



Community

HOUSING NETWORK

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How Community Housing Network Got Started

- Started in 2001 with support from Oakland Community Health Network
 - Helps people in Southeast Michigan
 - Runs several programs that help people find housing and get housing support
 - Has grown quickly because more people in our community need help with housing
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What we'll cover

How the homeless help system works

- The local group that plans and coordinates homeless services
 - How people are connected to housing help
 - What a housing help agency does
 - How to contact the housing help agencies in nearby counties
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- Other ways to obtain lower cost housing options
 - Other services CHN provides



What is a Continuum of Care?

A Continuum of Care is a local group of organizations that plan and coordinate services for people experiencing homelessness.

- **Purpose:** To help the community work together to prevent and end homelessness through better planning and housing support.
- **Functions:** It looks at local needs, makes a community plan, and applies for federal housing and homelessness funding.
- **Components:** Services can include outreach, needs assessments, emergency shelter, short-term help finding housing, and long-term housing options.

What is the Coordinated Entry System?

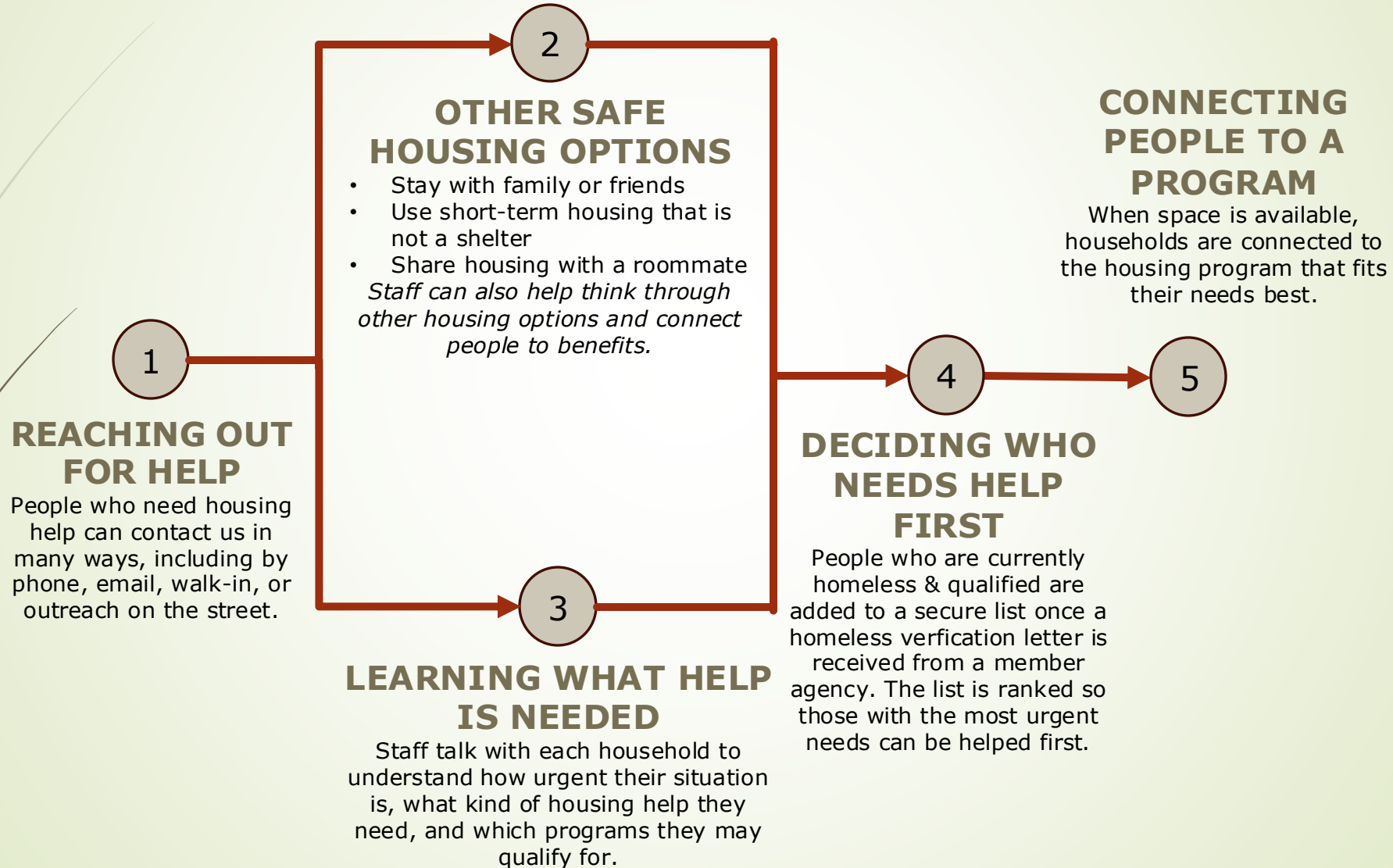
The Coordinated Entry System is a standard way to help people in a housing crisis find the right kind of housing support. It makes sure people are found, asked about their needs, and connected to the housing help that fits them best.

A Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) is the local agency, often called the local housing help agency, that handles this intake, assessment, and referral process

- **Goal:** Move away from a “first come, first served” approach and instead focus on helping the people with the greatest needs first.
- **Process:** People complete the same basic assessment, households with the most urgent needs are placed first, and they are connected to housing options such as rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing.
- **Core Elements:** Includes central places where people can ask for help and the same assessment process used by all agencies involved.

How Oakland County's housing help process works

A simple look at the coordinated housing help system for homelessness response



What to expect:



Screening: list of questions to determine need. This is a scoring system that prioritizes highest need for limited housing programs and funds.

- If caller meets the qualifying eligibility score set by Continuum of Care (CoC), they are **referred to the homeless registry, once a letter verifying homelessness is received.**

- If caller does not meet the eligibility score, they will be provided with other **resources specific to their situation.**

- If name is **pulled from registry:**

Agency that pulls name, contacts for intake and explain their program requirements and determines eligibility.

- NOTE: Funding is limited, no timeline if or when a name would be pulled from the registry waitlist. There are currently hundreds of people on Oakland Counties registry.

How to get housing help in Oakland County



Community Housing Network (HARA)

(248)269-1335 call or text "housing"
Email: HRC@chninc.net
Drop In: Tue & Wed 8:30-3:30
5505 Corporate Dr, Ste. 300,
Troy, MI 48098
www.Communityhousingnetwork.org

Welcome Inn-SOCH

248-850-3219
www.sochwi.org

HAVEN Inc.

248-334-1274
877-922-1274
www.haven-oakland.org

HOPE Shelters

248-499-7345
249 Baldwin Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48342
www.hopeshelters.org

Lighthouse MI

46156 Woodward Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48342
248-920-6000
lighthousemi.org

Community Housing Network is Oakland County's local starting point for housing help (HARA)

What it does: It is the local place people can go to ask for help with housing and homelessness in Oakland County.

How it helps:

- **Talk with people about their situation:** Learns about their housing needs, challenges, and how urgent their situation is.
- **Connects people to help:** Helps them find housing programs and other services available.
- **Part of a system that keeps track of who needs housing most urgently:** Works with local partners to keep a list of people needing help so openings can go first to those with the greatest need.



Affordable Housing with Rent Help

Housing with support services & short-term help finding housing

- To be considered, a person must be on the county's housing list for people who need help finding housing

Other affordable housing options

- CHN keeps a list of known affordable housing options in Oakland and Macomb Counties
- You can find the lists on our website
 - <https://communityhousingnetwork.org/homeless-services-and-shelters/>

Housing Help Vouchers

MSHDA housing voucher for people experiencing homelessness

- You must qualify and be on the Housing Registry (the COC's by-name list) for your county
- Call the main housing help agency in the county where you live

Other housing vouchers

- Each housing agency has its own application process
- Sign up on our website to get updates when waiting lists open for applications.
 - <https://communityhousingnetwork.org/section-8-wait-list/>

Roommate Matching & OHLink

- This service helps make housing more affordable by connecting people who want a roommate.
- People must be eligible for OCHN or Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic services
- A short questionnaire identifies housing needs and roommate preferences.
- Staff help find possible matches and help people connect.
- Must have income and be open to living with a roommate.



Expanding Opportunity Through Homeownership and Education

- This service helps assess an individual's readiness to purchase a home
- Taking a class qualifies individuals for the MSHDA Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program and the individual will learn about the mortgage process, loan options, predatory lending, and fair housing
- CHN Housing Counseling has free classes on what it means to be a renter and budgeting skills.



Who to Contact for Housing Help outside of Oakland County:

Macomb County: Macomb Community Action

- Call: 586-469-5656
- Email: housing@macombgov.org

Wayne County:

- Housing help for Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck: Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND)
- Call: 313-305-0311
- info@camdetroit.org

Out Wayne: Wayne Metropolitan CAA

- Call: 734-284-6999
- Website: www.waynemetro.org

Thank you!

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