

## Rapid Rehousing Program Overview – CoC 507

RRH is rental assistance coupled with supportive services that are tailored to the needs and preferences of participants. Participants have leases, have rights and responsibilities. RRH is time limited and serves households with moderate acuity. Housing is scattered site. Central Florida follows a Housing First and harm reduction philosophy. Participants are matched to programs pending a recordkeeping review, supporting documentation is verified, and program space is available.

Program Description	Essential Program Elements	Time Frame	Population	Supporting Documentation	Desired Outcomes
<p>Temporary rental assistance with supportive services.</p> <p>Serves persons homeless on the streets, emergency shelters, or actively fleeing DV within Orange, Seminole, or Osceola.</p> <p>Income is not required at program entry, however participants may not exceed 50% AMI.</p> <p>Housing placement is in the tri-county area.</p>	<p><b>Case Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with housing search and move-in process</li> <li>• Linkage to mainstream benefits, community resources, child care, etc.</li> <li>• Wraparound Services to support ongoing housing stability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rental Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides rental subsidy to make housing affordable</li> <li>• Assistance with deposits, utilities, furnishing (some projects may provide directly, others may coordinate with other providers.)</li> <li>• Ensure coordination between landlord/property management.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hard Reduction and Housing First</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All supportive housing embraces &amp; practices Harm Reduction and Housing First</li> <li>• Incorporates proven best practices and evidence based models to support client’s housing stability</li> <li>• Programs do not require sobriety or medication/treatment compliance as a condition of obtaining or retaining housing or services.</li> </ul>	<p>Time limited with minimal rent assistance and supports provided at start, only increased if needed.</p> <p>Supports may range from 3-9 months for RRH.</p> <p><i>RRH/TH for Youth only last up to 24 months.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families with minors, Unaccompanied youth (18-24), Veterans</li> <li>• Must be literally homeless (streets/ES/fleeing DV)</li> <li>• Moderate acuity with moderate barriers to housing</li> </ul> <p><b>Prioritizing:</b> Highest acuity clients scoring at least F VI-SPDAT = 5+ TAY VISPDAT = 4+</p> <p><b>Unique Populations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families fleeing DV</li> </ul>	<p><b>Homelessness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of homelessness on streets or shelters documented in HMIS or by other services providers who have witnessed participant’s living conditions</li> </ul> <p><b>Income:</b> TANF, Child Support, SSI/SSDI, zero income affidavit, past 60 days of earned income</p> <p><b>Guardianship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth Certificates, school records, SNAP letter, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Identification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID, Socials, Birth Certificates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household will remain stably housed after supports end</li> <li>• Household will increase income</li> <li>• Household will not return to homelessness</li> </ul>

## Guidance on Supporting Documentation for RRH

RRH criteria break down	Documentation Standards
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homeless Status</b></p> <p><b>Proof of homelessness defined by HUD for either category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category 1: Place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter or hotel paid by agency</li> <li>• Category 4: Currently fleeing DV with no resources or family supports and does not meet any other Category</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proof of Income</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Household Income must be under 50% AMI</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Identification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid photo ID's for adults only</li> <li>• Social Security Cards for adults only</li> <li>• Birth Certificates for minors (Orange County programs only)</li> <li>• Marriage license, if applicable (Orange County programs only)</li> <li>• DD214 (for veterans only)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proof of Guardianship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Household must provide proof of legal guardianship of all minors</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proof of County Residency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Orange County programs only, household must show proof of residency for 12 months prior to becoming homeless</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Homeless verification can include any or all of the following</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shelter entries in HMIS (must be emergency shelter projects, not TH.)</li> <li>• Service transactions in HMIS by exclusive homeless providers (Outreach, Shelters, laundry/shower services from drop in centers.)</li> <li>• Contacts in HMIS by street outreach who have witnessed living conditions of participant.</li> <li>• Written verification from service providers who have <i>witnessed</i> living conditions of participant.</li> <li>• Written verification from local businesses who have witnessed living conditions of participant.</li> <li>• Proof of current hotel payment by agency</li> <li>• Statement that client is fleeing DV with no supports/resources</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Income</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source Documents (e.g., pay stubs, bank statements, benefits award letter, unemployment compensation statement, etc.</li> <li>• Third Party Income Verification (i.e., written statement by a relevant third party, such as an employer or govt. agency representative), and</li> <li>• Self-Certification of No Income (use Zero Income Affidavit).</li> </ul> <p><b>Proof of Guardianship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth certificate, SNAP benefit letter listing household members, SSI award letter with parent as payee, school enrollment forms, immunization records, etc. *All documents must be current or dated within the last 12 months and include the child's name and the parent/guardian's name.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proof of County Residence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid ID with Orange County address, eviction docs, SNAP award letter with address, dated mail, children's school records, etc.</li> </ul>

*Where RRH is not an appropriate option, Navigators should attempt safe alternative housing solutions prior to a referral to CES. Some alternative housing solutions might include relocation to family/friends, assisting client in roommate matching with unsubsidized rentals, or connecting to one-time assistance.*