

Resources and Eligibility Criteria for Adult and Family Coordinated Access in Multnomah County

Overview:

Multnomah County's Coordinated Access for Adults and Families System coordinates access to Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs. The Adult System primarily coordinates access to PSH along with a small amount of federally funded RRH; while the Family System primarily coordinates access to RRH along with a small amount of PSH.

Basic Eligibility Requirements for Coordinated Access Assessment

Households assessed for Coordinated Access for Adults and Families must be Multnomah County residents or with connections to Multnomah County (i.e. was displaced from MultCo, has kids in a MultCo school district, has a job in MultCo, has service providers in MultCo, etc.) and must be in one of the following living situations:

- Staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or a place not meant for habitation (i.e. car, streets, tent, abandoned building, etc.)
- Staying in an institution (i.e. jail, hospital, substance use or mental health treatment facility, etc.) and at risk of exiting to homelessness
- In housing and will become literally homeless within 14 days or has received an official court order notice of eviction (notice of restitution)
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, trafficking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other safe, permanent housing
- Family system only: Involuntarily doubled up (staying with family/friends and not on the lease) **and** at risk of becoming literally homeless. The adult system can serve some households in this situation if they also meet other PSH requirements (see below).
- Adult system only: In Rapid Rehousing programs AND qualify for/need Permanent Supportive Housing.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for Permanent Supportive Housing

Households must also meet the below requirements to qualify for PSH:

- Head of household has a disabling condition (includes a physical, psychological or cognitive disability; a chronic illness; or addiction), **AND**
- Head of household is experiencing or at imminent risk of experiencing long-term, literal homelessness (also referred to as "chronic homelessness"). Our local definition is broader than the federal definition and includes situations such as someone who has been literally homeless, institutionalized, in a publicly funded system of care and/or involuntarily doubled-up for a combined total of 12 months or more over the past 3 years.
- **OR** In a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program and met the above conditions (disabling condition/chronic) upon entry into the program.

Eligibility Does Not Guarantee Access to Housing

Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee access to housing. Households are prioritized for limited resources based on factors including barriers to housing, length of time homeless, and date assessed. Please encourage people to continue seeking other resources and support.

Questions?

For questions about Coordinated Access for Adults, contact adultca@multco.us. For questions about Coordinated Access for Families, contact familyca@multco.us.

Eligibility and Terms Defined

Adult Household	Includes unaccompanied adults (age 18 and over), adults in couples and households with adult dependents
Family Household	Includes adults with minor children (under age 18). At time of housing referral, the adult(s) must have over 51% custody of the children.
Chronic homelessness	The HUD Continuum of Care Program defines a person experiencing chronic homelessness as: • An individual who: ○ Lives in a place not meant for human habitation or an emergency shelter; and ○ Has been doing so continuously for 12+ months or has had episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; and ○ Has a disability • Or an individual residing in an institutional facility (i.e. jail, hospital, substance use or mental health treatment facility, etc.) for fewer than 90 days who was in a place not meant for human habitation or emergency shelter immediately prior; and who resided in one or more of those locations for at least 12 consecutive months or has had 4+ episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; and has a disability • Or a family with a head of household who meets all of the above criteria You can find a flowchart of this definition and documentation standards here: www.hudexchange.info/resource/5181/flowchart-of-huds-definition-of-chronic-homelessness Our local definition of chronically homeless includes the above definition, as well as households at risk of chronic homelessness.
Disabling condition	HUD defines a disability as having one or more of the following: • Physical, mental or emotional impairment, including impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that: ○ Is expected to be of long-continuing or indefinite duration, & ○ Substantially impedes the person's ability to live independently, & ○ Could be improved by suitable housing • Developmental disability • HIV/AIDS Third party verification of disability is not needed at time of assessment, but is required at entry into HUD-funded PSH programs.
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	PSH is deeply affordable permanent housing with voluntary supportive services to assist persons exiting homelessness who have a significant disabling condition(s) to live independently. Supportive services are designed to meet the needs of participants and must be offered for the entire duration of program participation. Housing assistance can be project-based (tied to a unit) or tenant-based (tenant must secure a unit in the market).
Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)	RRH is designed to help currently homeless households achieve and maintain permanent housing stability as quickly as possible. RRH offers flexible funding, rental assistance and supportive services, and ranges from one-time financial assistance through a maximum of 12 or 24 months of rental assistance and/or supportive services, depending on the funding source.