

SHELTER PLUS CARE PROGRAM

PROGRAM MISSION

Through the provision of housing and supportive services, the Shelter Plus Care program will assist program participants to achieve rental stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and enhance their quality of life.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Shelter Plus Care program is a federally funded permanent housing program designed to link rental assistance with supportive services for hard to serve homeless individuals with disabilities. The program is designed to provide housing and supportive services to homeless individuals and families within the District of Columbia living with disabilities of serious mental illness (i.e., Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Major Depression), chronic alcohol/drug use, and/or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).



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HOMELESS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Homeless as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence; and a family or individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:

- A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (i.e., welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing for the mentally ill)
- A public or private location not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

A person is considered homeless eligible only when he/she resides in one of the following places:

- Living on the streets,
- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings,
- In an emergency shelter or
- In transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Candidates must meet the following Shelter Plus Care Eligibility Requirements for consideration into Shelter Plus Care. Compliance with the program's eligibility requirements is mandatory to ensure that candidates receive a fair opportunity to secure housing placement. The following is a list of eligibility requirements for housing consideration:

- Candidates must be homeless within the District of Columbia at time of application
- Candidates must be registered with a supportive services agency at the time of application. Self-referrals and/or applications submitted on behalf of individuals not connected to a supportive service agency will not receive placement consideration.
- Candidates must have a diagnosis of one or a combination of the following disabilities (i.e., serious mental illness (Bi Polar Disorder, Major Depression, or Schizophrenia), chronic alcohol/drug use, HIV/AIDS)
- Candidates must be (18) years of age or older

ADHERENCE TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

It is mandatory for each candidate to adhere to the Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services Agreement. All S+C participants must have a signed Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services Agreement on file at TCP for continued program participation.

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Once a supportive services agency has been determined, the candidate and the identified CMA (Case Management Advocate) must coordinate the delivery of supportive services with the designated S+C sponsoring agency.

Failure to comply with the conditions of the Supportive Services Agreement will result in termination from S+C.

Supportive services may include but are not limited to:

- Outreach
- Case management
- Life skills (outside of case management)
- Alcohol/substance abuse services
- Mental health services
- HIV/AIDS related services
- Other health care services
- Financial management
- Education assistance
- Employment assistance
- Child care
- Transportation

