

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

### Coordinated Access for Adults

**Overview:** *Coordinated Access for Adults* coordinates access to local Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid ReHousing (RRH), and Recovery-Oriented Transitional Housing (TH) projects that are funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Continuum of Care Program, as well as some local projects funded by the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure. “Adults” include unaccompanied adults (age 18 and over), adults in couples, and households with adult dependents.

**Resources included:** HUD-funded PSH, RRH, and TH. Metro SHS-funded PSH.

**Basic eligibility:** In order to be added to the Coordinated Access for Adults queue for resources, a household must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be an individual or family without minor children in the household
- Be staying in shelter, transitional housing, a place not meant for habitation (i.e. car, streets, tent, abandoned building, etc.), or in an institution (i.e. jail, hospital, substance use or mental health treatment facility, etc.) for less than 90 days if in one of the aforementioned locations immediately prior
- **Additional requirements for PSH:** Eligibility depends on the funding source. Most PSH in our community is funded by HUD's Continuum of Care program or the regional Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Measure. See "*Terms Defined*" for HUD and Metro SHS eligibility requirements for PSH.

**Please note:** *meeting basic eligibility requirements does not guarantee access to housing. Households are prioritized for resources based on factors including vulnerability, length of time homeless, and date assessed. Please encourage people to continue seeking other resources and support.*

**Questions:** contact [adultca@multco.us](mailto:adultca@multco.us)

### Coordinated Access for Families

**Overview:** *Coordinated Access for Families* coordinates access to Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and Recovery-Oriented Transitional Housing (TH) projects that are funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Continuum of Care Program, as well as some local projects funded by the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure. “Families” include adults with minor children (under age 18).

**Resources included:** locally-funded RRH; HUD-funded PSH, and RRH; Metro SHS-funded PSH.

**Basic eligibility:** In order to be added to the Coordinated Access for Families queue for resources, a household must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a family with one or more minor children in the household
- Be a Multnomah County resident
- Be doubled up, staying in shelter, transitional housing, a place not meant for habitation (i.e. car, streets, tent, abandoned building, etc.), in an institution (i.e. hospital, jail, detox, etc.) for less than 90 days if in one of the aforementioned locations immediately prior, or have an official court order notice of eviction (notice of restitution)
- VI-F-SPDAT score of 6 or above
- **Additional requirements for PSH:** Eligibility depends on the funding source. Most PSH in our community is funded by HUD's Continuum of Care program or the regional Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Measure. See "*Terms Defined*" for HUD and Metro SHS eligibility requirements for PSH.

**Please note:** *meeting basic eligibility requirements does not guarantee access to housing. Households are prioritized for resources based on factors including vulnerability, length of time homeless, imminent and time-limited housing opportunity, and date assessed. Please encourage people to continue seeking other resources and support.*

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## Eligibility and Terms Defined

<p><b>Chronic homelessness</b></p>	<p>HUD DedicatedPLUS defines a person experiencing chronic homelessness as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lives in a place not meant for human habitation or an emergency shelter; <b>and</b></li> <li>○ Has been doing so continuously for 12+ months <b>or</b> has had episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; <b>and</b></li> <li>○ Has a disability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Or</b> 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; <b>and</b> who resided in one or more of those locations for at least 12 consecutive months <b>or</b> has had 4+ episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years for a period that adds up to at least 12 months; <b>and</b> has a disability</li> <li>• <b>Or</b> a family with a head of household who meets all of the above criteria</li> </ul> <p>You can find a flowchart of this definition and documentation standards here: <a href="http://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5181/flowchart-of-huds-definition-of-chronic-homelessness">www.hudexchange.info/resource/5181/flowchart-of-huds-definition-of-chronic-homelessness</a></p> <p><b>Our local definition of chronically homeless includes the above definition, as well as households at risk of chronic homelessness. Households fleeing domestic violence are eligible for HUD and local PSH.</b></p>
<p><b>Disabling condition</b></p>	<p>HUD defines a disability as having one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical, mental or emotional impairment, including impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is expected to be of long-continuing or indefinite duration, &amp;</li> <li>○ Substantially impedes the person’s ability to live independently, &amp;</li> <li>○ Could be improved by suitable housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Developmental disability</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS</li> </ul> <p>For the purpose of HUD and local PSH, verification is not needed at time of assessment, but is required before entry into a PSH program.</p>
<p><b>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)</b></p>	<p>PSH is permanent housing with supportive services to assist persons experiencing homelessness who have a disability to live independently. Supportive services are designed to meet the needs of participants and must be offered for the entire duration of program participation. PSH may be single site, scattered site or clustered, and can be integrated with affordable or market-rate units. Housing assistance can be project-based (tied to a unit) or tenant-based (tenant must secure a unit in the market).</p>
<p><b>Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Recovery-Oriented Transitional Housing (TH)</b></p>	<p>All local HUD-funded Recovery-Oriented TH is managed by Central City Concern and short-term (from 4 to 24 months), site-based (meaning participants have units in the same building with services on-site), and alcohol and drug free. Participants receive individualized, intensive case management with a focus on supporting recovery and achieving long-term housing stability.</p>