

## **EVICTION PREVENTION** – Resources for individuals without current legal status.

At Catholic Charities we provide a variety of resources for all residents within Westchester County. Our offices in Yonkers are located at 204 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 (St. Peter's School). Our offices are physically open Monday through Thursday from 9:30AM-3:00PM by appointment only. We continue to serve all others over the phone at 888 -744-7900 our **intake hotline** which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. We can also connect with clients and service providers through our **Find Help APP** which can be downloaded to email us directly, to learn more at <a href="https://rb.gy/gn93h3">https://rb.gy/gn93h3</a>.

## **Understanding Our Rights**

- In NYS, immigrants are protected by federal and state housing and anti-discrimination laws. No matter the type of tenancy, all tenants-regardless of immigration status-have the right to live in their homes free from harassment and threats by their landlord.
  - https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/immigration tenants rights web.pdf
- Landlords are not allowed to take the law into their own hands to evict non-citizen tenants.
- Immigration Assistance, our agency runs the New Americans Hotline at we have attorneys that can respond to immigration related questions at 1-800-566-7636 or by text to CCNYIMMIGRATION (80123)

## Mixed-Household Status Families

- Families that have a mixture of individuals (adults and/or children) with legal status and without.
  - These families have an opportunity <u>to apply</u> to receive financial assistance from the Department of Social Services throughout Westchester on behalf of the legal status household member.
  - Families may also qualify for several County funded grants.

## Completely undocumented families

- Advocacy: Provide tenant and landlord mediation
- Legal Assistance Referral: Hudson Valley Justice Center
- \*Financial Assistance: Security Deposit, First Month's Rent, Broker Fee, Rental Arrears
  OTHER
  - Utility Payment Assistance
  - Storage Payment Assistance
  - Medical/Medication Assistance

For questions, please feel free to email us at CCCS. Westchester@archny.org

<sup>\*</sup>Based on availability of private funds and donations. We require an intake application for all clients interested in our services.