



# FSS Newsletter

## Changes in The Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan

**Effective August 1, 2019**, Menard County Housing Authority will only conduct interim re-examinations upon request for families who qualify for Earned Income Disallowance (EID) or upon request for Family Self-Sufficiency participants in order to increase their monthly escrow payment. Families may request an interim re-examination for any other reason at any time for rent increases and decreases, but are no longer required to report the change. These requests must be made in writing.

**Effective August 1, 2019**, participants of the Project Based Voucher Program are no longer required to participate in any supportive service sessions in order to maintain their housing assistance. These supportive services, will however, still be offered.

**Effective August 1, 2019**, the minimum rent for participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program will go from \$50 to \$0.

If you have any questions, please contact Brad or Andee at  
217-632-7723

*we cannot  
control the  
wind, but we  
can direct  
the sail*

### Reminders

#### MCHA Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
8 am—4:30 pm

Friday  
8 am—Noon

**CLOSED** in Observance of  
Independence Day on  
[Thursday, July 4th](#)

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## Adult Education and Literacy

### What is Adult Education?

Adult Education at Lincoln Land Community College provides adults with a variety of educational opportunities in the areas of high school equivalency preparation, basic skills, English language skills, Adult Career Pathways and literacy.

Adult Education programming is free, and courses are offered year-round throughout the LLCC district. Visit specific program pages on their website for enrollment information.

### What They Offer:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)

- High School Equivalency (GED) Preparation
- Adult Career Pathways
- English as a Second Language
- Literacy Tutoring

Adult Education classes are offered at various locations throughout the LLCC district including: Springfield, Beardstown, Hillsboro, Jacksonville, Litchfield and Taylorville.

### Contact

Lincoln Land Community College  
Adult Education Department  
217-786-2349

## *No-Cost Adult Education Courses and Programming* [www.llcc.edu/career-training/adult-education](http://www.llcc.edu/career-training/adult-education)

### FSS Monthly Contact

Remember to keep monthly contact with Lindsay...even if it's shooting her a text to say that everything is going fine! She will be returning to Coles, Livingston and McDonough Counties in August. The following dates are scheduled for her to be in your county:

Tuesday, August 6:

Coles County  
(Charleston—morning and Mattoon—afternoon)

Tuesday, August 13:

McDonough County  
(River Run—Noon)

Tuesday, August 20:

Livingston County  
(St. James Place—Noon)

Lindsay will contact you closer to the date to schedule a time to meet with you! :)

## Life's Anchors

There's a big connection between us and the boats sailing across the oceans. As boats sail the great oceans, they try to withstand the waves and storms to reach shore. And as we sail through our lives, we try to overcome our failures and obstacles to reach our goals.

Life, just like the sea is not always calm. At times there will be storms ahead that will disrupt our peaceful journey. There will be storms that will test our strength, storms that will ruin our sails, storms that will threaten our future. Just as the boats at sea, we need to anchor ourselves. We need to secure ourselves so we won't drift away aimlessly.

Anchors are very important tools for fishermen and sailors. They use it to secure their boats so that they won't drift out in to the open sea. A boat without an anchor will not stand a chance against the cruel sea, especially during a storm. That is why it is a necessity for every ship to have an anchor.

We need to anchor our lives too, because life is not always a calm sea. When you let yourself drift alone in life, there's a chance you might not make it out when a storm passes. We need someone to secure us. We need someone who will hold us and keep us at bay. We need to anchor our hearts to someone we trust. Who is that anchor in your life?

Whether it's a family member, friend, coworker, neighbor, or a higher power...don't go through life without an anchor.



Menard County

Housing Authority

## **Your Provider of Affordable Housing Services!**

Our mission is to promote and provide quality housing while encouraging upward mobility and a better quality of life.

Our vision is creating housing that families and communities can be proud of.

## Success Comes in Many Waves...

Success comes in many waves...

Sometimes it comes by getting your GED

Sometimes it comes by having a baby

Sometimes it comes by finishing your college degree

Sometimes it comes by getting married

Sometimes it comes by being a stay-at-home parent

Sometimes it comes by seeking a higher spiritual power

Sometimes it comes by knowing when to say "yes"

Sometimes it comes by knowing when to say "no"

Sometimes it comes by teaching children

Sometimes it comes by caring for others

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*Adapted from poem by Jaden Bleu*



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