ASSIGNMENT OF BEDROOM SIZES (SUBSIDY STANDARDS)

The Jonesboro Housing Authority will issue a housing choice voucher for a particular bedroom size – the bedroom size is a factor in determining the family's level of assistance.

These standards are based on the assumption that each bedroom will accommodate no more than two (2) persons. The family unit size does not dictate the size of unit the family must actually lease, nor does it determine who within a household will share a bedroom/sleeping room.

In determining bedroom size, the Jonesboro Housing Authority will include the presence of children to be born to a pregnant woman, children who are in the process of being adopted, children whose custody is being obtained, children currently under a 50% or more joint custody decree, children who are temporarily away at school or temporarily in foster-care.

Bedroom size will also be determined using the following guidelines:

A. Children of the same sex **will** share a bedroom.

B. Children of the opposite sex, both under the age of ten (10)**,** will share a bedroom.

C. Children, age ten (10) and older, will not be required to share a bedroom unless they are the same sex.

D. Children under the age of five (5) will share a bedroom with head of household.

E. Children, age five (5) and older will not share a bedroom with head of household.

F. Foster children will follow Georgia Laws regarding bedroom occupancy.

G. Live-in aides will get a separate bedroom.

The Jonesboro Housing Authority will grant exceptions to normal occupancy standards when a family requests a larger size than the guidelines allow and documents a disability or a medical reason why the larger size is necessary.

The family unit size will be determined by the Jonesboro Housing Authority in accordance with the above guidelines and will determine the maximum rent subsidy for the family; however, the family may select a unit that may be larger or smaller than the family unit size. If the family selects a smaller unit, the payment standard for the smaller size will be used to calculate the subsidy. If the family selects a larger size, the payment standard for the family unit size will determine the maximum subsidy.