

What is ReStart?

ReStart is a program that helps people get back on track with their employment and educational goals. ReStart also puts money in a savings account to be used to pursue homeownership or other goals when participants successfully graduate from the program. Program participants receive help from a ReStart Coach to find the resources they need to meet their goals.

Who joins ReStart?

MaineHousing's Housing Choice Voucher clients who want to improve their family's financial situation.



**Setting goals + working hard
toward a better future
with the support
of the ReStart Coach = Success**

Get started today!

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or
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Program Coordinators

If your voucher is not with MaineHousing you may qualify at one of these other Family Self-Sufficiency Programs in Maine:

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| Augusta Housing Authority | 207-626-2357 |
| Bangor Housing Authority | 207-942-6365 |
| Brewer Housing Authority | 207-922-2737 |
| Caribou Housing Authority | 207-493-4234 |
| Lewiston Housing Authority | 207-783-8539 |
| Old Town Housing Authority | 207-827-6151 |
| Portland Housing Authority | 207-773-4753 |
| South Portland Housing Authority | 207-773-4140 |
| Westbrook Housing Authority | 207-854-6822 |



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Louise Patenaude, Maine State Housing Authority,
353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-4633,
Telephone Number 1-800-452-4668 (voice in state only),
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Press the ReStart button!

**Get back on track with your
education and career goals
with assistance from
MaineHousing's ReStart program.**

**Designed exclusively for our
Housing Choice Voucher clients**



www.mainehousing.org/ReStart

What will the ReStart Program do for you?

Employment Coaching

Partner with a ReStart Coach to:

- Determine your work or career path;
- Explore job options;
- Find resources to meet challenges – step by step;
- ReStart your employment journey;
- ReStart and accomplish your educational goals with ease and support

Financial Coaching

ReStart Coaches are Certified Financial Counselors who will work with you to:

- Develop a financial fitness plan
- Assist you in reviewing and understanding your credit report and develop a plan for you to improve your credit score by:
 - Eliminating credit errors
 - Building positive credit
 - Repairing bad credit

Apply for Individual and Family Development Accounts that match every \$1.00 you save with \$4.00 for self-employment, education, or homeownership.

Escrow Account

When receiving rental assistance, as your income goes up your rent goes up. As a member of the ReStart Program, when your rent is increased due to an earned income increase we will deposit money into an escrow account for you. You can use this money to help you reach your goals!

ReStart Success Stories

They pushed the ReStart button:

- Jessica and her family wanted to become independent of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Jessica worked with the ReStart program to meet her financial goals. As a result Jessica was able to use the \$14,000 escrow check she received when she graduated from the program to purchase a home. She and her family are no longer on the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- Jennifer says, “ReStart helped me to gain the skills needed for self-sufficiency and independence. The best part about the ReStart program is setting up personal goals and working towards them. The end result is pride and accomplishment.”



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Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for Restart if you:

- Have a MaineHousing Housing Choice Voucher
- Want to work full-time*
- Want to invest in your future

Interested?

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* Persons with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation to adjust the amount of hours required to work.