

Housing Options in Chicago

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Accessing Housing In Chicago

Agenda

- I. Chicago's Coordinated Entry System
- II. Affordable and Subsidized Housing
- III. Homelessness Prevention

Coordinated Entry System

- Chicago receives funding for a variety of homeless dedicated housing programs. The Coordinated Entry System includes:
 - Standardized housing assessment,
 - Prioritization plan, and
 - Process for connecting prioritized households to various housing programs
- More information about the prioritization is available on our website:
www.csh.org/chicagoces

Coordinated Entry: Eligibility

Eligibility for Coordinated Entry = Experiencing Homelessness

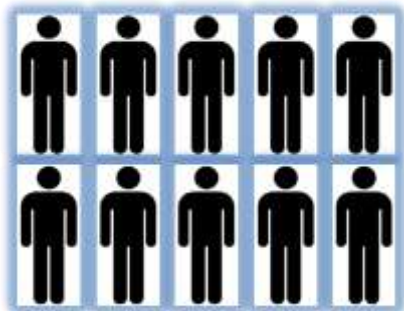
- Staying in a shelter, outside, the bus, or a place not meant for human habitation
- Fleeing or attempting to flee an unsafe setting due to violence or the threat of violence

People who are experiencing literal homelessness as defined above can complete a housing assessment and may be prioritized for housing as openings become available.



Chicago's Map

Persons Experiencing Homelessness



Coordinated Entry Assessment to Determine Housing Strategy

Transitional Housing



Rapid Re-Housing



Permanent Supportive Housing



Permanent Housing w/ Short Term Support



Diversion



Community Supports



Coordinated Entry Access

- **Call the CE Call Center to be assessed for housing**
- **CE Call Center**
 - Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am – 4:00pm
 - **Call 312-361-1707**
- Please note that there are typically 10,000 households assessed each year for approximately 2000 openings.

Affordable Housing

Illinois Housing Search

<http://www.ilhousingsearch.org/>

This website provided by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and partners offers a listing of affordable and subsidized housing options that is updated regularly.

Households can visit the website or call:

Toll-Free: 1.877.428.8844 (toll free)

Monday-Friday 8am-7pm

Affordable Housing

Go Section 8

www.gosection8.com

This site is designed to help people with a housing choice voucher to connect with landlords that accept vouchers.

Since this site offers up to date market rate and affordable housing by City or zip code, it can also be useful for households seeking housing without a voucher.

AIDS Foundation of Chicago

<https://www.aidschicago.org/>

People impacted by HIV or AIDS are eligible for housing dedicated for this population. On this website, go to “I Need Housing” to be guided to next steps.

▪ CHA - How to Apply:

- Visit CHA website and complete an application www.thecha.org and click on CHA Housing Waitlists or go directly to www.applyonline.thecha.org
- Can apply to one public housing option and one project based voucher option at a time
- First, check the waitlist by clicking on View Properties and Estimated Wait Times as some properties have a one year wait and others have a 25 year wait

For Households Experiencing Homelessness

Applicants must check one box stating they are experiencing homelessness AND one box confirming they agree to share.

This allows for the homeless preference to be offered after a monthly data match between All Chicago and CHA.

People experiencing homelessness can apply for homeless dedicated housing under Project Based Voucher in the Supportive Housing section.

City of Chicago Affordable Housing

- The City of Chicago offers a listing of affordable and subsidized housing options:
- [City of Chicago : Affordable Rental Housing Resource List](#)
- You can download this resource list or navigate through options online

HUD Affordable and Subsidized Housing

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers multi-family and senior housing that is affordable or subsidized, depending on the building.
- Visit on <https://resources.hud.gov/> and then click on an option below:



Assisted Living

- Provides a higher-level of care compared to supportive housing
- Tends to be more focused for medically frail elderly individuals
- Best to reach out to individual facilities to see if they have openings/ would be a good fit
- Assisted Living Resources:
 - Caring.com
 - [A Place for Mom](http://APlaceforMom.com)
- **Potential places:**
 - Senior Suites (locations throughout the city)
 - Friendly Towers (Uptown, 55 and up)
 - Eden Supportive Living (Buena Park)

Homelessness Prevention Resources

If someone is at risk of homelessness, make sure to connect to resources:

- In Chicago, call 311 and ask for Short Term Help.
- The household can be linked to prevention resources like temporary rental assistance or a deposit fee on an apartment, past due utilities

THANK YOU!



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