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My dream is to get my GED!

My dream is to get a better job!

G.L.A.S.S.
Get Learning and Start Succeeding!

You might be eligible for the following:
Free Child-Care, Bus Passes, Laptop, Education

Sign-Up for G.L.A.S.S.

Call Jon Adkins @ 859-655-7316 for more information!

February 5—April 10

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

Time:
9-11 AM

Where:
City Heights Rec Hall

Attention Golden Tower Residents:
Effective 1/21/19, the Congregate Meal program will be offered four (not five) days a week in the Golden Tower Community Room, from 11:00-12:00, Monday – Thursday.
Questions? Call Jon Adkins (859)655-7316.

Covington Independent Schools and the Housing Authority of Covington will be **CLOSED** on Monday, February 18, 2019 for President's Day!

Read Ready Covington was launched in early November throughout the city of Covington! This literacy initiative uses reading apps as a tool to help Covington children hit the ground running in their school careers. The apps are **FREE** for parents who live in Covington, Kentucky. The apps are Footsteps2Brilliance & CleverKidsUniversity. They help parents introduce reading skills to their children and share time reading together. The Housing Authority of Covington is excited to announce we are opening up the **City Heights Rec hall every Thursday at 10:00 AM** for children/parents to come and use Footsteps2Brilliance and CleverKidsUniversity at our mobile computer lab starting **February 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM!** If you have any questions, please contact Jon Adkins at 859-655-7316.

	<p>Clever Kids University™ Pre-K Fun daily activities that prepare your child for kindergarten. www.mycku.com</p>
	<p>Footsteps2Brilliance® School Edition Books and games to develop reading skills for kindergarten through 3rd grade. www.myf2b.com</p>

City Futures Launches in City Heights!

On January 7 2019, the City Futures office officially opened. City Futures is a partnership between the Housing Authority of Covington and Brighton Center. The program is a placed-based workforce development program designed to connect the residents of City Heights with quality employment services including career coaching, job readiness workshops, job training programs, resume services and funding for occupational training in high demand sectors. The City Futures program also provides residents the opportunity to work one-on-one with a financial coach to improve financial literacy, increase their credit score, and build assets for their future. Participants in the program are also eligible for the Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID). Having the JPEID means if you get a job, and your income increases, your rent will stay the same for up to 4 years!

It has been a busy beginning at City Futures! Last week, 9 residents attended an information session and began working one-on-one with our Career Coaches, Erica Horton and Kionte Earley. This week, we took our first field trip. Six residents attended a resume writing workshop at the Kentucky Career Center. They were also treated to a stop at Well Suited where they were able to pick out professional clothing for upcoming job opportunities. Later this week, we will be taking residents to a job fair in Erlanger. On January 31st, we will be taking interested residents to an information session at Brighton Center's Center for Employment Training (CET). CET provides a debt free career pathway, for those who qualify, to receive job training in three skill areas: Medical Assisting, Health Technology Administration, and Business and Computer Technologies. If you are interested in attending our field trip to CET on January 31st, please reach out to Kionte Earley at 859-360-6224 to sign up.

On Wednesday, January 23rd, we will be holding an Open House to celebrate the opening of our new office and to meet our staff. We will have food, fun activities, and more. We will also be providing tours of our new office located at 2522 Todd Court. Info sessions are held every Wednesday morning at 10:00 and Thursday evening at 6:00. Please stop by our office or come to an info session to learn more about the City Futures program!

ATTENTION Latonia Terrace and Golden Tower Residents: Have you considered joining the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program? The FSS program can help you go back to school, get a job, or get a better job.

If you are unemployed, or employed but looking for a career change, FSS can help you develop a roadmap to meet your goals.

If you are between the ages of 18-61, willing and able to work 32 hours/week or more, and would like to be welfare (KTAP) free, FSS may be right for you! FSS is a voluntary, self-paced, 5 year program which helps you set and accomplish your goals. FSS also provides one-on-one individualized support!

Another great benefit is the FSS Program can help you build your savings! When your earned income increases, your rent may potentially increase. Why not put your rent increase to work for you! With FSS, you can help ease the pain of paying increased rent because a portion of your increased rent will go to an interest bearing escrow savings account for you! You have the potential to save thousands of dollars prior to completing the FSS program!

You're probably thinking, this is too good to be true, and there must be a catch. No Catch! Upon successful completion of the FSS program, you will receive all of your savings and interest to spend how you wish. That's right! You can use the savings for whatever you want! Past FSS graduates have bought cars, made down payments on homes, moved to private housing, etc. The possibilities are endless!

For more information, call April Rivera at (859) 292-2404, email April at arivera@hacov.org or stop by April's office at Latonia Terrace, 2940 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41015.

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