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**GLENDALE'S COMMUNITY HOUSING DIVISION  
EARNS 'HIGH PERFORMER' STATUS FOR 16<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** -- The city of Glendale's Community Housing Program recently received notice it has been rated a "high performer" for the 16th consecutive year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the city's administration of HUD's Section Eight Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Section Eight Housing provides rent subsidies to very low-income individuals and families. The city's most recent rating as a "high performer" is for the period ending June 30, 2010. The comprehensive rating system – Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) – covers 14 indicators and involves year-long monitoring by HUD to determine performance on areas such as:

- Rent reasonableness,
- Expanding housing opportunities for low income families,
- Quality of available rental units,
- Full use of funds for rental subsidies,
- Accurate screening of applicants.

Out of a possible score of 103 percent, Glendale's Community Housing Program earned 102 percent.

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**High Performer Rating**  
**1-1-1-1-1-1**

“This rating indicates, once again, that Glendale has excellent policies, procedures and controls to insure the best use of federal funds allotted to this program,” says Erik Strunk, community partnership director. “Our housing team takes pride in assisting Glendale families who are most in need and in working with the landlords who participate in this program as well.”

Glendale’s Community Housing Program assists 4,340 individuals – nearly half of them children under the age of 18 – in its Section Eight program and works with 840 landlords across the city.

For more information about the Section Eight Housing Program and other housing options overseen by Glendale’s Housing Program, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/housing](http://www.glendaleaz.com/housing) or call 623-930-2180.

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