



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Street to Home

Overview

The Catholic Charities Street to Home program is designed to reduce chronic homelessness through innovative wrap-around services, consistent resources, and referrals, including connections to other social service organizations within the metropolitan Chicago area. Street to Home assists the chronically homeless in their quest to self-sufficiency and self-esteem by offering an opportunity to maintain stable and safe housing in order to rebuild their life. The Street to Home staff are committed to see people regain their sense of hope, dignity, and independence, while valuing each individual's diversity, life story, and journey.

Steps Toward Self-Sufficiency

1. Through referrals from the Chicago Department of Family Support Services, the Chicago Police Department, and other city entities, Street to Home case managers assess clients for their eligibility for the program. Mental health and substance abuse issues are not a mitigating factor in deciding which clients to engage, as securing housing is the main focus.
2. Once clients are selected for the program, they are placed in apartments on the south, east, and north sides of Chicago. Housing units are well-maintained, clean, and safe places of refuge where clients can work to rebuild their lives. Case managers help clients understand their new neighborhoods, noting helpful resources, in order to establish a feeling of belonging to the community.
3. During the initial assessment, case managers help clients determine their eligibility for mainstream benefits (social security, disability, food stamps, and more). Clients also are given necessities for daily living including furniture, toiletries, food, clothing, and bus cards. Case managers help clients receive immediate medical and psychological care if needed.
4. The case manager works with the client to create a support system that includes trust and dependability. Clients are able to call or meet with staff whenever they have apprehensions, questions, or need to talk. Clients depend on the fact that they are not alone, and have a personal support arena where they may receive assistance as needed.
5. Clients are encouraged to begin thinking towards the future and setting goals, perhaps long-forgotten or deemed unattainable due to their state of homelessness. Clients express desires to go back to school, re-establish relationships with family members, and more. Case managers work to identify these goals and create an individual service plan to help clients find ways to meet their goals.

Partnerships

The Street To Home Program collaborates with many social service agencies and various property management offices within the Chicagoland area based on the client's need.

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