

MOVING TO WORK DESIGNATION



Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino
Building Opportunities Together

Also known as America's Housing Policy Lab, Moving to Work (MTW) is a national demonstration program for public housing authorities to design and test affordable housing strategies. Lessons learned by MTW agencies can influence national housing policy to improve programs and services for all families. Fewer than 4% of all housing authorities are designated MTW agencies. These agencies can waive some program regulations to design innovative initiatives that target at least one of the three statutory objectives of the MTW demonstration:



1. Save taxpayer dollars through efficient work



2. Promote economic independence



3. Ensure a family's freedom of housing choice

MTW AT HACSB

In 2008, Congress designated the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) as a MTW agency. Since that time, we have developed 30 initiatives based on the three statutory objectives of the MTW demonstration program. Savings achieved through activities designed to increase efficiency have allowed us to provide supportive services to customers as they work toward economic independence. Other initiatives have expanded housing opportunities and increased housing choice. In 2023, HACSB proudly celebrated its 15-year anniversary as a MTW agency. Reaching this milestone would not have been possible without the support and collaboration of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HACSB's dedicated staff, Board of Commissioners, and numerous partners.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS: PARTICIPANT PROFILE



After almost 10 months of searching for a home to fit their needs, Ms. A. and her family moved into their new home at the end of 2022. Ms. A. transitioned from the HACSB Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program and is one of the almost 300 participants who have become homeowners through HACSB's Homeownership Assistance Program. HACSB's Homeownership Assistance Program provides guidance and resources to help participants become homeowners. When asked what advice she would offer to other participants considering HACSB's Homeownership Program, Ms. A. shared: "If you can dream it, you can do it." Congratulations to Ms. A. and her family on their new home!



MOVING TO WORK ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to report the results from some of our Moving to Work initiatives during FYE 2023:



Saving Taxpayer Dollars

Saved \$347,700 in staff time through biennial and triennial recertification.

Saved \$183,312 in staff time through streamlining the income determination process.



Ensuring Housing Choice

1,312 families leased units that would have been out of reach under traditional program regulations.

Leasing in areas of opportunity **increased by 17.5%**



Promoting Economic Independence

Using savings from other MTW initiatives, HACSB has created two full-time positions to work with Term-Limited Lease Assistance families, coaching them to set and achieve their self-sufficiency goals.



94% average increase in earned income among MTW households served since 2014

23% decrease in the number of MTW households receiving assistance income since 2014.



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