

Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency

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Developing Comprehensive Solutions

The Agency has developed a partnership with Auburn Housing Authority (AHA) that has been extremely beneficial to the low income community. Because safe, affordable housing is critical for individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency, Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency has developed a partnership with Auburn Housing Authority to address the barriers that people face in accessing subsidized public housing. Individuals and families are sometimes determined to be ineligible for public housing because AHA is unable to obtain a landlord reference or confirm six months of independent rental history. In cases such as these, Auburn Housing Authority will allow individuals who are receiving case management through the Agency's programs to become eligible for public housing through a program recommendation.

Auburn Housing Authority has a Program Recommendation Policy in place that allows individuals who satisfy all other eligibility requirements, and who are receiving case management or assisted living services through an authorized agency, to become eligible for public housing through a program recommendation form. In 2011, AHA executed a Memorandum of Understanding with Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency which established the Agency as an authorized agency from whom they will accept program recommendations for clients enrolled in any of the Agency's existing case management programs. By allowing the Agency to make a program recommendation for customers who are involved with case management services, a barrier facing many low income families attempting to locate to affordable, safe, permanent housing has been removed.