

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.

HomeWorks: Provides high quality, energy efficient and affordable housing by constructing and managing new housing in local communities and offering affordable rental opportunities in western Wisconsin. HomeWorks also provides whole house services to low-income homeowners and renters, including weatherization energy audits, and repairs.

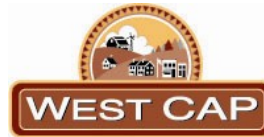
JumpStart: Helps low-income families solve their essential job and family transportation needs by assisting in the purchase of good quality, fuel-efficient cars.

Literacy & Skills: Our Literacy & Skills program assists adults to improve their literacy and pursue job training to increase their ability to earn a living and access benefits such as health insurance.



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



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Homeless Prevention Programs



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Homeless Prevention

Housing Assistance

West CAP's Homeless Prevention Program provides short-term rent assistance to families and individuals experiencing homelessness, as well as to those who are in jeopardy of becoming homeless. Income limits vary according to county.

Types of Rent Assistance available:

- Security deposit
- One month's rent
- Rent arrearages



Utility Assistance

West CAP also provides one-time utility assistance to families and individuals that are in jeopardy of disconnection.

Types of Utility Assistance available:

- Up to one month of past due metered utility
- Minimum allowed delivery of fuel oil or propane



Transitional Housing Programs

The HUD Supportive Housing Program and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs are transitional housing programs available to assist at-risk and homeless* families and individuals in need of long-term rent assistance and case management in order to:

- Increase skills and/or income
- Live in safe and secure housing
- Gain more control over decisions that affect their lives

Participants receive financial assistance for rent expenses, along with in-home consultation with a case manager. All participants will be assisted in developing a housing stabilization plan and may receive supportive assistance toward goals dealing with the following issues:

- Housing
- Income and employment
- Budgeting
- Education and training
- Mental Health
- Alcohol or Drug Abuse (AODA)
- Child Care

*Must be considered homeless under the HUD definition of homelessness.

Fair Housing

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

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Gender
- Disability
- 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, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties.

Please call 1.800.606.9227 for more information regarding Housing Assistance.