ORGANIZE YOUR SEARCH

- Decide which neighborhoods are feasible based on cost, transportation and schools
- Find out if you are eligible for any government subsidies
- Obtain your credit report and deal with any negative entries
- Prepare your “resume” so that you will be able to fill out applications quickly and completely

CARRY OUT THE SEARCH SYSTEMATICALLY

- Check newspaper listings, and internet listings such as “Craigslist” regularly
- Ask friends to look for vacancies
- Travel through the neighborhoods you have selected for your focus to look for vacancy signs and “move in special” signs on apartment buildings
- Check out Laundromats and other local postings in your selected neighborhood

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPRESSION WHEN YOU APPLY FOR A VACANT UNIT

- Use your resume to make your application look “professional”
- Dress to make a good impression, just like it was a job interview
- Practice your meeting so that you will greet the rental agent with a smile and a firm handshake. Show good manners including, thanking the agent at the beginning and end of the interview for meeting with you.
- Don’t let children or pets become a distraction.
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions and to look for the points listed on the “checklist.”

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