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COHHIO utilizes a four-day workweek as an employment benefit and retention strategy aiming to improve employee morale, decrease burnout, and streamline productivity. For more information on this practice relative to the Youth Housing Initiative Program, please email Program Director Amanda Wilson at [amandawilson@cohhio.org](mailto:amandawilson@cohhio.org).

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Fraud Alert: OHFA Warns Ohioans about a Housing Voucher Scam**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — The Ohio Housing Finance Agency wants to warn Ohioans of a Housing Voucher scam. A fraudulent Facebook page, Ohio Housing Development Authority, is promoting a waiting list for Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Programs.

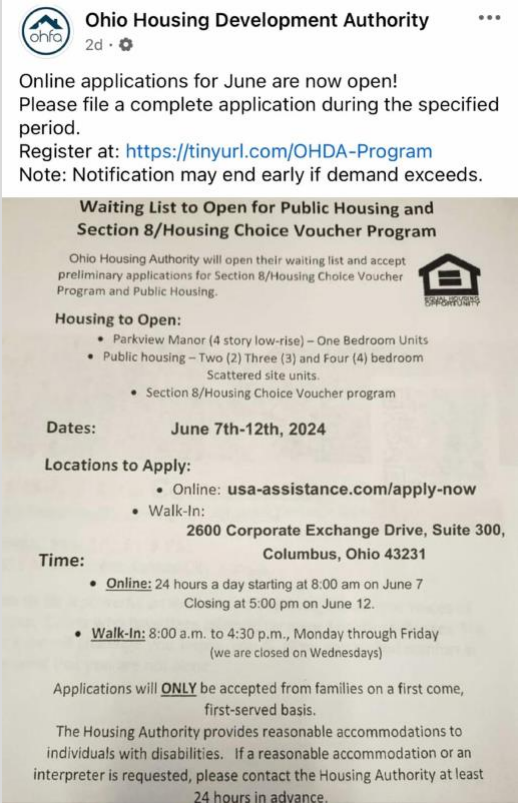
The fraudulent Facebook page uses the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's logo, and the flier references its offices as well as a website to register for housing vouchers. The Ohio Housing Finance Agency does not administer housing vouchers. Ohioans that need to apply for housing vouchers should contact their [local public housing authority](#).

"We want Ohioans to be aware that the Ohio Housing Development Authority is not associated with the state of Ohio. It is promoting fraudulent information regarding Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Ohioans should disregard any information they have received from this organization," said Penny Martin, director of public affairs for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. "The Ohio Housing Finance Agency does not issue Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers. Ohioans that need a housing voucher should contact their local public housing authority."

Ohioans that may have been a victim of fraud should take action to secure their personal information. Recommendations on next steps can be found on the [Ohio Attorney General's website](#). You also can report scams on their website [here](#).

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency provides financing for the development of low- to moderate-income housing as well as discounted mortgage rates and down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. To learn more about the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and its programs, visit [ohiohome.org](http://ohiohome.org).

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**Ohio Housing Development Authority** 2d · 🌐

Online applications for June are now open!  
Please file a complete application during the specified period.  
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/OHDA-Program>  
Note: Notification may end early if demand exceeds.

**Waiting List to Open for Public Housing and Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program**

Ohio Housing Authority will open their waiting list and accept preliminary applications for Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing.

**Housing to Open:**

- Parkview Manor (4 story low-rise) – One Bedroom Units
- Public housing – Two (2) Three (3) and Four (4) bedroom Scattered site units.
- Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher program

**Dates:** June 7th-12th, 2024

**Locations to Apply:**

- Online: [usa-assistance.com/apply-now](http://usa-assistance.com/apply-now)
- Walk-In: 2600 Corporate Exchange Drive, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43231

**Time:**

- **Online:** 24 hours a day starting at 8:00 am on June 7 Closing at 5:00 pm on June 12.
- **Walk-In:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (we are closed on Wednesdays)

Applications will **ONLY** be accepted from families on a first come, first-served basis.

The Housing Authority provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If a reasonable accommodation or an interpreter is requested, please contact the Housing Authority at least 24 hours in advance.

**The image to the left is of the fraudulent Facebook page.**

The Ohio Housing Development Authority is not a state agency. Please disregard any communication from this organization regarding Section 8 or Housing Choice Vouchers. Ohioans needing housing vouchers should contact their local public housing authority.

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