



The Chicago Area AIDS Housing Plan 2008–2012

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“Housing First” (Cited from the *National Alliance to End Homelessness*): Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness that centers on providing homeless people with housing quickly and then providing services as needed. What differentiates a Housing First approach from other strategies is that it is “housing-based,” with an immediate and primary focus on helping individuals and families quickly access and sustain permanent housing. What differentiates a Housing First approach from traditional emergency housing or transitional models is the immediate and primary focus on helping homeless people quickly access and then sustain housing—put simply, housing comes first.

“Harm Reduction” Housing: Harm reduction housing includes a continuum of housing options from non-sobriety based / low-demand housing to sobriety based housing.

“Harm reduction” Non-sobriety-based Housing: Low demand housing is supportive housing that does not require from the tenant, sobriety, substance abstinence, or medication and treatment adherence to obtain or retain housing.

“Supportive Housing” (Adapted from the *Corporation for Supportive Housing*): Supportive housing is a successful, cost-effective combination of affordable housing with services that helps people live more stable, productive lives. Supportive housing works well for people who face the most complex challenges—individuals and families who are not only homeless, but who also have very low incomes and serious, persistent issues that may include substance use, mental illness, and HIV/AIDS.

AFC – AIDS Foundation of Chicago

AHAC – AIDS Housing Advisory Council

CARE – Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act – up to 2006

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CHHP – Chicago Housing and Health Partnership

CHI-LIHTF – Chronic Homelessness Initiative – Low Income Housing Trust Fund

CM – Case Management

CRU – Collaborative Research Unit of the Cook County Bureau of Health

ECA – Emergency Cash Assistance or Emergency Client Assistance via Ryan White Funds

EFA – Emergency Financial Assistance via Ryan White Funds

EMA – Eligible Metropolitan Area for Ryan White Programs

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- EMSA** – Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area for HOPWA Programs
- H&H** – CDC/HUD Housing and Health Study Project: 2004-2007
- HAP** – Housing Assistance Program in Chicago
- HHIL** – Housing, Health and Independent Living Program
- HMIS** – Homeless Management Information System
- HOPWA** – Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HUD)
- HOPWA SPNS** – Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS - Special Projects of National Significance
- HPF** – Homeless Prevention Funds from State of Illinois funds
- HUD** – United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- PACPI** – Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative
- QI** – Quality Improvement
- RCN** – Renaissance Care Network (Southside of Chicago)
- RW** – Ryan White
- RWHATMA** – Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Act Modernization Act
- SHP** – Supportive Housing Programs from HUD
- SIT** – System Integration Team for the CHHP Project
- SPC** – Service Providers Council
- SRO** - Single Room Occupancy housing unit
- SSDI** – Social Security Disability Insurance
- SSI** – Supplemental Security Income

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