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Responsible: Community Specialist, ESG Manager		

Determination of Prevention vs Rapid Re-Housing

Policy

INCA has in place procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance. All procedures will be applied consistently.

Preventive Services Criteria (at risk of homelessness:)

An individual or family who:

- Has an annual income level below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).
 - To determine income limits INCA will use HUD's Median Income (AMI) charts for Atoka, Johnston, Marshall and Murray counties.
- Does not have any sufficient resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or other place; and
- Meets one of the following conditions:
 - Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
 - Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 30 days after the date of application for assistance;
 - Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
 - Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
 - Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or
 - Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the Southeastern Continuum of Care (CoC) consolidated plan.

A child or youth who:

- does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 378(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330 (h)(5) (A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b) (15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or
- A child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under this section, but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 1143a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

Rapid Rehousing Services Criteria (Chronically Homeless)**An individual who:**

- Is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or in an emergency shelter;
- Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or in at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years where each homeless occasion was at least 15 days;
- Can be diagnosed with one of the following conditions:
 - Substance use disorder,
 - serious mental illness,
 - developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000) 42 U.S.C. 15002),
 - post-traumatic stress disorder,
 - cognitive impairment resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability;
- Has been residing in an institutional care facility, including jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the above criteria before entering that facility; or
- A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all the criteria above, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

Dissemination of Policy

The policy will be made available to all employees through the agency’s website. The agency will educate and train employees and supervisors regarding the policy and any conduct that could constitute a violation of the policy.