

WHAT IS THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM?

The Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) provides housing assistance and support services to low-income families with clearly defined career and educational goals and motivation to facilitate the achievement of economic self-reliance within 12-24 months.

While in the program, HIP Housing provides monthly case management and life skills workshops to encourage continued progress. When a participant graduates from the program, it is anticipated that they will be financially independent.

"Even when events seem impossible, I believe that you just don't give up. HIP Housing has given me the support I needed to continue on in spite of many difficulties. The Program has helped me to open many new doors and to meet others who have similar backgrounds."

-D.N.

HIP HOUSING

A History of Helping

Founded in 1972, HIP Housing is a nonprofit organization that creates permanent housing solutions for thousands of people in our community every year.

Other HIP Housing Programs:

- Homesharing Help and Information
- Home Equity Conversion for Seniors
- Property Development



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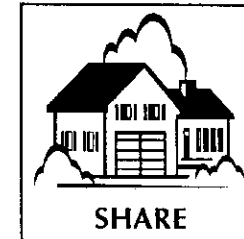
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SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM



SHARE



NEXT STEP PROJECT



Support Services

HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES
TO PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE



Human Investment Project
for Housing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Applicants must:

- Be working or living in San Mateo County and over 18 years of age or an emancipated minor.
- Be a US citizen/legal permanent resident or have a valid working permit.
- Be receiving, eligible for, or recently transitioned off AFDC/TANF/CALWORKS; or
- Be under 50% of the median income in San Mateo County based on household size.
- Have children under 21 years old living with them.
- Have transitioned from a substance abuse program for at least 6 months.

Applicants' educational or employment status matches one of the following:

- Registered/Plan to enroll in a job skills training program to be started within 2 months.
- Completed 75% of education program leading to a degree; or
- Completed 50% of job skills program leading to a certificate
- Completed an educational or job training program within the past 6 months and actively seeking employment.
- Employed in advancing field with at least one year experience.

HOW DOES IT WORK

Two models are utilized:

SHARE (Stability through Housing and Resources for Empowerment) - provides housing in a HIP-owned shared living residence as well as support services through case management and life skills workshops. SHARE is an 18-24 month program appropriate for persons needing more time to achieve their goals.

HOP (Housing Opportunities Program) is a one-year program that awards eligible families (single or two parent) with a housing scholarship in the form of rental subsidy, as well as support services. The scholarship pays 60% of rent for the first 6 months and 30% for the remaining 6 months in a unit located by the participant.



NEXT STEP...

After completing HOP it is anticipated that economic self-reliance will have been achieved.

An opportunity for HOP participants who have nearly reached their goals is available through the Next Step Project (NSP).

NSP (Next Step Project) provides continued, time limited support through an additional scholarship for families who have continued their progression towards self-reliance but have not quite achieved an adequate income. Eligible participants can apply for an additional housing scholarship that furnishes a 25% rental subsidy for up to one year. Progress is reviewed on a quarterly basis.

"Finding housing through HOP has been the greatest thing for me and my two sons. I feel safe and comfortable and I've noticed a great change in my kids feeling secure and stable. Most importantly, I know that no matter what goal I set for the future or any plans that I make, I have the power to reach them. I also know now that help is always out there because people do care."

- J.D.