



CREATE OPPORTUNITIES.
REBUILD LIVES.

Since 1983, HOW has been a leader in offering prevention strategies; expanded, affordable, supportive housing; and individualized support services to help thousands take back their lives.

HOW takes all referrals for our supportive and affordable housing programs from Chicago's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and additional partners. We do not maintain a separate wait list for these programs and do not accept direct referrals.

Do you need housing? Decide what option is best for you!

Chicago Housing Authority



To qualify for affordable housing through the CHA you:

- can not have a annual income above 80% of the area median income.
- have at least one member of the household who is a U.S. citizen or national, or have eligible immigration status.
- have a social security number(s) and provide accurate information to CHA.
- can not have been convicted of, or involved in specific criminal activities or engaged in prohibited behaviors listed on CHA's website.



Next Steps:

- Visit CHA's website (www.thecha.org) to set up an in-person interview and learn next steps.

Chicago's Coordinated Entry System



To qualify for housing through CES you:

- must be currently experiencing homelessness
- must be within the city of Chicago

Veterans and individuals ages 18-25 qualify for specific programs (see back).

CES ranks applicants in order of length of homelessness and "vulnerability" with the most vulnerable households at the top.



Next Steps:

- Visit a [Coordinated Entry Access Point](#) (see back) to complete a housing assessment. To locate an Access Point call 311 or visit <https://www.csh.org/chicagoces/> - If you are in CES, you can also register as homeless with CHA and receive priority status.

Suburban Housing Agencies



Outside of Chicago, affordable housing qualifications vary by city.



Next Steps:

- Visit county and city websites to locate affordable housing availability, information, and qualifications.

You can use publichousing.com as a jumping off point to locate suburbs with affordable housing.

*If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, or if you are **aged 18-24**, or a **US veteran**, please see the back side for **additional resources**.*

Housing Services for Specialized Populations and Additional Resources

Youth Housing Services (18-24)

If you are between the age of 18 -24 and are currently homeless, unstably housed, or fleeing domestic violence, you may qualify for specialized housing. To find a shelter or begin the application process for housing, please contact either Catholic Charities (phone: 312-655-7165, email: diversion@catholiccharities.net) or The Night Ministry's Outreach Team (phone: 773-506-3122).

You can also visit one of the specialized Youth Coordinated Entry Access Points:

- North:** Broadway Youth Center - 4009 N. Broadway Ave. - Fridays: 9am-5pm
- Downtown:** Homeless & Trafficked Yout - 30 W. Chicago Ave. - Tues - Sat: 9:30AM - 2PM
- West:** La Casa Norte - 2845 W McClean Ave. - Tuesday: 1pm-5pm
Call for appointment 773-276-4900 x252
- South:** Teen Living Programs - 5500 S. Indiana Ave. - Fridays: 11am-5pm
Call for appointment 773-891-2505

US Veteran Housing Services

If you are a veteran and are currently homeless or unstably housed you may qualify for specialized housing through Chicago's Ending Veterans Homelessness Initiative (EVHI). To find a shelter or begin the application process for housing, please call the Veterans Resource Office at 312-743-0720 or the Community Resource and Referral Center at 312-569-5750.

You can also visit one of the specialized Veteran Drop-In Centers open Monday through Friday from 9am - 5pm:

- North:** Heartland Alliance Health - 4750 N. Sheridan Suite 531, Chicago, 60640
- West:** Community Resource and Referral Center 1141 S. California, Chicago, 606012
Jesse Brown VA Walk-In Clinic 820 S. Damen, HUD VASH Wing of the Damen 8th Floor, Chicago, 606012
- Downtown:** Volunteers of America- 47 West Polk Street, Suite 250-2, Chicago, 60605
- South:** Featherfist - 2255 East 75th Street, Chicago, 60649
Call for appointment 773-276-4900 x252

Emergency Shelters

If you or someone you know needs a place to stay, dial 311 or visit a Community Service Center. They will connect you with help for rental assistance, homelessness prevention, and/or overnight shelters.

North	West	King Center
Heartland Alliance Health 845 W. Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL 60640	Garfield Center 10 S. Kedzie Ave. Chicago, IL 60612	4314 S. Cottage Grove Chicago, IL 60653
Trina Davila 4312 W. North Ave. Chicago, IL 60639	South Englewood Center 1140 W. 79th Street Chicago, IL 60620	South Chicago Center 8650 S. Commercial Ave. Chicago, IL 60617

CES Access Points

North	West	Featherfist
Heartland Alliance Health 1015 W Lawrence Mon - Thurs: 9AM – 1PM Broadway Youth Center 4009 N. Broadway	Garfield Service Center 10.South Kedzie Mon - Fri: 12PM - 3PM	2255 E. 75th Street Mon - Fri: 1PM - 3PM
Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9:30AM – 3PM	South Matthew House 3722 S. Indiana Ave Mon - Fri: 8AM – 1PM	Heartland Alliance Health 5501 S Halsted Tues - Fri: 10AM - 2PM