

## **Work Activity Policy**

In an effort to create affordable, sustainable housing, improve the quality of life for families and encourage independence, MHA has implemented a "Work Activity" policy that will require public housing residents, moving into a property that has been redeveloped or renovated within ten years, to be engaged in work activity (at least 30 hours weekly), be engaged in MHA approved job training program and/or a full-time student as verified per semester, in order to receive continued occupancy within that development.

The Work Activity Policy applies to the following properties:

- (1) The Plaza at Centennial Hill
- (2) Tulane Gardens
- (3) Cleveland Court

A family where the head, spouse, cohead, adult household member or sole member is employed would be required to meet the requirement for work activity. Households where the head, spouse, cohead, adult household member or sole member is age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities would also be eligible to reside at a development where work activity is a condition of continued occupancy. All family members age 18 and older are required to be employed or meet the Work Activity Policy requirements at the developments listed above.

If the family becomes unemployed, they would be given six months to become employed. If the family is receiving unemployment benefits this would be considered as being engaged in work activity. During this six month period the family would be required to participate in a MHA Self-Sufficiency program to receive assistance with their employment search.

If the family fails to obtain employment of at least 30 hours a week or fails to participate in an MHA approved job training program and/or be a full-time student as verified per semester, MHA will transfer the family to an appropriate unit in another public housing community. If the family becomes unemployed as a result of becoming disabled, the tenant will be allowed to remain at the development. The cost of the transfer will be paid for by the MHA.

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