

## **Resident Councils/Associations**

Each resident is part of a community and has rights and responsibilities in regards to the state of the community. Service coordinators may encourage residents to be active members of the building's Residents' Association if one is created.

- Service coordinators are encouraged to assist the residents in developing and implementing a resident association if one does not exist.
- Service coordinators and/or property managers may attend these meetings **at the invitation** of the association.
- The Residents' Association will be an open association and membership is automatically granted to any person(s) leasing a unit at the property.
- The Residents' Association is voluntary; therefore, no dues are required in order to be a member and no member will be compensated for his/her service as a member of the association.
- The HUD Management Agent Handbook provides more detail on Resident Associations if needed.