

The Beyond Shelter Program utilizes the Housing First approach which involves moving long-term street homeless individuals directly into housing and then linking them to support services, either on-site or in the community.

Housing First program key concepts:

- A focus on helping individuals and families access and sustain permanent rental housing as quickly as possible
- A variety of services delivered to promote housing stability and individual well-being on an as-needed and entirely voluntary basis

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Beyond Shelter



Providing Help...Creating Hope





A home is more than simply a shelter; it's a foundation that allows one to focus on the future. If a permanent place to call home is not available, it is difficult, if not impossible to focus on any other aspect of life. Beyond Shelter allows individuals to fully experience the joy and comfort of having a home of their own.

Catholic Charities is a respected leader in the housing industry and is a proven performer with a regional presence and influence. As a result, we have been looking at ways to expand housing services to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Many communities we serve are lacking safe, affordable housing. The Beyond Shelter Program will allow homeless individuals an opportunity to have a transitional and/or permanent place to live.

Beyond Shelter Program Goals

Assist formerly chronically homeless in:

- Obtaining long-term stable housing
- Maintain housing by complying with program expectations
- Achieve the highest level of self-sufficiency possible to improve quality of life
- Beyond Shelter will link safe, affordable housing with flexible, voluntary support services designed to help the individual stay housed and live a more productive life in the community

The difference from other housing programs is that clients can access at their option services designed to address their individual needs and preferences. These services will include the help of a case manager and will provide the following:

1. Build independent living and tenancy skills
2. Assistance with integrating into the community
3. Connections to community-based health care and treatment
4. Connections to employment services and/or Social Security
5. Gaining employment/stable income.

The Beyond Shelter Housing program combines safe, affordable housing with services that help people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy and dignity. Depending on an individual's location, Beyond Shelter housing may provide private bedrooms with communal or possibly private living spaces, i.e. kitchen, dining room, and living room. Each individual is responsible for their own self in relation to the house, laundry, etc. Trained staff are available to assist individuals to build the necessary skills to be successful with their own life goals.

Community resources will be discussed with each client and provided as needed. This could include but is not limited to: mental health counseling, AODA meetings, County and Governmental supports such as foodshare and insurance. Clients would be offered trainings on basic budgeting, rights and responsibilities to being a good tenant, life skills training, job training, etc. The training provided would be based on each individual's needs and abilities.