

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Extension:**

**Evictions**

HUD has extended the Public and Indian Housing (PIH) eviction until March 31, 2021. Contact your manager if you have any questions.

**Resident Emails:**

Newsletters will be emailed too all residents and posted on the SMHA website, effective immediately. Please call **330.454.8051 Ext 309** and leave your email. There's several advantages to sending us your email:

- 1 Receive important information (SMHA news, employment, giveaways, service information) quickly
- 2 Less Mail Received
- 3 Confidential

**Scholarship Information:**

If you received the OHAC scholarship application, please return no later than 3/10/2021 in order to be considered.

**Family Self-Sufficiency:**

SMHA in collaboration with Community Building Partnership is hosting a credit workshop via Zoom on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm all residents can call Amy Lorenzano to register 330-454-8051 Ext. 309

**Youth Workshop:**

SMHA is hosting a leadership workshop for 16-18 year old residents on March 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at the downtown location. Hear from speakers in the fields of HealthCare, Entrepreneurship, Education, and Construction! Space is limited. Bus passes and refreshments will be served. Call **now** to reserve your spot! All social distancing guidelines will be followed. Call 330-454-8051 Ext. 309

**YMCA:**

Free Program for students in grades 1-5 at the following SMHA locations:

Monday & Tuesday @ Jackson/Sherrick from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday @ Ellisdale from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Call Tony Richards at 330.458.2403

**RESIDENT  
SERVICES:**

**(330)454.8051**

**Milistine Tatum**

**Director,  
Resident  
Services**

**Ext. 318**

**Grace Berry**

**Service  
Coordinator at  
Alliance Tower**

**(330) 823-5120**

**Amanda  
Jackson**

**Community  
Health Worker**

**Ext. 386**

**Amy Lorenzano**

**Resident  
Services  
Assistant**

**Ext. 309**

**Melanie  
Singhaus**

**Coordinator,  
Resident  
Services**

**Ext.327**

**Vonda Traylor  
FSS Coordinator**

**Ext.365**

# LEGAL REMINDERS

## The BIG 3

### ONE:

**Smoke Free Policy Reminder:** On December 5, 2016, HUD published a final rule for each Public Housing Agency (“PHA”) administering low-income, conventional public housing to initiate a smoke-free policy. The effective date of the Rule was February 3, 2017, and it provided an 18-month implementation period. All PHAs were required to have a smoke-free policy in place by July 31, 2018. SMHA’s Smoke Free Public Housing Policy has been in effect since April 1, 2018. SMHA tenants and members of the tenant’s household shall not smoke anywhere in the dwelling unit rented by tenant, in the building where tenant’s dwelling unit is located, in any common areas or on any adjoining exterior property owned by SMHA, nor shall tenant permit any guests or visitors under the control of the tenant to do so (Dwelling Lease, Section 11).

### TWO:

**Serious Criminal Activity:** SMHA has a One Strike policy regarding criminal activity and drug-related activity. No tenant or member of the tenant’s household shall engage in any criminal activity, whether that activity occurs on the leased premises, on or near the housing development of which the leased premises is a part, or in any other locations whatsoever. Criminal activity shall include, but not be limited to:

- Physical Assault
- Threat of Physical Assault
- Illegal use and or possession of a firearm or other weapon
- Threat to illegally use a firearm or other weapon
- Possession, manufacture, sale, distribution or use of a controlled substance
- Sexual Molestation, Prostitution and other similar related serious misconduct

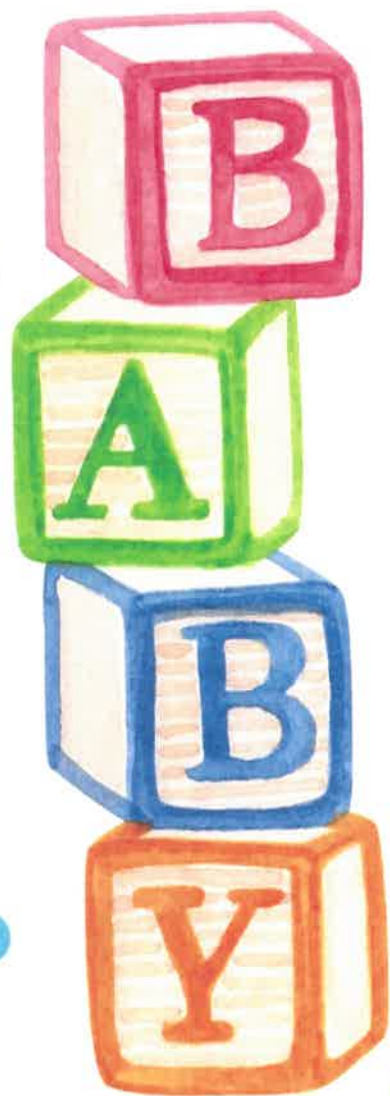
### THREE:

**Annual Re-Examinations:** Once a year SMHA will send out a notice to all tenants reminding them of their requirement to recertify to show that they are still eligible to receive housing benefits. All documents must be returned on or before the deadline provided on the notice. Failure to sign, date and return all of the documents by the assigned date constitutes a violation of the Dwelling Lease and can result in an eviction against the tenant.

You have a right to request a reasonable accommodation. If you have questions or concerns regarding your rights under Section 504, please feel free to call Corey at 234-214-4262, Meagan Velain at 234-214-4288 or Nicole Robinson at 234-214-2405.

*Corey, Meagan & Nicole*





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

# BELLY to BIRTH BABY SHOWER

Get parenting information from our community partners,  
play games and win prizes!

First Mom to RSVP Wins a  
Special Gift!

Friday, April 16th, 2021 | 12pm-2pm  
Hosted at: Jackson Sherrick Community Room  
1315 Gonder Ave Se, Canton, Oh 44707

Please Contact Amanda Jackson at 330-454-8051 Ext:386 to  
RSVP by April 5th, 2021



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Under 12 !

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there's HELP!

CALL TODAY!

(330) 454-8051 ext.  
386

Or

234-458-1557

## Are You Pregnant or Have a Child Under the Age of 12?

### SMHA now offers **FREE** services to you!

Our Community Health Worker (CHW) Amanda, serves pregnant women and mother of children 12 and under who live in SMHA housing to help overcome unique barriers. As a CHW, Amanda is able to link the individual/family with medical health, behavioral health, and social services that are needed to improve and maintain quality health and wellness in the community. Amanda facilitates access to a wide range of services through advocacy, outreach referral, community education, information mentoring, and social support.



### Stark Metro Housing Authority

400 E. Tuscarawas St.  
Canton, Oh 44702

Monday –Friday

8:00am- 4:30pm

[Amjackson@starkmha.org](mailto:Amjackson@starkmha.org)

