

**FACT: A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A BARRIER TO LIVING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OFFERED THROUGH ELM CITY COMMUNITIES/THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN.**

## WHO WE ARE:

We, at Elm City Communities, believe public housing is the foundation from which the American Dream will survive and thrive for generations to come. Our vision is a New Haven where every resident has a safe and decent home that they can afford and opportunities to fulfill their goals. Since becoming a HUD-designated Moving To Work (MTW) agency in 2000, Elm City Communities has become an incubator of innovation and an economic engine in New Haven, Connecticut. As a result, Elm City Communities has increased affordable housing choice, provided an array of self-sufficiency programs, created across the board cost savings measures, and spurred millions of dollars of indirect economic activity through redevelopment projects and job creation. Through the development and operation of affordable communities of choice and by providing opportunities for greater self-sufficiency in New Haven, we offer a lifeline to the American Dream.

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**REUNITING  
COMMUNITIES:  
A GUIDE TO  
REENTRY &  
SUBSIDIZED  
HOUSING OPTIONS  
IN NEW HAVEN**



If applying for housing, ECC/HANH will offer applicants an **opportunity to review their criminal background with staff**. You may bring information with you, as well as representatives to assist you at this meeting. Applicants who are able to demonstrate **positive community re-entry** will be considered for housing opportunities.

## WE BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES.

If our waitlist is open, you may apply like any other applicant for housing. ECC/HANH guidelines have been changed recently **to provide quality, decent and affordable housing to all**.

If you are seeking to **join an existing household**, the head of household may apply to have you added to their lease.

Finally, we have **set-aside options** for housing specifically for New Haven residents affected by incarceration.

**PLEASE READ ON FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
THESE OPTIONS.**