

DECONCENTRATION OF POVERTY POLICY

The Brockton Housing Authority approach to deconcentration of poverty is a three-part strategy.

1. Through self-sufficiency efforts, utilizing partnerships with public and private organizations, the Authority intends to increase the earnings and economic standing of existing residents within our Family developments. The self-sufficiency efforts will include but not be limited to:
 - Information and referral to job search agencies, job development programs, and job preparation agencies.
 - Information and referral regarding agencies and programs providing assistance with resume preparation.
 - Information and referral regarding English classes for speakers of other languages, GED preparation classes, vocational training, and higher education programs.
 - Information and assistance regarding scholarships and funding opportunities for higher education and vocational training programs.
 - Public education from trained resident leaders regarding how to increase one's earning power.
 - Public education regarding how to prepare for eventual homeownership.
 - Information and referral regarding credit repair.
 - Information and referral regarding child care.
 - Information and referral regarding transportation.
2. The second part of our deconcentration policy has been addressed through an incentive based Tenant Selection Policy. Residents applying for Family Federal Conventional Housing are awarded points based on work status, economic uplift activities, and income. This Tenant Selection Policy will allow higher income and economically mobile families to integrate into the Conventional units.
3. Through participant education and landlord outreach, the Authority will ensure that Section 8 Participants lease units throughout the area to avoid concentration in high poverty census tracts.

The Authority will monitor outcomes of the above strategies and make adjustments to ensure an appropriate mix of income.