

# MTW Collaborative Member News

The MTW Collaborative is proud to share the impact our members are having in their communities! See below for the latest news and updates from MTW agencies across the country.

## October 2024

#### Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) Launches Landlord Incentive Program to Expand Housing Opportunities for Voucher Holders

The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) has launched a new Landlord Incentive Program aimed at increasing housing options for individuals and families with Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). The program is designed to recruit and retain landlords in Kent and Sussex Counties, boosting the availability of rental units for voucher holders. Key features of the initiative include a \$1,000 sign-on bonus for landlords who enter into a Housing Assistance Payment Contract (HAP), plus an additional \$500 for each new unit they add to the program, capped at five units. Additionally, landlords can receive up to one month's contract rent for properties that remain vacant while awaiting the housing of another voucher holder. <u>Read more here.</u>

#### As School Year Begins, Stable Homes Stable Schools Brings Housing Supports to MPS Families

The Stable Homes Stable Schools (SHSS) program is an initiative that works to reduce homelessness and address housing instability among families with elementary-aged kids in Minneapolis. The initiative is a partnership launched with the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), and the YMCA of the North. The SHSS program provides different levels of support, including emergency short-term assistance, multi-year rental assistance, and case management for families. Since 2019, the program has provided assistance to nearly 1,900 families in the community. <u>Read</u> <u>more here.</u>

#### From Local Innovation to National Implementation: The Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration's Influence on Low-Income Housing Policy

HUD recently published a report highlighting the impacts that local innovations from MTW agencies have had on national policymaking. The report examines how MTW agencies have piloted and improved initiatives, contributing to broader policy advancements at the national level. Some of the contributions highlighted in the report include COVID-19 Emergency Waivers for PHAs and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Fee Notice. <u>Read more here.</u>

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