



SEPTEMBER RESOURCES & UPDATES

News for KCHA residents

This month: housing updates, how to prepare for KCHA's new portal to manage your account online, finding college scholarships, how to buy a home, and programs for jobs, education and computer skills.

[Learn about federal funding and policy](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dates to Know

September 7	Labor Day. KCHA offices are closed.
Sept. 9–Oct. 5	Software transition (Yardi). Some KCHA services may take longer than usual.
October 5	Yardi software goes live.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Housing Updates

SEPTEMBER 9–OCTOBER 5

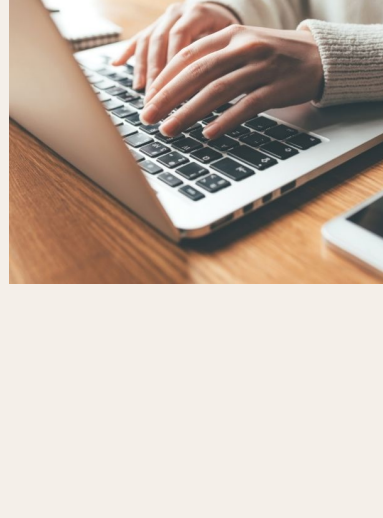
KCHA is upgrading our housing management software

This fall, KCHA is moving to a new housing and financial management system called Yardi. The new system will help us manage information more efficiently and serve you better.

From **September 9 through October 5**, KCHA will move information from our old system to Yardi.

KCHA will continue providing all the services that you rely on, but some services may take longer than usual during this transition.

Thank you for your patience as our staff learn and adjust to the new system.



COMING IN 2027

Get ready for the new online access portal

In 2027, KCHA will launch a new way for you to manage your account online. Residents, tenants, and landlords will be able to use the portal to manage important housing information and complete some tasks online.

To use the portal, you will need internet access and a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Resources are listed below so that you can prepare now.

270+ free laptops	KCHA LAPTOP PROGRAM KCHA is partnering with PCs for People to provide more than 270 free refurbished laptops to public housing residents and voucher holders.
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The laptops support participants in KCHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Young Adult Prosperity Program (YAPP). Residents and voucher holders across King County may also be able to receive a laptop through their Resident Services Coordinator.

WAYS TO GET CONNECTED

Tech Connect	Devices and technology training through YWCA, Neighborhood House and PCs for People. Tech Connect is open to all KCHA residents and voucher holders, with program services available at Firwood Circle and Burndale Homes in Auburn.
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PCs for People	Low-cost computers and internet service for people who qualify. Learn more
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Local libraries	Free computer and internet access is available at many local libraries.
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KCHA support	Your Resident Services Coordinator can help you find laptop, internet and technology resources.
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You do not need to wait for the new portal to launch. Getting access to a device and practicing basic computer skills now can help you prepare.

RESOURCES FROM YWCA

Programs & Training

Learning new skills can help with work, school and everyday life. These free YWCA programs offer support with jobs, education, money and computer skills.

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Help with Jobs, School and Training

Free career and education help for eligible young adults in King County.

Get help with: jobs and resumes, training and internships, and college and scholarships.

Greenbridge Learning Center

[206-336-6977](tel:206-336-6977) • akhem@ywcaworks.org



BURNDALE HOMES

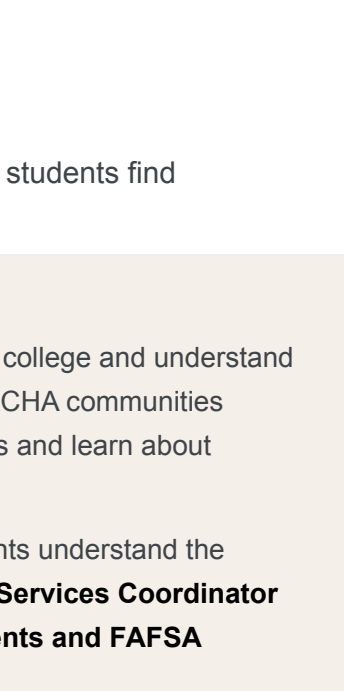
Education and Employment Help

Free help for Burndale Homes residents preparing for work, school and training.

Get help with: job searches and interviews, computer skills, GED and English learning, and job training.

YWCA Community Center

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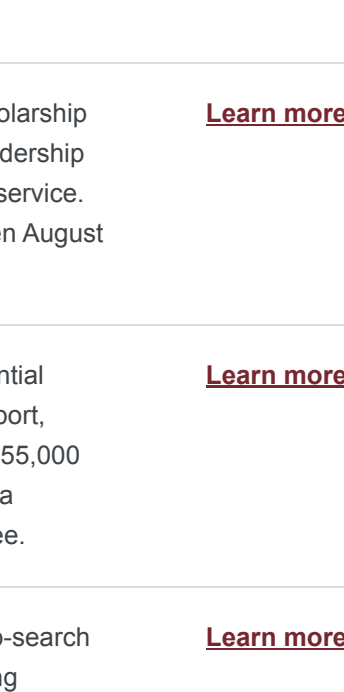
FREE 8-WEEK ONLINE CLASS

Hope & Power

Financial education for women who have experienced an abusive or controlling partner.

Learn about budgeting, credit, debt, financial safety and planning. **Participants may earn up to \$155.**

kgresswell@ywcaworks.org



FIRWOOD CIRCLE

Free Computer Training

Free computer and internet training for KCHA residents and voucher holders.

Learn computer basics, email, passwords, online forms and online safety. **Free equipment may also be available after enrollment.**

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FAMILIES & STUDENTS

You Can Afford College

COLLEGE RESOURCES

National Scholarships

These scholarships can help high school students find scholarships and financial support for college.

HELP FROM KCHA RESIDENT SERVICES

KCHA Resident Services can help you explore college and understand financial aid. We host informational events at KCHA communities where residents can connect with local colleges and learn about education and training options.

We also plan FAFSA workshops to help residents understand the financial aid process. **Contact your Resident Services Coordinator for information about upcoming college events and FAFSA workshops.**

QuestBridge	Connects high-achieving students with 50+ selective colleges and can provide full four-year scholarships.	Learn more
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The Gates Scholarship	Covers full cost of attendance not already covered by aid for qualifying high-achieving seniors.	Learn more
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Coca-Cola Scholars	Merit-based scholarship emphasizing leadership and community service. Applications open August 3.	Learn more
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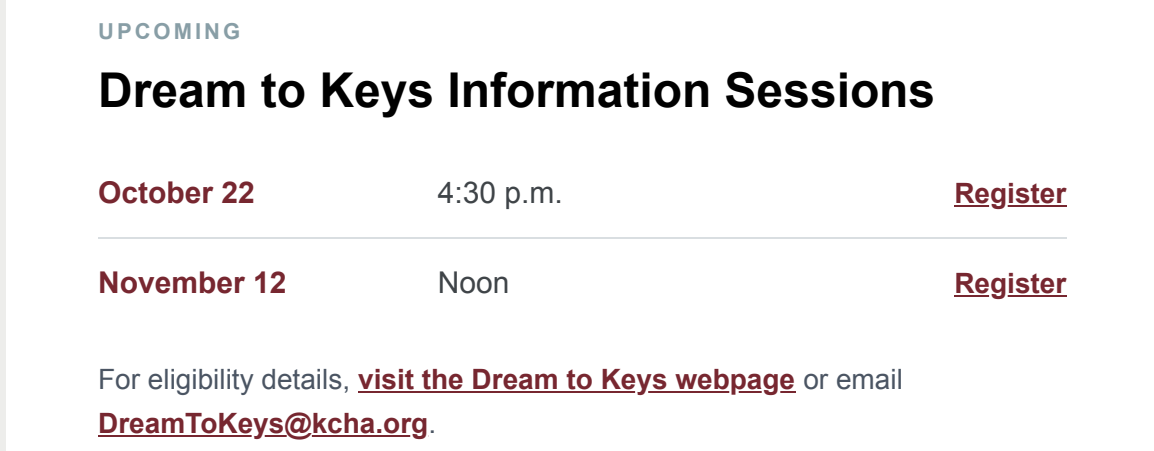
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	Provides substantial educational support, including up to \$55,000 per year toward a bachelor's degree.	Learn more
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Scholarships.com	Free scholarship-search platform matching students to awards, grants and financial-aid opportunities.	Learn more
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College Success Foundation	Helps students find scholarships, write strong applications and understand financial aid.	Learn more
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HOMEOWNERSHIP

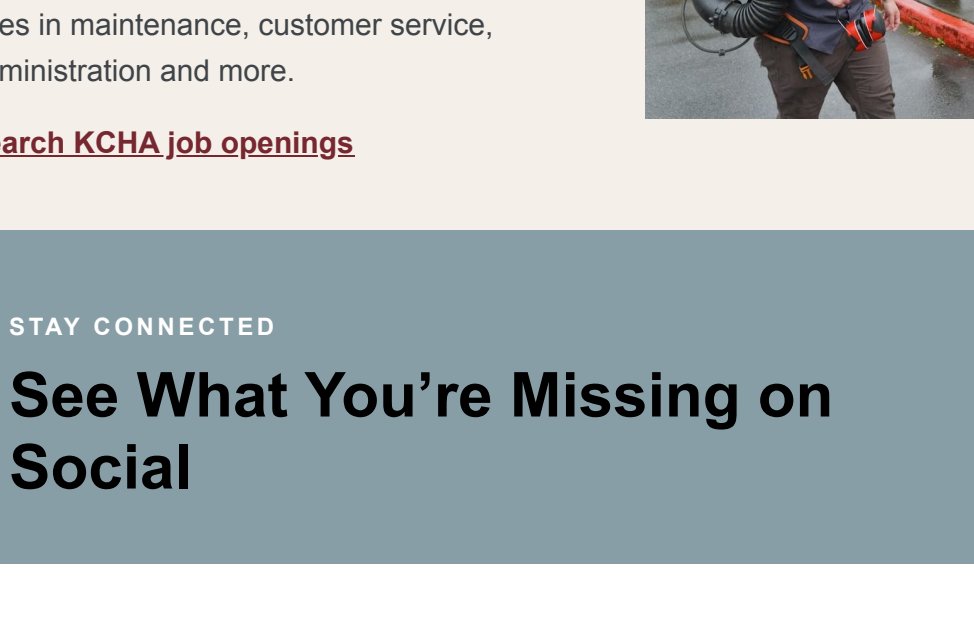
Dream to Keys



A PATH TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

Turning housing assistance into homeownership

KCHA's Dream to Keys Homeownership Program helps public housing residents and voucher participants use their housing support as a pathway to owning a home.



[Watch the Dream to Keys story](#)

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Check and improve your credit

Your credit score affects the loan options and interest rate you can get when buying a home. If you're thinking about using Dream to Keys, it's important to check your credit now and make sure your credit score is at least **620**.

Some loan programs, including Federal Housing Administration (FHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) loans, may have more flexible requirements.

CHECK YOUR CREDIT

Many banks and credit card companies offer free credit score checks. You can also get a free credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus.

[Experian](#) • [Equifax](#) • [TransUnion](#)

[Check your credit reports](#)

WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT

01 Pay all bills on time.

02 Pay down credit card balances. Using less than 30% of your available credit can help.

03 Avoid opening new credit accounts.

04 Keep older accounts open to build a longer credit history.

05 Dispute any errors you find on your credit report.

Taking these steps now can help you qualify for better mortgage options as you move toward homeownership through Dream to Keys.

UPCOMING

Dream to Keys Information Sessions

October 22	4:30 p.m.	Register
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November 12	Noon	Register
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For eligibility details, [visit the Dream to Keys webpage](#) or email DreamToKeys@kcha.org.

CAREERS AT KCHA

Explore a Career with KCHA

JOIN OUR TEAM

Find Your Next Opportunity

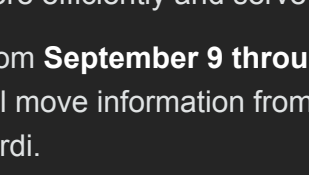
KCHA is hiring, and we encourage residents to explore our open positions. We offer stable jobs, good benefits and work that supports communities across King County. You'll find roles in maintenance, customer service, administration and more.

[Search KCHA job openings](#)

STAY CONNECTED

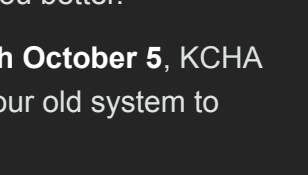
See What You're Missing on Social

These summer opportunities have passed, but there's lots more happening now. Follow us on social media to hear about upcoming events, resources, and opportunities as they are announced.



National Night Out event highlights

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"Pack" to School Resource Fair

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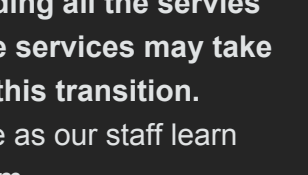


YWCA Job & Resource Fair

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