

***ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR HEALTH
(AHH) PILOT PROJECT***

AHH's purpose is to provide permanent, affordable housing linked to case management services for homeless individuals, who are frequent consumers of the Department of Health Services (DHS) hospital system. The AHH Project will help to improve the client's access to medical care, mental health care, alcohol/substance abuse treatment, and other supportive services.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for AHH services, the client must meet the following criteria:

1. Be homeless;
2. Have two (2) encounters at a DHS hospital within the last 12 months (either emergency department or inpatient admissions);
3. Be a U. S. citizen or have legal immigration status;
4. Have a chronic physical illness;
5. Be able to live independently (i.e. not requiring on-going nursing support);
6. Be able to pass a Housing Authority criminal background check; and
7. Have an on-going source of income (for example: employment, GR, SSI, etc...).

APPLYING FOR THE PROGRAM

Potential clients must be referred by either a DHS social worker, DHS medical case worker, or a case manager from a homeless non-profit agency. Potential clients may not refer themselves. Please obtain the following documents:

1. Access to Housing for Health (AHH) Pilot Project Application
2. DHS Admission/Face Sheet
3. DHS History and Physical
4. DHS list of current medications
5. Last two (2) days of DHS progress notes

***Please fax all documents to: (213) 482-3395
Attn: Rowena Magaña, Project Coordinator***



AHH PROJECT PARTICIPATION

If the client appears to meet the minimum requirements, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles (HHCLA) will arrange to meet with the client for further evaluation of program readiness.

Upon acceptance into the program, HHCLA will assist the client in securing temporary housing and applying for affordable permanent housing. Upon approval from the Housing Authority, HHCLA will assist the client in securing appropriate housing.

The client will meet with an assigned case manager:

1. A minimum of one time per week until the client moves into permanent housing
2. Once every two weeks for the first six months in permanent housing
3. One time per month (or as needed) for months seven through 12 in permanent housing.

This program has a research component. AHH clients will be asked to complete surveys once every three months. Information will be collected and analyzed to determine if this project has been effective in reaching its goals.

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