June 7, 2018 - U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson announced today that the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Regional Housing Authority (RHA) was selected in the first round of EnVision Center designation communities. The WPCOG RHA was one of only 18 locations in the United States chosen for this opportunity.

The RHA offers housing assistance in the form of Housing Choice Vouchers to approximately 1,074 residents in the four-county region; Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba. The Envision Center, through partnerships with organizations in the region, will connect low-income families to services that offer a clear path to self-sufficiency. This new holistic approach will make it easier for families to become self-sufficient, provide economic empowerment, and make federal resources more readily available to a greater number of households currently waiting to receive HUD assistance.

The WPCOG-RHA will be holding a press conference Friday, June 8, 2018, to announce the goals and vision for our EnVision Center. The WPCOG anticipates HUD Southeast Regional Administrator, Denise Cleveland-Leggett and other HUD and local officials, and a Family Self-Sufficiency Program Participant in attendance.

Press Conference - Friday, June 8, 2018, at 3 pm at WPCOG – 1880 Second Ave. NW, Hickory, NC 28601

A Press Release with full details will be provided at the Press Conference.


Thank You,

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