

For More Information

If you would like more information, or have questions about Prince William County's Dawson Beach Transitional Housing Program, call the Dawson Beach Property Manager (703) 792-4392.

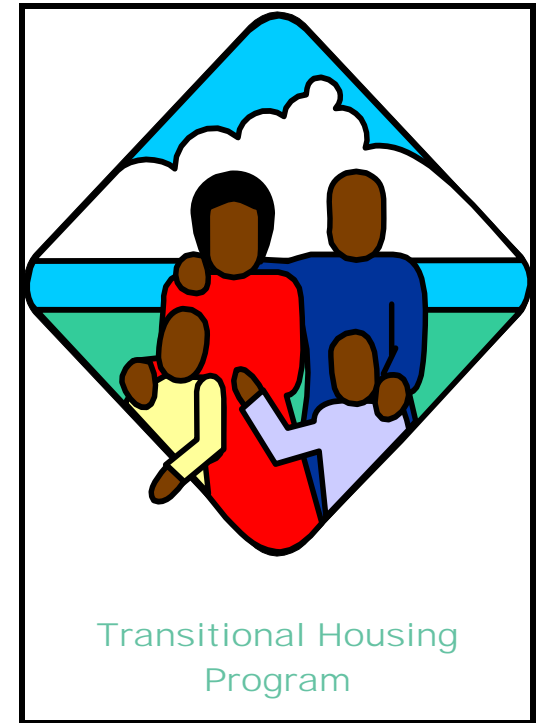


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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY'S DAWSON BEACH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Prince William County Office of Housing and Community Development's (OHCD) two year Transitional Housing program provides decent, safe and sanitary housing with support services for families with children that are homeless, while facilitating movement to independent living and self-sufficiency through the provision of individualized services. These services are aimed at self-empowerment, improved employment potential, increased opportunities for economic betterment, strengthened skills in the area of financial planning and family budgeting and attempts to increase educational levels, and instill effective home management.



ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ All applicants must currently reside in a Prince William Area homeless shelter, and be in good standing with the shelter program.
- ❖ Must be legally admitted to the U.S. with valid documents
- ❖ Household income must be less than 80% of Area Median Income.
- ❖ Have legal custody of a child or children under age 18.
- ❖ No active use of drug or alcoholic substances with a minimum of 6 months sobriety.
- ❖ Ability to pay the minimum Program Fee, plus electric bill.
- ❖ Current employment or the ability to become gainfully employed within 30 days of acceptance.
- ❖ Motivation as demonstrated by current actions to alleviate their homeless situation.
- ❖ Willingness to participate in the self-sufficiency portion of this program.
- ❖ Within thirty days have either telephone or cell phone service.
- ❖ Must supply a current Criminal Record Check free of drug, violent criminal activity crimes against children..

REFERRAL

When a unit becomes available, notice is given to area shelters to obtain referrals for the application/selection process. To be considered for participation, the following procedures must be followed:

- ❖ A unit becomes available for a family.
- ❖ Area homeless shelter coordinators are notified of the opening with applications made available via email.
- ❖ Shelter coordinators make applications available to shelter residents who meet basic eligibility criteria for the Dawson Beach Transitional Housing Program.
- ❖ Application form must be completed by the applicant and returned to the Shelter Coordinator.
- ❖ Shelter Coordinator must complete Shelter Referral Form for each applicant, attach to application.
- ❖ Shelter staff must deliver completed applications to OHCD before the application deadline date.
- ❖ Applications are reviewed by screening committee.
- ❖ Interviews are scheduled for qualified applicants.
- ❖ After interviewing all qualified applicants, the screening committee selects the family for the program.
- ❖ Family selected is notified of acceptance.
- ❖ Shelters are notified of applicants not selected.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

The seven acre site contains a Community Center, playground and nine housing units: a 2 bedroom and a 3 bedroom duplex, and four 2 bedroom and three 3 bedroom townhouses.



CONDITIONS OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Selected families are required to sign and actively pursue a self-sufficiency agreement that will entail individual, family and group counseling for a period of no more than two years. The monthly Program Fee is based on thirty percent (30%) of the household's gross income with 1/3 of this fee placed in an escrow account. When the family has successfully completed and left the program, these funds are made available to the family.

A family would be considered self-sufficient when the following goals are achieved:

- ❖ Living in permanent housing
- ❖ Being employed
- ❖ Remaining together as a family
- ❖ Being able to function at a level acceptable to the community in which they live

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Other Area Transitional Housing Programs

ACTS Transitional Housing (703) 221-3186
B.A.R.N. Transitional Housing (703) 369-1325
Northern Virginia Family Service (703) 490-3646
SERVE Transitional Housing (703) 368-2979

