

# MAHONING COUNTY BOARD OF DD

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH YMHA

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# YOUNGSTOWN METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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- Contact with the YMHA in past had never opened doors
- Learned about vouchers
- Learned preferential categories
- Developed relationship of familiarity
- COVID-19 helped
- Working on getting a seat at the table with the YMHA

# COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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- Specialty SSA Role assignment
- SSA Supervisor has integrated an annual goal of Improve housing opportunities for individuals served by MCBDD
- Training of SSA on importance of the voucher program and what it could mean to our individuals. Gave a Script.
- SSA contacted all individuals to discuss application for lottery
- Order of Priority Contacts:
  - RAP
  - Individual living independently
  - Congregate settings
  - Individual residing with family who pay rent/ and may be struggling

# SUCCESS!!

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- Checking the newspaper every day
- Submitted Applications when Lottery opened up
- Lottery Winning!!
- YMHA announced the 1200 random numbers selected for the wait list. Of the 106 applications that were submitted, 78 have been selected. That's pretty good odds!!