



TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING FOSTER CARE

Thousands of children in California's foster care system require temporary out-of-home care because of parental neglect, abuse or exploitation. The largest percentages are African American and Latino children. Some stay in foster care for weeks; some for years. The children are of all ages and varying needs.

What is the role of a foster parent?

Foster parents provide a supportive and stable family for children who cannot live with their birth parents until family problems are resolved. In most cases, foster parents work with social services staff to reunite the child with birth parents. Foster parents often provide care to many different children.

How do I become a foster parent?

A license is required to operate a foster home. The process requires a licensing worker to visit your home and meet with you and other family members. Minimum personal, safety and space requirements are required by law. Foster parents work with social services staff to determine the type of child best suited for their home (i.e., age, health issues, and gender).

Can I afford to do this?

Foster parents receive a monthly payment to feed, clothe and meet the material needs of the children placed in their care.

What if my foster child gets sick?

Medical and dental coverage is provided through the Medi-Cal program.

Can I still work?

For working parents, appropriate child care arrangements must be made by the foster parents.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For additional information, telephone toll-free at **1-800-KIDS-4-US** (1-800-543-7487), or write to:
Recruitment Network Development Unit
Child & Youth Permanency Branch
California Department of Social Services
744 P Street - M/S 14-78
Sacramento, CA 95814

Foster Care (Additional Info):

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/P659.htm>

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TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING

HOMELESS SHELTERS

Homeless shelters are temporary residences for homeless people. Usually located in urban neighborhoods, they are similar to emergency shelters.

The primary difference is that homeless shelters are usually open to anyone, without regard to the reason for need. Some shelters limit their clientele by gender or age.

In the United States, most homeless shelters expect clients to stay elsewhere during the day, returning only to sleep, or, if the shelter also provides meals, to eat; people in emergency shelters are more likely to stay all day, except for work, school, or errands

For more information about homeless assistance providers in your area, contact a Continuum of Care Coordinator in your area.

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TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS

What is an Independent Living Center?

An independent living center is a consumer controlled, community based, cross disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency that is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities. Independent living services are services that maximize a person's ability to live independently in the environment of their own choosing.

Independent living advocates direct their efforts toward the goal of freeing people with disabilities from institutional living, while educating the community in accessibility issues. With the proper support system from the community, people with disabilities can live where they choose and pursue their dreams with inalienable rights that are indistinguishable from anyone else.

What Services are Provided?

All Independent Living Centers in California provide the following services:

Peer Counseling, Independent Living Skills Training, Housing Assistance, Information and Referral, Individual Advocacy, Systems Advocacy, and Assistive Technology

Independent Living Centers also may provide any or all of the following services:

Children's services, Communication services, Family services, Mental restoration, Mobility training, Personal assistance service, Physical rehabilitation, Preventive services, Prosthesis and other appliances, Recreational services, Therapeutic treatment, Transportation services, Youth services, Vocational services, any other services that promote independent living

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Questions to be considered when looking at Independent Living Centers:

Who else lives there?

What is the age range of people living there?

What is the functional level of people living there?

Will they have a roommate or will they have a room of their own?

What assistance/services are available?

Will someone help with money, budget, and banking activities?

Will there be assistance in cooking meals, cleaning the house, doing laundry?

Will someone be available to transport to Doctor's appointment, work?

What is available in the neighborhood: parks, recreation, activities, shopping, employers?

What are the rules of the house?

Are there curfews

What about visitors

Boyfriends/girlfriends

What is the house like?

Is the house accessible to individuals with physical disabilities?

Where is the house located?

Is the house clean, roomy, and pleasing to the eye?

What about values of the family?

Will someone be able to transport to religious services/classes?

Will there be respect for cultural values?

Who are the people who staff the house?

Are people certified to work here?

How many people are on duty at the same time?

Will someone be there at night?

What is the male/female staffing pattern?

Is there a high staff turnover?

Is there a doctor or nurse on call or available for emergency backup?

What are the costs?

Who pays for room and board?

What are the eligibility requirements for people to live there?

How much money will be needed for personal expenses and entertainment?



TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Description of Services

The IHSS Program will help pay for services provided to you so that you can remain safely in your own home. To be eligible, you must be over 65 years of age, or disabled, or blind. Disabled children are also eligible for IHSS. IHSS is considered an alternative to out-of-home care, such as nursing homes or board and care facilities.

Eligibility

You are a current recipient of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP); or

You meet all the eligibility criteria for SSI/SSP except that your income is in excess of the SSI/SSP income levels; or

You meet all the eligibility criteria for SSI/SSP, including income, but do not receive SSI/SSP; or

You are a Medi-Cal recipient who meets SSI/SSP disability criteria.

Other criteria go to: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/PG135.htm>

What services does IHSS provide?

When a person qualifies for IHSS, a social worker will visit the home to assess the need for services. Examples of some of these services are:

- bathing
- dressing
- cooking
- cleaning
- grooming
- feeding

Who may refer potential clients to IHSS?

Anyone can refer a potential client including:

- yourself
- neighbor
- family member
- hospital staff
- senior center staff
- physician office personnel
- home health agency staff
- community organizations that serve people over 65, and blind or disabled

What happens after the referral is made?

Once a referral is received the case is assigned to a social worker who will schedule an appointment. The social worker will conduct a needs assessment in the applicant's home. An IHSS public health nurse may be asked to visit the applicant and make a health assessment or connect the applicant with needed health related services.

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS):

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdsweb/PG139.htm>

<http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/SAS/Pages/In-Home-Supportive-Services/SP-In-Home-Supportive-Services.aspx>

In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Brochure:

<http://www.dhhs.saccounty.net/SAS/Documents/In-Home-Supportive-Services/IHSS%20Brochure.pdf>

Local Office:

County of Sacramento
Dept. of Health & Human Services
In-Home Supportive Services
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TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING NATIONAL LOW INCOME HOUSING COALITION (NLIHC)

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Mission

The National Low Income Housing Coalition is dedicated solely to achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United States have affordable and decent homes. The National Low Income Housing Coalition was established in 1974 by Cushing N. Dolbeare.

Goals

Our goals to meet our mission are:

- (1) to preserve existing federally assisted homes and housing resources;
- (2) to expand the supply of low income housing; and
- (3) to establish housing stability as the primary purpose of federal low income housing policy.

Our objectives to meet our mission are to change public opinion, increase capacity of low income advocates, and to cause federal policy makers to act.

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California Housing Partnership Corporation

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Website: <http://www.chpc.net>

Housing California

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Website: <http://www.housingca.org>

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California

369 Pine Street, Suite 350
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NOTES:



TRANSITION SERVICES: HOUSING OPTIONS TO FINDING RENTAL HOUSING

Description of Available Resources:

There are many resources available to find appropriate housing as needed.

Identify the individual's needs and income that will be necessary to use for housing as part of the process to obtain the housing. Listed below are a few options to assist in locating housing, but there are many other sources available online and within each local community.

Classified Ads: This section of the local newspapers or magazine publications list apartments, houses, rooms, available for rent.

Realtors: Contact a local realtor to see if they have listings for rental properties. Look in the phone book, on-line, or in the newspaper to find a realtor that could help.

Rental Magazines: These magazines are available at local stores and restaurants and are free to take.

Penny Saver: Local free paper delivered through the mail weekly. There are listings for local housing options.

Internet: Use websites to find apartments for rent. Put in your local city or zip code and the monthly rent amount to find apartments, condos, or homes for rent.

<http://www.rent.com>

<http://www.apartmentguide.com>

<http://www.apartmentfinder.com>

HUD: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a government agency, which provides services to low-income individuals who need assistance with finding housing. There is information on renting and rental assistance programs through HUD. The HUD website lists tenants' rights and responsibilities and other tips on renting. See this link http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/rental_assistance

Craigslist: This website is another tool that can be used to find housing. Identify the city where the person wants to live and then the type of housing needed. Be careful when contacting individuals who are offering services or products on line.

<http://geo.craigslist.org/iso/us/ca>

www.sacrentals.com

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Notes:



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SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

How to Find Subsidized Housing

Subsidized housing is designed to help people with low and moderate incomes live in safe and decent housing. Subsidies are offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

THINGS YOU'LL NEEDED:

- Benefits Statement
- Income Tax Returns
- Pay Stub
- Phone Book/Calculator / Paper

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Go to your local housing authority office. Find it by looking in the government section of the phone book under Housing and Urban Development.

Step 2. Ask workers at the housing authority office for information about Section 8. This is a federal rental subsidy geared toward very low-income families, the elderly and the disabled.

Step 3. Fill out a subsidy application. This will help determine whether you're eligible for either full or partial assistance under HUD's Section 8 program. (This is determined by your family size, income and special needs.)

Step 4. Request a list of Section 8 properties in the area. Some will be government-owned and some will be privately owned.

Step 5. Find out whether the properties operate under the rental certificate program or the rental voucher program. Both are Section 8 programs.

Step 6. Call on the landlords or managers of the properties to find one that fits your needs. Ask housing authority officials about other state and local subsidized housing programs.

Tips & Warnings

Be prepared to document your application with pay stubs, benefits statement, income tax returns and birth certificates.

Expect to be put on a waiting list unless you fall under a preferential category. Preference is given to people who are homeless or living in substandard housing, are paying more than 50 percent of their income in rent or have been involuntarily displaced.

Under the certificate program, families won't pay more than 30 percent of their adjusted gross income for a regulated rent price. Under the voucher program, rents are not government-controlled, which means that more or less than 30 percent of your monthly pay will go toward rent and utilities, depending on the rental amount.

Subsidized housing requires you fall within certain income criteria and has rules that apply to the receiving of funds. Failure to adhere to these rules may make you ineligible for benefits.

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