



**December 2007**

Dear Potential DHAP Participant:

Welcome to Harris County's DHAP-orientation meeting. Here are some key things you need to know about DHAP:

- DHAP is a new program from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development – in cooperation with FEMA.
- The DHAP program helps families who were in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- If FEMA is currently paying your rent, or part of your rent, you are automatically eligible for the DHAP program.
- The DHAP program will replace the existing FEMA rental-assistance program.
- **FEMA will stop paying your rent on December 1, 2007. In its place, the DHAP program will start paying your rent, but you must enroll to receive continued assistance.**
- The DHAP program will pay your full rent benefits through February 2008. Starting in March 2008, you will have to pay \$50 of your total monthly rent payment directly to your landlord out of your own pocket. The amount that you pay directly to the landlord will increase by \$50 each month after that. So, you can expect to pay \$100 in April 2008, then \$150 in May 2008, and so on, until self-sufficiency is achieved or until the end of the program in March 2009, which ever comes first.

You will find in your DHAP Family Toolkit the forms you will need to complete in order to enroll in the DHAP program. We are available to help you to complete the forms and answer any questions you may have.

If you have questions you can call your Housing Authority's DHAP Center at:

**PHONE NUMBER**

866-497-6036

**HOURS**

M – F: 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sat: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**WEB SITE**

[www.dhapusa.org](http://www.dhapusa.org)

Sincerely,  
DHAP Administration