

SUCCESSFUL HOUSING PRACTICES TO-DO LIST

Steps to finding housing with a conviction history



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COMPLETE A HOUSING NEEDS PROFILE

A housing needs profile allows for you to think about starting your housing journey. It will determine preliminary barriers you might experience as well as come up with a plan to attain long-term stable housing.



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COMPLETE BARRIERS WORKSHEET

Recognizing your barriers from the Housing Needs Profile, you should be able to identify any barriers you experience. From there, discuss what you are currently doing to mitigate these barriers and how you can show this to potential landlords.



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LETTER OF EXPLANATION OR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

Utilizing the Barriers worksheet, write a letter of explanation or a letter for reasonable accommodation (whichever is appropriate). You can include this in your applications.



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REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FORM

If applicable, have a third party doctor, mental health professional, counselor, etc. to verify your disability.



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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Gather letters of reference to strengthen your application. These also serve as evidence to back up what you have stated in your letter.



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GATHER CERTIFICATES

Certificates for various programs you have completed continue to strengthen your application and attest to what you have stated in your letter.



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INCOME VERIFICATION & IDENTIFICATION

All housing applications will require income verification, an ID, and often your SS card.



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RENTAL APPLICATIONS

First, fill out a Master Rental Application. This will serve as a guide and make it easier to fill out applications for different property management companies. Now all that's left is to submit applications directly to property management where you want to live!