

Top 10 Things You Should Know About... **FINDING HOUSING**



- 1.** First, determine what area you want to live in.
- 2.** Determine what the ideal location and home would be for you.
- 3.** Don't listen to those who tell you how hard it is to find housing. You want to stay open to all possibilities and trust in the process.
- 4.** Start asking friends, family and acquaintances if they know anyone who is renting in your area of choice.
- 5.** Walk or drive around your area of choice and look for 'For Rent' signs.
- 6.** Talk to people in the neighbourhood and ask for leads. Go to grocers, gas stations and other local businesses – see if they have a community board where people post notices.
- 7.** Check the paper for listings and go check out the location even if you don't fit some of the criteria. Landlords are looking for the right person and neither of you will know until you meet!
- 8.** If you're interested in subsidized housing, get your name on the list now. Even if you're told the wait will be long, anything is possible. You could be in a great, affordable place before you know it!
- 9.** Post your own notice on community boards and sell your great qualities. If you've been a model renter with good references – tell people!
- 10.** Check out local community resources that help connect people with housing – they may have what you're looking for. Check often!

Finding adequate, affordable housing can be a real challenge. Talk to your Case Coordinator today about what workshops and resources are available to support you as you look for that perfect place to call home.