

CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY: CREATING OPPORTUNITY



FAMILIES SERVED

1999: CHA served **51,000** families.

TODAY: CHA serves **64,000** families, making it the **second largest** public housing agency in the U.S.

PROGRESS TOWARD 25,000

1999: CHA created its “Plan for Transformation” (PFT) – an unprecedented agreement with HUD to fund the renovation or building of **25,000** units of public housing and programs to expand opportunities for residents building a path towards self-sufficiency.

TODAY: CHA has completed **90%** of the original 25,000 unit goal, demolishing **80** unlivable buildings and completing **22,386** new apartments, including:

- **16,885** rehabbed apartments in traditional CHA senior, family and scattered site developments
- **2,547** units in mixed-income developments on former CHA sites
- **2,954** units in project-based voucher subsidized housing
- **38** newly owned CHA public housing units through acquisition
- In addition, the PFT has allowed for the development of **2,091** affordable units and **2,958** market rate units on mixed-income sites.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER GROWTH

1999: CHA provided **30,000** Housing Choice Vouchers to help ease the rent-burden of low-income individuals and families.

TODAY: CHA provides **46,000** vouchers accepted in all **77** Chicago communities. Special HCV programs have also been created to serve some of the city’s most vulnerable households. These include:

- **450** vouchers for homeless veterans now fighting for stable housing
- **350** vouchers for residents with chronic mental illness
- **190** vouchers for individuals with physical disabilities and special needs

EMPLOYMENT & INCOME GAINS

1999: **15%** of working age CHA residents were employed, and the average head of household earned an income of **\$10,000**.

TODAY: **62%** of working age CHA residents are employed and the average head of household’s income has risen to **\$19,557**.

OVER THE PAST YEAR CHA HAS

Invested more than **\$170 Million** in capital construction and development with more than **500 units** under construction

Provided an additional **5,625** new Housing Choice Vouchers

Issued grants totaling almost **\$1 million** to Section 3 resident businesses

Helped **2,649** youth earn over **\$2 million** with the Summer Youth Employment Program

Awarded **220** scholarships to college-bound youths and adults totaling **\$250,000** in educational support to residents