

THE IMPORTANCE OF EVICTION PREVENTION



In 2019 around 6,000 individuals and families were evicted from their homes in the City of St. Louis. Due to COVID-19 those number are expected to climb.



People who are evicted are more likely to lose their jobs and have a difficult time finding new quality housing. Their children are likely to be uprooted from their schools and have lower school achievement.



Due to the lack of affordable housing, many families are devoting too much of their income toward rent. Many are just one car repair or health emergency away from being evicted and falling into poverty.

THE GOOD NEWS IS WE CAN HELP PREVENT EVICTIONS...

RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE



Offering rent and utility assistance can help someone who faces eviction due to an unexpected misfortune pay their rent or utility bill. One-time assistance of up to \$2,000 per household would provide the flexibility to meet a family's individual needs.



EVICTION HOTLINE

A dedicated eviction assistance hotline would allow tenants facing eviction to get assistance quickly.



ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL IN COURT

Only 3% of tenants facing eviction in court have access to legal counsel, whereas over 88% of landlords do. Ensuring access to legal counsel will give tenants facing an eviction a fair chance to prevail in court.

For More Information:

Call Horizon Housing at: 314-865-0383 or visit www.hhdc-stl.org