

Program Overview: Rapid Rehousing Family Services

(As administrated by the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness formerly the CoC-507)

<p>Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is rental assistance coupled with supportive services that are tailored to the needs and preferences of participants. RRH is time limited and serves unaccompanied youth and family with minor children. Housing is scattered site and participants manage their own tenant leases. Participants are matched to programs pending a recordkeeping review, verified supporting documentation, and program availability. All CoC funded programs operate under a Housing First and harm reduction philosophy.</p>			
<p>Program Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves persons homeless on the streets, emergency shelters, or actively fleeing DV within Orange, Seminole, or Osceola. Income is not required at program entry; however, participants may not exceed 50% AMI. Housing placement is in the tri-county area. 	<p>Time Frame:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time limited with minimal rent assistance and supports provided at start, only increased if needed. Supports may range from 3-9 months for RRH. RRH/TH for Youth only last up to 24 months. 		
<p>Essential Program Elements:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Case Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with housing search and move-in process Linkage to mainstream benefits, community resources, child care, etc. Wraparound services to support ongoing housing stability. <p>Rental Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides temporary rental subsidy to make housing affordable Assistance with deposits, utilities, furnishing (some projects may provide directly, others may coordinate with other providers.) Ensure coordination between landlord/property management. </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Harm Reduction and Housing First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All supportive housing embraces & practices Harm Reduction and Housing First Incorporates proven best practices and evidence based models to support client's housing stability Programs do not require sobriety or medication/treatment compliance as a condition of obtaining or retaining housing or services. </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Case Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with housing search and move-in process Linkage to mainstream benefits, community resources, child care, etc. Wraparound services to support ongoing housing stability. <p>Rental Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides temporary rental subsidy to make housing affordable Assistance with deposits, utilities, furnishing (some projects may provide directly, others may coordinate with other providers.) Ensure coordination between landlord/property management. 	<p>Harm Reduction and Housing First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All supportive housing embraces & practices Harm Reduction and Housing First Incorporates proven best practices and evidence based models to support client's housing stability Programs do not require sobriety or medication/treatment compliance as a condition of obtaining or retaining housing or services.
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<p>Population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families with minors, Unaccompanied youth (18-24), Veterans Must be literally homeless (streets/ES/fleeing DV) Moderate acuity with moderate barriers to housing 	<p>Prioritizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest acuity clients scoring at least F VI-SPDAT = 5+ TAY VISPDAT = 4+ 		
<p>Supporting Documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of homelessness on streets or shelters documented in HMIS or by other services providers who have witnessed participant's living conditions Proof of Income: TANF, Child Support, SSI/SSDI, zero income affidavit, past 60 days of earned income Guardianship: Birth Certificates, school records, SNAP letter, etc. Self-Identification: State ID, Social Security cards, Birth Certificates 			

Program Overview: Guidance on Supporting Documentation for RRH

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

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.