

**COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES  
ON REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS**

**Preliminary Findings - November 2019**



**OVERALL  
PERSPECTIVE**

*Housing service providers and residents in Central Ohio believe housing should be offered at a wide range of price points, free from health hazards and accessible to all people regardless of age or special needs.*

*People in Central Ohio strongly believe that housing should be safe and near good schools, shopping, and amenities.*



**CHALLENGES  
AMONG  
RESIDENTS**

Most people assisted by regional housing providers access housing on their own (46 percent compared with 23 percent who access it through social service agencies).

The top three housing challenges consistently shared were:

1. Affordability
2. Availability
3. Creditworthiness



**NON-HOUSING  
COSTS**

**Among housing service providers, transportation and healthcare are considered the largest non-housing costs that affect their residents.**

The top three non-housing costs were:

1. Healthcare (26%)
2. Transportation (25%)
3. Childcare (22%)



**PROPOSED  
SOLUTIONS**

**Among housing service providers working with residents in Central Ohio, the top three things to improve housing would be:**

1. More housing at lower price points
2. Better quality of available housing
3. More housing for aging populations or people with disabilities.

*Source: Online survey of residents and housing service providers, conducted by RAMA as part of the Regional Housing Strategy.*