



PINES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

"Life should be enjoyed...not endured"

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PROGRAM

Purpose: The focus of this program is to assist homeless individuals engaged with services at Pines, who also have a disability, in establishing permanent housing and supportive services.

Definition of Homelessness:

1. An individual who:

- Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter. AND
- Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months. AND
- Can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions; substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmentally disability, PTSD, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

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2. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph 1 of this definition, before entering that facility

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3. A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph 1 of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

Criteria for admission to program:

- 18 years of age
- Homeless
- Has a disability resulting from a serious mental illness (as defined per DSM 5).

Program Guidelines:

- Tenants will be expected to pay a co-payment towards their rental funds of no more than 30% of the family's adjusted income.
- Tenants will have a goal in their Person Centered Plan to work towards employment or establishing some type of permanent income if unable to work.
- Tenant must be actively engaged with services to establish employment or receipt of benefits.
- Tenants will enroll/engage in the Getting Ahead Program, within 3 months of enrollment in the program.

Program Completion Criteria:

- Tenant has established employment or benefits that can support them in the current living situation or similar situation.
- Tenant is incarcerated for over three months. (Tenant can reapply upon release from incarceration)
- Tenant is not complying with the terms/guidelines of the program.
- Tenant vacates residence without notification to Pines Behavioral Health Services.

All money used to provide housing services come from State and Federal programs and grants. These programs have strict criteria that govern eligibility for housing and other services. Pines will comply with all State and Federal guidelines and restrictions that govern the selection process for Services and will not discriminate for any reason, other than the rules that govern eligibility listed in the grant. Assistance provided based on funding availability and eligibility.