Brown County Housing Authority

** NOTICE TO CLIENTS **

UNREPORTED HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS = NO ASSISTANCE AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
(This also includes unreported income)

The Brown County Housing Authority collaborates with the Brown County District Attorney's Office to criminally prosecute clients for fraud. The largest target will be clients with unreported household members.

Current Example:

An HCV Fraud Specialist was notified by the Green Bay Police Department January 11, 2010, that a client on housing was given a verbal warning for drug use. In the police report, the client referred to a boyfriend living in her household. The boyfriend was not previously reported as a household member. The Fraud Specialist then investigated the case and found that the boyfriend had been living in the household unreported for 10 years. The client was subsequently terminated from the Housing Choice Voucher Program, with a resulting overpayment of $33,737.00 dating back to September 1, 2005. The client will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office for fraud of a Federally Funded Program. If the client is found guilty, they will be charged with a felony and possible jail time. The entire over-paid amount of $33,737.00 will be collected from the client.

Consequences:

Methods to Collect Overpaid Assistance

1. Clients charged with fraud are placed on probation or parole, and will be ordered to enter into a repayment agreement through the probation/parole office.
    - If the client defaults on this repayment agreement, probation/parole will be revoked and the client will be incarcerated.
2. Any unpaid balances will also be collected through the Tax Intercept Program.

Additional Repercussions for Clients who Commit Fraud

1. Client will be ineligible to re-apply for assistance in Brown County for 5 years.
    - When the five year period has ended, the entire amount owed to the agency must be repaid in full or the client will remain ineligible
2. Client will be entered into the national EIV database. This will flag other Public Housing Agencies that the client is potentially ineligible for assistance across the country as long as money is owed in Brown County.

Statistics

- On average, 7 clients are terminated per month for unreported household members.
- The largest repayment amount for one case of unreported household members is $52,178.00.
- Over $900,000.00 is currently owed to Integrated Community Solutions for fraud.
- The Brown County Housing Authority projects $50,000.00 will be collected from clients this year through the Tax Intercept System alone.