

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please mark your calendar to join us for a **Housing Summit on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at the Brown County Central Library from 9-12 AM.**

The Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition is sponsoring a Housing Summit in which community leaders are invited to come together to learn about the issue of homelessness and begin discussions on how we can collectively work toward ending homelessness in our community. The morning will include a discussion panel followed by a resource fair to highlight the various agencies in our community who provide housing services.

2018 PAYMENT STANDARD UPDATED

Please be aware the payment standards have increased for 2018. The updated Payment Standard worksheets will be uploaded to our website shortly.

UPDATED PLACES TO RENT GUIDE

ICS is currently in the process of updating the Places to Rent Guide. This guide is given to Section 8 clients to assist them in locating a unit. Please contact Mike Leifker at mikele@ics-gb.org to be added to the Places to Rent Guide, or to update your information.

WINTER INSPECTION TIPS

- clear sidewalks, walkways, stoops, and stairs of snow and ice
- check all carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are operational
- make sure windows are sealed properly and in good working order
- check that door weather stripping is in good condition and seals the door properly

MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS

Brown County Housing Authority has recently adopted a policy that allows for Municipal Code Violations to constitute a Housing Quality Standard (HQS) failure. If a current ICS program participant is residing in a unit that has a municipal code violation, ICS' inspection department will send a notice to the landlord identifying that the unit is not in compliance with HQS regulations and the landlord will have 30 days to remedy the situation through the municipality and provide ICS a certificate of compliance from that municipality in order to avoid having payments stopped. If the certificate is not provided ICS will stop payments 30 days from the notice letter being sent to the landlord. Please be aware that if payments are stopped you as the landlord cannot force the client to pay anything above their current portion of the rent. Landlords also cannot evict a tenant as a result of non-payment of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

