## **CHARLESTON COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

## **DECONCENTRATION POLICY**

## SELECTION FROM THE WAITING LIST

The Charleston County Housing Authority shall follow the statutory requirement that at least 40% of newly admitted families in any fiscal year be families whose annual income is at or below 30% of the area median income. To insure this requirement is met, we shall quarterly monitor the incomes of newly admitted families as well as of families on the waiting list. If it appears that the requirement to house extremely low-income families will not be met, we will skip higher income families on the waiting list to reach extremely low-income families.

If there are not enough extremely low-income families on the waiting list, we will conduct outreach on a non-discriminatory basis to attract extremely low-income families in order to reach the statutory requirement.

## **DECONCENTRATION POLICY**

It is the Charleston County Housing Authority's policy to provide for deconcentration of poverty and encourage income mixing by bringing higher income families into lower income developments and lower income families into higher income developments. Toward this end, we will skip over families on the waiting list to reach other families with a lower or higher income. We will accomplish this in a uniform and nondiscriminating manner.

The Charleston County Housing Authority will affirmatively market our housing to all eligible income groups. Lower income residents will not be steered toward lower income developments and higher income people will not be steered toward higher income developments.

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, we will analyze the income levels of families residing in each of our developments, the income levels of census tracts in which our developments are located, and the income levels of the families on the waiting list. Based on this analysis, we will determine the level of marketing strategies and deconcentration incentives to implement.