved housing counseling agency, visit hud.gov/housingcounseling or call 1-800-569-4287. We're here to help you get home!