

# **ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

Move to PROSPER is a new program that makes affordable rental housing available in neighborhoods that offer access to opportunities, such as good schools, safe neighborhoods, employment and more, so that families at all income levels in Central Ohio have a true choice to live in a community of opportunity.

## What does Move to PROSPER offer?

- 3 years of rental support
- Access to safe, quality & healthy housing in an apartment in a high opportunity community
- The assistance of a life coach to support you on reaching your financial, career, educational and wellness goals for you and your family
- Assistance integrating your children into a new school & your family into a new neighborhood
- Workshops and programs for you and your family

## Why should you enroll in our program?

- Healthy housing in a safe neighborhood helps decrease stress for both you and your children
- High performing schools allow your children to create a foundation for future success
- Coaching and workshops will give you the tools to continue to create opportunities for you and your family for years to come
- Quality housing can decrease health issues such as asthma and the risk of lead poisoning
- Safe neighborhoods allow you and your children to play outside and go for walks, which can reduce high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity
- A new community may create new employment opportunities that decrease your daily commute and/or increase your income

#### **Qualification Criteria**

- Are a single female head of household who is at least 18 years old
- Have 1-3 children, ages 13 and under, with at least one in school
- Are currently experiencing housing insecurity
- Not a participant in the Housing Choice Voucher program, formerly Section 8
- Employed with income between \$23,000- \$29,800 for a family of 2, \$23,000-\$32,000 for a family of 3, or \$25,000-\$37,200 for a family of 4
- Have children who are eligible for Medicaid
- Have personal transportation
- Able to move the summer of 2018



### **WE PROVIDE**

Move to PROSPER has relationships with participating landlords who own 2-bedroom apartments in Gahanna, Olentangy, Dublin and Hilliard school districts. Our program includes a private rental support fund. This private rental support only applies to the apartments from participating landlords and will only be provided as long as you and your children reside in the provided apartment and are participating in the Move to PROSPER program. The rental support has two components:

- (1) The rent on the apartment will be reduced by \$100 per month by the landlord; and
- (2) Move to PROSPER will pay an additional \$300 per month to the landlord on your behalf.

In total, you'll receive a \$400 reduction on your rent for up to three years.

**YOU PROVIDE** 

You will be responsible for timely payment of your portion of the rent, any other charges by the participating landlord and all utilities for the unit, not otherwise included in your rent.

Upon completion of the three-year Move to PROSPER pilot, participants can continue to live in their apartment if they can afford the market rate rent without the rental support provided by the program.

Otherwise, participants will be required to relocate and Move to PROSPER coaches will assist, if necessary, in your relocation.

Program coaches will assist participants in meeting their personal, educational, health, and employment goals and connect them with community resources. Each participant will be assigned a life coach.

Each participant will be required to have a Personal Goals Statement and will meet with their assigned life coach regularly to review goal attainment and life skills as well as to complete program surveys.

Workshops or programs will be led by experts on topics such as finances, parenting challenges, problem solving, building self-esteem, work skills, legal issues, healthy living, etc.

Each participant and her children will be required to attend at least **5 programs annually.** 

We gather information so we can demonstrate to other organizations the benefits of continuing this program in years to come. Your participation in the evaluation can help create opportunities for more families, just like yours, in the future. All of your private information will be kept confidential.

You will be asked to participate in interviews and complete surveys about your participation in the program; share information about your and your child's health; share your child/children/s school(s) academic and attendance record; and share information about your employment.

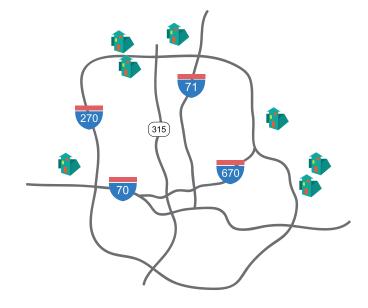
## **Apartment Locations**

Two-bedroom apartments are located in the following school districts:

- Gahanna - Dublin

- Olentangy - Hilliard

All school districts have received high performance scores.



## Application Process: A Step-by-Step Guide

- 1. Email coach@MovetoPROSPER.org to request the link to the criteria application or a paper application. You can also visit our website to access the application.
- 2. Complete the criteria application form online or mail the print version to Move to PROSPER to:



Attn: Move to PROSPER Ebner Building 1070 College Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43209

- 3. Soon after, if you meet initial program requirements, you will receive a link to complete and submit a disclosure and authorization form or it will be mailed to you if you sent us an application by mail
- 4. Next, if you meet both program and other initial screening requirements, you will receive a link to complete a program application or one will be mailed to you
- 5. Next, Move to PROSPER will schedule an interview
- 6. Upon completion of a successful interview, you'll receive a participation agreement to sign
- 7. After signing, you'll meet with a coach to begin the process of identifying an apartment

NOTE: Move to PROSPER will review all application material in the order received.

Questions?
Email coach@movetoPROSPER.org or visit

www.movetoPROSPER.org

