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Homeless Prevention Programs



Strong, Secure Families Sustainable Communities

West CAP accepts donations from anyone interested in helping the low-income families in their community.



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About West CAP

Helping families overcome poverty and achieve self sufficiency in Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties.

***Mission:** To take action against poverty by developing the social and economic assets of low-income families and their communities and by working to create a more just and sustainable society.*

Food Access & Resources: Addresses the problem of hunger by supporting a network of food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters that provide emergency food assistance.

Community Housing & Development Organization: Provides high quality, energy efficient and affordable housing in local communities and offering affordable rental opportunities in western Wisconsin.

Weatherization: Provides whole house services to low-income homeowners and renters, including weatherization energy audits, and repairs.

Transportation: The JumpStart program helps low-income families solve their job and family transportation needs by assisting in the purchase of good quality, fuel-efficient cars.

Adult Education: Our Literacy & Skills Enhancement programs assist adults to improve their literacy and pursue job training to increase their ability to earn living wages and access health insurance benefits.

Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Gender/Identity
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Marital status
- Family status*



If you think your rights have been violated, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is ready to help with any problem of housing discrimination. The Housing Discrimination Complaint Form is available at your nearest HUD office or West CAP.

Title VIII of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1968, and s. 106.04, Wis. Stats.

**including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under 18.*

Services are available to qualifying low-income residents in Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties.

Please call 1.800.606.9227 or 715.265.4271 for more information regarding Housing Assistance.



Homeless Prevention Programs

West CAP's Homeless Prevention Program provides rent assistance to families and individuals experiencing homelessness

HUD's definition of homelessness as it pertains to eligibility for West CAP programs:

- Individuals and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including individuals who are exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
- Individuals and families who are fleeing, or are attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member.

To access these or other homeless services you can contact a local emergency or domestic violence shelter or West CAP at 800-606-9227 or 715-265-4271.



RAPID RE-HOUSING

Eligible households are:

- At or below 50% CMI
- Literally homeless

Assistance includes:

- Housing Search and Placement
- Housing stability case management up to 12 months
- Rent Assistance
 - ⇒ Households are required to pay 30% of their income towards rent, and West CAP pays the remaining amount directly to the landlord.

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Eligible Households:

- Are at or below 50% CMI
- Are literally homeless or fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Have a disabled household member (adult or child)

Assistance includes:

- Housing stability case management up to 12 months
- Supportive services to maintain housing stability
- Rent Assistance
 - ⇒ Households are required to pay 30% of their income towards rent, and West CAP pays the remaining amount directly to the landlord.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Eligible households are:

- At or below 50% CMI
- Literally homeless or fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Struggling with significant barriers to housing stability (mental health, substance abuse, criminal history, etc.)

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (continued)

Assistance includes:

- Housing Search and Placement
- Weekly in-home case management up to 24 months
- Financial assistance for the following: employment related expenses, education and training, mental health, AODA, child care, health care, food, and transportation
- Assistance with security deposit and utilities
- West CAP holds the lease and pays the full rent to the landlord
 - ⇒ Households sublease the unit and pay 30% of their income to West CAP as a rent payment

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Eligible households are:

- At or below 50% CMI
- Chronically homeless (homeless for one year or more, either consecutively or through four or more episodes in the past three years, and an adult in the household has a disabling condition)
- Struggling with significant barriers to housing stability (mental health, substance abuse, criminal history, etc.)

Assistance is on-going (not time limited) and includes:

- Housing Search and Placement
- Weekly in-home case management
- Financial assistance for the following: mental health, AODA, child care, health care, food, and transportation
- Assistance with security deposit and utilities
- West CAP holds the lease and pays the full rent to the landlord
 - ⇒ Households sublease the unit and pay 30% of their income to West CAP as a rent payment

Additional resources can be found on our website at www.westcap.org

SECTION 8 PROGRAM

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federally funded program with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The goal is to provide assistance to persons in renting safe, decent, affordable housing in St. Croix, Pierce, and Dunn counties. Households are required to pay 30% of their income towards rent, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pays the remaining amount directly to the landlord. Potential participants apply and are put on a waiting list.



SOAR - SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a national project supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that is designed to increase access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical condition, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

SOAR Coordinator...

- Acts as representative for claim
- Completes assessments with applicants
- Collects all medical records
- Writes Medical Summary Report
- Completes all applications