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## Housing Resources

### [Housing Brochure](#)

The Beacon Center is committed to the goal of collaborating with the community to provide stable, safe and affordable housing for persons in our catchment area who have mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance abuse disorders.

The intent of the housing list is to be used as a resource guide and not the recommendation of **The Beacon Center**.

- [Edgecombe County Housing Resources](#)
- [Greene County Housing Resources](#)
- [Nash County Housing Resources](#)
- [Wilson County Housing Resources](#)
- [Wilson County United Way Resources](#)

## FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### Public Housing Program

Public Housing is low-cost housing in multi-unit buildings that is available to low and very low income individuals and families including the elderly and disabled. Tenants in these buildings normally pay no more than 30 percent of their monthly income for rent. Eligibility requirements are based on household size, as well as other guidelines outlined by the agency. For more information call Greene County Housing Authority, 252-747-8245, Princeville Housing Authority, 252-823-3889, Rocky Mount Housing Authority, 252-977-3141 and Wilson Housing Authority 252-291-2245.

### Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers allow very low-income households to rent, decent, safe and affordable housing in privately owned units. The Housing Authorities in each county administer the Section 8 program. For more information call Greene County Housing Authority, 252-747-8245, Princeville Housing Authority, 252-823-3889, Rocky Mount Housing Authority, 252-977-3141 and Wilson Housing Authority 252-291-2245.

### Targeting and Key Program

Since 2003, NC Housing Finance Agency and the NC Department of Health and Human Services have partnered to create quality, affordable apartments for persons with disabilities. **The Key Program** provides rent/operating assistance for persons with disabilities living in Housing Credit Properties. The Key Program is a bridge subsidy programs.

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These housing units are set aside for people with disabilities or the elderly and are funded by Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The units are designed to offer affordable and supportive housing to help people with disabilities live independently with supports. An agency must be approved by the Department of Health and Human Services to refer individuals to these units. To find out how to become an approved referral agency, please call Mary Brown, Housing Specialist at 252-937-8141.

## **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program**

A three year program to utilize \$22 million program aimed at preventing homelessness. This program has two primary goals:

1. Prevention – Assist households at risk of losing their housing and becoming homeless.
2. Rapid Re-housing – Assist homeless households in need of short-term or medium-term assistance obtain housing.

### **Participant Eligibility**

1. Household at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), and
2. Household is either homeless or at risk of being homeless, and
3. No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified, and
4. The household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

### **Types of Assistance for households**

1. Financial Assistance (for re-housing or homelessness prevention)
  - Short and medium term rental assistance (not to exceed 18 months)
  - Security deposits
  - Utility deposits and payments
  - Moving cost assistance
  - Motel and hotel vouchers
2. Housing location and stabilization services
  - Case management
  - Outreach and engagement
  - Housing search and placement
  - Legal services
  - Credit repair

This is a statewide program, but not all communities are in a funded service area. Wilson County DSS received funds from the state HRPR Program: Contact Susan Parker 252-206-4171 for more information.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.nchfa.com/Nonprofits/LGNhomeless.aspx>.

## LINKS TO HOUSING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- North Carolina Housing Coalition [www.nchousing.org](http://www.nchousing.org)
- Affordable Housing Guide [www.ApartmentGuide.com](http://www.ApartmentGuide.com)
- Link to Affordable Housing Search at NC Housing Finance Agency  
<http://www.nchfa.com/Applications/HRG/HRGSearch.aspx>
- Link to Reasonable Accommodations Guide <http://www.nchfa.com/Rental/Mreasonableaccommod.aspx>
- Link to Affordable Housing Primer <http://www.nchousing.org/affordable-housing-primer/affordable-housing-primer>
- Link to a closer look at housing choices/guide for people with developmental disabilities  
[http://www.arcnc.org/services/housing\\_development/](http://www.arcnc.org/services/housing_development/)