

**SDHP and PHFA are offering members of your agency an opportunity to become trained as a PREP Coach/Trainer...**

*"I think that PREP is an efficient tool to help consumers understand the challenges they may face in the rental process and focus on the strengths in their past."*

...Brenda Gressman  
Three Rivers Center for  
Independent Living Pittsburgh

*"The program and the packet of information will be very useful when working with my consumers, especially those coming out of nursing homes."*

Patty Brockley,  
Center for Independent Living  
of Central PA

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# *PREP*

## *Prepared Renter Program*

***Creating  
Positive  
Rental  
Experiences  
for  
Everyone!***

# ***Become a PREP Coach/Trainer***

## **What Is PREP?**

PREP, the Prepared Renter Program is a collaborative effort of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) and the Self-Determination Housing Project of PA (SDHP) that gives consumers the tools they need to become successful tenants.

## **Opportunity To Teach PREP**

A free half day PREP training is provided by representatives of the Regional Housing Coordinator (RHC) Project, who have been trained as instructors of the PREP curriculum. The training will prepare PREP Coaches/Trainers, and equip them with the tools consumers need to understand the rental process. Staff from Centers for Independent Living and provider agencies are encouraged to participate in the PREP training.

## **Why Is PREP Important?**

The PREP training explains what renters need to think about before they start looking for housing, and anticipate the challenges they may face based on what their personal circumstances are. The PREP curriculum also includes a list of resources and names of agencies that can offer assistance. PREP participants will learn how to:

- assess housing needs
- understand the language of a lease
- communicate with landlords
- create and work within a budget
- repair credit problems
- overcome criminal histories
- understand difficult housing markets
- choose affordable housing in a desirable location
- avoid discrimination

## **How To Become a Coach/Trainer**

PREP is a valuable service that will benefit both tenants and landlords. We encourage members of your agency to become a PREP Coach/Trainer and provide consumers with the tools they need to become a successful renter.

***To learn more about how to become a PREP Coach/Trainer and the location closest to you where you can become trained contact:***

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