



SAN DIEGO  
HOUSING  
COMMISSION

## INFORMATIONAL REPORT

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**ATTENTION:** Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission  
For the Agenda of May 8, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Workshop & Discussion: Path to Success and the San Diego Housing  
Commission Achievement Academy

### **NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION**

A workshop will be presented to provide an update on the Path to Success initiative and the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Achievement Academy programs and services that are offered to Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance participants and public housing residents. No action will be taken on this item.

Path to Success was implemented on July 1, 2013. It modifies the method used to determine the monthly rent payment amounts for federal Housing Choice Voucher-Section 8 rental assistance participants and public housing residents.

SDHC guides program participants who are identified as able to work (Work-Able) to become more financially self-reliant through enrollment at the SDHC Achievement Academy.

The SDHC Achievement Academy focuses on building work readiness skills to help Path to Success families succeed. The newly strengthened programming includes:

- Hard skills training: Resume writing, interviewing techniques, mock interviews, job search skills, and basic writing skills.
- Financial education: Credit report and budgeting classes, one-on-one financial coaching and assistance with resolving credit issues.
- Weekly recruitments with top employers in San Diego.
- Industry-specific training: Security, Hospitality and Caregiver
- Soft skills training: Dealing with difficult people, importance of a positive attitude, and professional appearance.
- Government benefits fairs about the services available to low-income individuals.

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