

II. Short- to Medium Term Housing

Crisis housing/services are intended to be time limited in nature and are designed to be a stepping-stone to stability. They will typically last 1-3 months and provide supportive, holistic, developmentally appropriate services that lead to long-lasting housing stability. These services should be flexible, client centered, trauma informed, and strengths based. They will be “low barrier” in that they will not remove youth from programming due to unhealthy or disruptive behaviors. There is recognition that these unhealthy coping mechanisms are temporary in nature, and are a part of the process to achieving lasting stability.

Program Type	Description	Essential Elements	Timeframe	Population
Youth Emergency Shelter	Meets the immediate needs of youth experiencing a housing crisis. Allows safety and stability needed to determine next steps for ongoing housing and family stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 30 beds/units per site. • Use of common assessment tool • Initial assessment completed within 24-72 hours (depending on complexity of situation) • Relationship building • Exploration of family intervention and reunification services, including evidence-based and strength-focused parenting support, counseling, and intervention services including all persons the youth considers to be part of his/her family (community case conferencing). 	<p>Under 18: 21 days or less (hard time limit, unless exception granted)</p> <p>Age 18-24: Average of 60 days or less (No hard time limit; timeframe is a target, but provider works to make connection to next step as quickly as feasible on a case by case basis.)</p>	<p>Youth aged 24 and under who are experiencing homelessness and/or unstable housing</p> <p>Note: Separate crisis beds may be needed for pregnant/parenting minors given their unique situation.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-hour residential environment (safe and structured setting, provision of basic needs including meals or cooking space, access to laundry, storage, etc). • Case management services to include: planning and goal setting, assistance building and rebuilding family and community support networks, and connection to mainstream benefits and services, as appropriate, including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - social and emotional mental health counseling; - suicide prevention; - legal services and representation; - healthcare; - substance abuse treatment and prevention; - education; and - job training and placement assistance. • Case managers in this program have <u>three primary intake tasks</u>: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Conduct the assessment tool</i> 		<p>Pregnant and parenting TAY</p> <p>*Non-System involved youth unless contractually agreed upon</p>
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		<p>2) <i>Attend to Necessities</i>: ID/TANF/SNAP/linking to eligible federal benefits, medical attention</p> <p>3) <i>Initial Next Step Determination</i> – based on assessment score, case manager /social worker clinical assessment:</p>		
Transitional Housing	<p>Provides safe and stable housing for youth who prefer a communal living environment. A communal environment may be individual apartments in the same building, or private rooms that offer shared spaces and group services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 30 units per site. • 24 hour residential environment (safe and structured setting, provision of cooking space, access to laundry, storage, etc). • Case management services to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support establishing and implementing a housing stabilization plan; - Financial literacy training and tools (e.g., checking/savings/escrow; - Connection to mainstream benefits and services (SNAP, healthcare, etc); - Connection to both education and workforce development services/support; - Assistance building/rebuilding family and community support networks. • Capacity for both single and roommate options. • Escrow accounts set up for youth who are employed to save 30% of their income, with 	<p>18-36 months, (only hard time limit is determined by funding source regulations); otherwise, timeframes are targets and exceptions may be granted in specific situations (e.g., youth is nearing completion of education or other self-sufficiency plan)</p>	<p>Youth aged 16-24 that have little or no independent living experience, need deeper support and life skills training, and/or prefer a communal living environment.</p>

		<p>a rate that increases as they are near transitioning out of the program (e.g. transitional housing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program option to sublease to youth 18 and over to help build financial independence (e.g. transitional housing)		
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Transition Age Youth (TAY) Rapid Re-Housing	Short- to medium-term subsidy and services program that TAY achieve housing stability and economic viability. Services package should be tailored to meet needs of TAY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth holds lease if possible, though in some cases the provider may initially hold lease and transfer to youth once rental history is established. • Provision of financial assistance (rental arrears, security deposits, utility deposits, utility assistance, short to medium term rental assistance). • Subsidy can be deep or shallow subsidy and change over time based on the needs of the client. • Case management services to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support establishing and implementing a long-term housing stabilization plan; - Financial literacy training; - Connection to mainstream benefits and services (SNAP, healthcare, etc.); - Connection to both education and workforce development services/support; 	Up to 24 months of assistance (renewable in 6 month increments after the first 12 months), with option for extension under special circumstances.	Older youth (e.g., aged 21-24) that have had some independent living experience; Youth that participated in Transitional Housing and are ready for more independence but need some additional support to achieve independence.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assistance building/rebuilding family and community support networks.• Capacity for both single and roommate options.• Housing search assistance (either directly or through a partner).• Regular meetings with client to ensure implementation of plan and progress on stabilization.• Services should be scalable and based on client needs.		

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Permanent Supportive Housing	<p>Long-term subsidy and long-term, wrap-around support services that help individuals and families with intensive needs obtain and maintain housing stability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household holds lease. Master leasing as an option for high barrier, hard to lease populations. • Assessment is conducted to determine service needs. • Services are intensive, flexible, tenant-driven, voluntary, and offered in the client's housing if they so choose. • Primary focus of services is on tenancy supports that help people access and remain in housing. • Additional focus of services is to connect tenants to or directly provide tenant-driven supportive services, including mental health services, substance abuse services, physical health services, benefits assistance, employment assistance, etc. • Barriers to entry strongly discouraged (i.e., housing should be provided without clinical prerequisites for sobriety or completion of treatment, and reduced 	No time limit	For very small percentage of 18 to 24 year olds expected to need ongoing assistance/support to maintain housing over their lifetime.

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		<p>barriers for credit history and minor criminal convictions).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual reassessment using common assessment tool to determine households ready for "move-on" or if/when transition to adult programming is appropriate.		