

# Housing Resources

## Searching for Housing

The Department of Housing and Community Development maintains [dchousingsearch.org](http://www.dchousingsearch.org), which includes a search tool to find available rental housing throughout the District, as well as tools to help a youth calculate what he/she can afford to pay in rent, figure out his/her monthly budget, and know what to look for when he/she visits apartments. The DC Housing Search website can be found at:

<http://www.dchousingsearch.org/>

## Information for Tenants

The Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) maintains a number of resources for tenants, including information about tenants' rights, rent control, and the eviction process. OTA also maintains a list of organizations that tenants can contact for help with housing issues, including legal services organizations that provide advice and/or representation in landlord/tenant matters. OTA's website can be found at:

<http://ota.dc.gov/page/information-tenants>

## Tenant Bill of Rights

The Office of the Tenant Advocate website provided to District of Columbia's Tenants Bill of Rights in seven (7) languages [here](#).

## Rapid Housing

The CFSA Rapid Housing program, administered by CFSA and the DC Housing Authority, provides time-limited rental assistance to families who are at-risk of child welfare system involvement, but also to youth aging out of the foster care system. Eligibility criteria can be found at in CFSA's Older Youth Services Program Policy (see Section II.B of this Practice Kit).

Youth who are still in care should ask their social worker for more information about applying. Youth who have already aged out of foster care should contact their assigned aftercare worker.

## Youth Aftercare Services

Young Women's Project is another source of assistance in identifying potential housing. For more information, please see the Section II of this Practice Kit.

- Practice Pointer: Youth in foster care should be referred for aftercare services at age 20 ½. If your client has not been referred by this time, contact the youth's social worker