

New on-line housing resource

I wanted to make sure you were familiar with **a new resource for our area, WacoHousingSearch.org**. In working with many families in housing crises, we found that one of the biggest housing-related challenges in our city is simply finding appropriate affordable housing. So we used eligible HPRP grant funds to create this online rental housing database for our community through SocialServe.com, a non-profit organization that provides this service in 30 different states. What really sets this service apart from any other housing search service is that:

1. It is completely free for potential tenants to search for properties, without giving any personal information, and free for landlords to list available properties
2. Tenants are able to search for properties based on rent, location, accessibility for the disabled and much more, and
3. It is staffed by a bilingual, toll-free call-center (1-877-428-8844) that provides those services free for those who don't have internet access.

This service is a big part of providing access to available rental properties to all members of our community, and we really believe that by being a comprehensive and widely-available resource it can raise the level of housing stability in Waco as more people are able to find housing that they can afford that is suited to their specific needs.

The site has many more features and tools on it, including a "What Can You Afford to Pay for Rent?" calculator and maps and pictures of available properties- I'd encourage you to take a look for yourself at www.wacohousingsearch.org!