

# About Us

The Road to Renting program is a series of classes to help participants address their barriers to getting and keeping permanent housing.

## Road to Renting can help you:

- Advocate for yourself in Spokane's tight housing market
- Deepen your understanding of leases
- Develop a plan to build or repair your credit
- Create a budget and/or a debt reduction plan
- Become familiar with Fair Housing Rules
- Get the tools and confidence to take your next step on your housing journey

You'll receive certificates of completion for each section you finish. Include your certificate in your rental portfolio to share with a landlord and help you overcome possible screening barriers.

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“It helps give a bigger picture of what you need to do and what will help you get a home.”  
- Past Participant



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## Addressing Barriers to Getting and Keeping Permanent Housing

## Finding a Home


- Develop a housing search plan
- Receive tips and strategies on talking to landlords about personal situations
- Discuss the screening report and what to do if the landlord refuses your application
- Receive a checklist to breakdown the complexities of a lease
- Receive a rental application worksheet to have at hand when completing housing applications

## Tenant Rights & Responsibilities

- Discuss the rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords, and review key points in Landlord Tenant Law
- Receive information about Fair Housing laws and resources
- Review the laws around service and emotional support animals
- Get tips on how to address eviction history and conviction records
- Learn about various notices from a landlord and ways you may respond
- Receive information about deposits, condition reports, repairs and rental insurance

## Debt & Money Management

- Learn why a credit report and budget are useful in obtaining housing
- Receive a variety of budget templates to suit your needs
- Identify fixed, flexible and periodic expenses
- Discuss realistic ideas to build or repair your credit
- Learn how to obtain, interpret and dispute errors on a free credit report
- Receive information about collection agencies and reducing debt
- Discuss a debt reduction plan to use as talking points with a landlord
- Review banking options and prepaid credit cards
- Gain tools to make informed choices about pay day loans and other high interest financing



**“It opened my eyes to questions I might not have asked.”**

**- Past Participant**

