

**Topeka Housing Authority
2010 SE California Avenue
Topeka, KS 66607
(785) 357-8842**

**What the family should consider in deciding whether to lease
a unit including:**

- The condition of a unit.
- Whether the rent is reasonable.
- The cost of any tenant-paid utilities and whether the unit is energy efficient. Calls may be made to Westar Energy, Kansas Gas Service, City of Topeka Water Department to ask what the average usage was previously for the unit in which you are interested.
- The location of the unit, including proximity to public transportation, centers of employment, schools and shopping.
- Inquiry can be made of Safe Streets at (785) 266-4606 to ask about criminal activity in the area

When you begin your Section 8 in a unit, you are required to sign a new, one year lease. Per the Housing Authority's Administrative Plan, you will not be allowed to move until that first year is completed. Make sure you find a place where you can be happy for at least one year!