



WOMEN & CHILDREN'S SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT

The Women and Children's Supportive Housing Project, funded by BHA, offers safe, stable supportive housing, as well as Care Coordination services, to women who have at least one child in their custody and who are enrolled or awaiting placement to community-based, recovery support services.

I. Eligibility

- 18 years or older
- Has physical custody of at least one child under the age of 18
- Participates in a Recovery-Oriented Service or will participate within 10 days of admission to supportive housing program.
- May be receiving buprenorphine services through IOP or OP treatment.
- If receiving buprenorphine or methadone medication, patient must show lock box to referring agency.
- If receiving psychiatric or somatic medication, patient must show lock box to referring agency.

II. Screening Criteria

Individual is appropriate for supportive housing if:

- No medical or psychiatric conditions which preclude participation (e.g. severe mental illness)
- Recovery from Substance Use Disorder is no less than: 30 days
- Needs stable living environment to achieve recovery goals
- Placement reduces risk for higher level of care in residential treatment or incarceration
- Needs community-based services or treatment following release from detention or prison.
- Agrees to work with a Care Coordinator
- Sufficient level of self-motivation

III. Placement Process

1. Referring Agency screens for eligibility and will submit a Supportive Housing referral to BHSB.
2. If there is a bed available, BHSB will forward referral to Supportive Housing Provider ("SHP"). If not, client will be placed on Wait-List.
3. SHP will contact Referring Agency to schedule client intake session.
4. SHP faxes "Intake Packet" to BHS Baltimore at 443-615-7841 within 24 hours of admission. (If patient does not show, SHP contacts referring agency and BHSB.)
5. BHSB will then review and authorize, deny, or wait list placement.
6. Care Coordinator will meet with client to establish a contact schedule and develop an Individual Recovery Plan
7. Maximum time for BHSB authorized placement is for 1 year.
8. If additional housing time is needed, a reauthorization request may be submitted from Care Coordinator ONLY, to BHSB for approval.