


## EXPERIENCING A HOUSING CRISIS?

- Remaining calm is the first step toward evaluating your situation
- Ask yourself if you have explored all possible options to resolve your emergency or crisis and if not, plan to do so.
- If your situation puts your family in danger or at risk, you may need to seek professional advice **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

## BEHIND ON YOUR RENT?

- You may be able to avoid losing your housing by talking to your landlord about your current situation and working out a payment agreement. Remember, if your landlord does not know you are facing a sudden hardship, he may be led to believe you are purposely failing to meet your rental obligation. As a result he may proceed to evict you for non-payment of rent.
- Before your situation results in possible eviction you need to try to work things out with your landlord.

## FACING EVICTION?

- You may not want to leave your home, but a court ordered eviction means you need to plan to vacate your home within a specific period of time. You must plan ahead by considering all alternatives for temporary housing or permanent housing.
- Can friends or family provide temporary 

housing arrangements until you find permanent housing?

- Does your church or other religious and /or charitable organizations in your community offer any type of temporary assistance?
- Begin to explore all methods for locating permanent housing, such as contacts with friends, co-workers, newspapers, etc.
- Get advice about the availability of housing in your community because it may be necessary for you to consider housing options that are available in other areas of your city, town, county, etc.

## **ORANGE COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING A LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS.**

Due to this fact, it is not always easy to locate a permanent place to live in exactly the location you may prefer. Therefore, it is important you take all steps available to maintain your housing AND know that if you should lose your housing you may have great difficulty locating another home for you and your family.

- If you are unsure of the legal eviction process you should seek advice to be certain the process has been followed legally. The process may vary based on why you are being asked to leave and what type of tenant you have been (make payments on time, maintain the apartment, etc.).

## HOMELESS?

- If you have been unable to avoid becoming homeless, **HRA** may be able to assist you.

If you are experiencing a housing emergency or crisis after the HRA office closes at 5PM, you should evaluate your situation to determine immediate housing options (ie; friends, family, etc.).

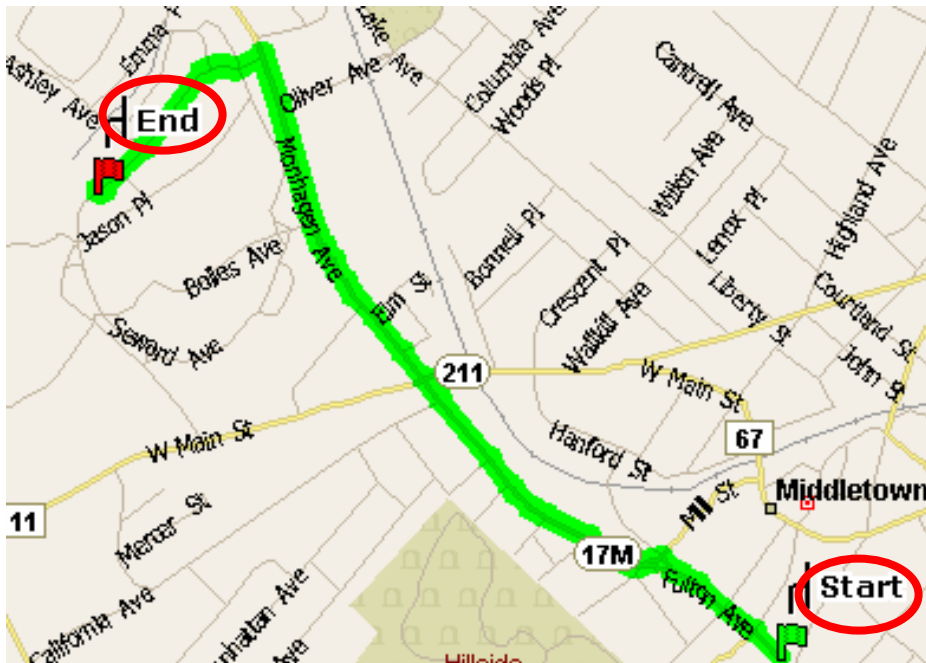
If you are unable to reach a temporary solution you may call the After Hours Hotline at:

**1-800-782-5480**



**Directions to the Housing Resource Alliance (HRA):**

From OCDSS at 33 Fulton Street continue to Mill Street, bearing left onto Monhagen Avenue. Continue on Monhagen Avenue, turning left onto Seward Ave. Proceed to 65 Seward Avenue.



**Are you experiencing a  
Housing Crisis?**

**Behind on your rent?**

**Facing Eviction?**

**Homeless?**

**Housing Services Are  
Now Available  
at the**

**Housing Resource Alliance  
65 Seward Avenue  
Middletown, New York 10940  
(845) 956 - HOME (4663)**

**9AM - 5PM**

The Housing Resource Alliance  
Coordinated by the  
Joint Members of Health &  
Community Agencies—JMCA  
& the  
O. C. Housing Consortium—OCHC

