Wake Prevent! **Homelessness Prevention Program**













Increased Demand for Prevention Services

Wake Prevent! helps renters gain or maintain access to existing affordable units using a best practice approach to prevention and diversion services.

42,000 Renters Spend 50% or More on Housing

26,000 or 60% earn less than \$24,000 annually

Rents are up 35%

Median
Income has
only increased
by 16%

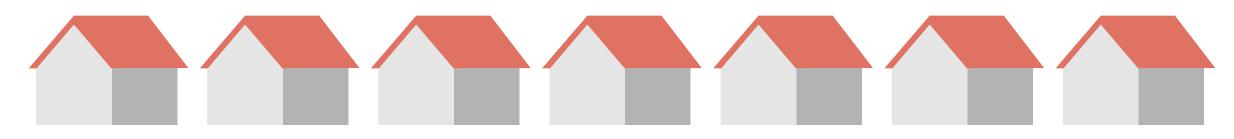
3,400 new low-income families each year

Loss of 900 affordable units annually

Households Who May Qualify for Assistance

- *Currently* fleeing domestic violence
- Doubled up <u>and</u> has been told by the lease holder to vacate the unit
- Leaseholder <u>and</u> has received a notice to vacate by the property owner
- Paying for a hotel/motel <u>without assistance</u>
- Exiting an institution (mental/physical health or jail/prison) <u>and</u> has no resources or support system to assist upon release

**For all households: The expected loss of housing must be less than 30 days away and the household's income must be less than 50% of Area Median Income



Prioritizing People Most at-Risk of Homelessness



Program Access

In order to best serve families and individuals, Wake Prevent! <u>only</u> accepts referrals through Coordinated Entry Access Sites, conveniently located throughout the community.

- Prioritizes those of greatest need
- Ensures ease of access
- Allows clients to take care of additional human services needs with other providers on-site simultaneously

Coordinated Entry Access Site Locations

- Wake County Northern Regional Center | Wake Forest
- Wake County Southern Regional Center | Fuquay-Varina
- Wake County Eastern Regional Center | Zebulon
- Dorcas Ministries | Cary
- Wake County Human Services Center | Raleigh
- Oak City Cares Housing Services Center | Raleigh
- InterAct Domestic Violence Services Center | Raleigh



Partnership with The Green Chair Project

The Green Chair Project reuses gently-used household furnishings to renew lives of participants, who are recovering from or facing homelessness, crisis or disaster.

Through a Wake County Department of Housing Affordability & Community revitalization and Green Chair Project partnership, each Wake Prevent! household will be provided access to all essential furnishings for their home, at no cost to them.



**Households will be required to complete a modified Ready to Rent workshop prior to approval for home furnishings.

Questions?

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