

WHAT IS THE HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM (HSP)?

The Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services has received funding to assist CalWORKs families who are experiencing homelessness or imminently at risk of homelessness. Individuals participating in HSP work one-on-one with case managers to determine strategies to help them retain housing, obtain/maintain permanent housing and achieve self-sufficiency.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

1. Undocumented (at least one CalWORKs funded member of household)
2. Timed out
3. SSI recipients
4. Sanctioned
5. Non-Needy or Needy caretaker relative
6. Linkages families
7. Prior HSP recipients who have demonstrated compliance with HSP requirements, without prior misuse of HSP funds



HOMELESSNESS DEFINED:

- Lacking a fixed and regular nighttime residence
- Having a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised publicly or a privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations
- Residing in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- In receipt of a 3-day or quit notice
- At risk of imminently losing housing within 14 days of applying for housing assistance

HSP MAY PROVIDE ELIGIBLE CALWORKS FAMILIES WITH:

- Housing assistance with rent, deposits, application fees and utilities to help move into and keep permanent housing
- Case management services to help families stay in their housing
- Help in finding housing
- Furniture essentials

HOW DO CLIENTS GET REFERRED TO HSP?

- Referrals come from within Department of Social Services
- Families may contact their CalWORKs Eligibility Worker for additional information or referral
- CalWORKs Office phone numbers:
 - Santa Barbara 805-681-4401
 - Lompoc 805-737-7080
 - Santa Maria 805-614-1300

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