

What is Moving To Work?

Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program for public housing authorities (PHAs) that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. MTW gives PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and more flexibility with how they use their Federal funds.



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Delaware's Key To Housing Since 1968

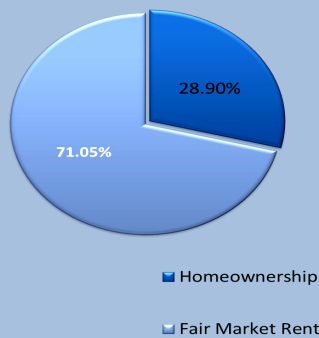


MTW Making A Difference For Delaware!

DSHA has been an MTW agency since 1999. We were one of the first agencies approved due to our high performance!

Since our MTW implementation in 1999, a total of **859** families have successfully completed the program moving from subsidized housing to either Fair Market Rent or Homeownership.

Successful Completions



DSHA—MTW Innovations

1. DSHA created “MTW Resident Escrow/Savings Account”. All rent paid over the 35% limit is placed into an interest bearing savings account. Upon successful completion of the program residents can utilize their savings account with 60% of the monies used toward housing related costs and 40% allowed to be used for discretionary expenses.
2. DSHA set employment requirements as a critical component of our MTW Program since future housing success is based on stable, gainful employment. All adult members of the household that are able to work are required to work unless they are in college or job training course.



3. DSHA created a two-tiered MTW program with time-limits. Tier I is for years 1 through 5. If a resident is unable to successfully complete in Tier I then they have the option of remaining in the program for an additional two years (Tier II). At the end of year 7, their subsidy will end.
4. DSHA initiated a 3-Strike policy. The MTW participant may be issued a strike upon breach of any responsibility set out in the Contract of Mutual Participation (COMP). Upon issuance of “3 strikes” then the COMP is terminated and the subsidy ends.

DSHA- MTW Building Thru Education

1. Computer labs are provided at each of our Public Housing sites.
2. DSHA provides a one-time \$500 scholarship for participants to use toward school related or job training costs.
3. Residents’ children are required to meet minimum school attendance requirements. Each year, DSHA recognizes the children of our Public Housing residents for either honor roll, perfect attendance or college acceptance with a luncheon and a gift of an LL Bean backpack stocked with school supplies.
4. Within the first two years of our program, DSHA provides and requires that all participants take an approved Financial Literacy course.



A group of DSHA’s 2015 Student Award Winners at our annual luncheon!