



develops and maintains quality affordable housing, creates home ownership opportunities, supports local leaders, and provides community-based education and services in order to strengthen communities and increase the financial independence of families and people in need.

Community HousingWorks operates over 1,000 affordable housing units and coordinates transitional housing and special needs housing programs.

Community HousingWorks works in conjunction with North County Lifeline to facilitate the CENTRO Transitional Housing Program.

CENTRO PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- On first day of program year, there were 22 families in CENTRO. During the year 23 additional families entered, totaling 45 families or 146 people assisted.
- 18 families left during the program year. 15 of those families moved to permanent rental housing
- 83% of families exiting obtained permanent affordable housing
- 25% of program participants obtained permanent affordable housing on-site
- 72% of program participants secured permanent housing in the private rental market
- 66% of families have saved enough money to be applied to security deposit and 1st month's rent at exit
- 77% of participants secured full time jobs at exit
- 100% of program participants successfully obtained their GED



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THE CENTRO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM AT CEDAR/NETTLETON ROAD APARTMENTS IN VISTA, CA



CENTRO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

The CENTRO program, located in Vista, California, provides transitional housing for twenty formerly homeless families. CENTRO assists families to achieve self-sufficiency and stability and to secure permanent, affordable housing upon program graduation. The program provides families with a maximum of 24 months of rental assistance and the opportunity to increase skill, vocational and/or educational level and income by furthering education, completing on-the-job training or a combination of both.

CENTRO is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. CENTRO funding is combined with matching funds from partner agencies to provide supportive services such as child care, case management, on-the-job training and medical services.

CENTRO accepts family referrals from other non-profit and social service agencies, schools and churches in greater San Diego County. The program encourages homeless families exiting substance abuse recovery programs and survivors of domestic violence to apply.

In order to apply, please contact the Program Manager at 760-432-6878, extension 307. At that time your situation will be assessed and, if eligible, you name will be placed on our waiting list.

CENTRO SERVICES

- **Rental Assistance:** Rent is calculated based on 30% of the family's gross monthly income. Deductions are made from rent for number of children in family and utilities.
- **Case management:** Case managers assist families to set vocational and educational goals and objectives, develop and maintain a budget, establish bank accounts, improve credit records and provide information/referral to agency services and community resources.
- **Childcare:** Case managers assist families to research and access available childcare resources, including extended family and/or licensed childcare programs.
- **Employment and Education:** Families work with case managers and vocational agencies to establish a plan for increasing education level and/or earning capacity.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be homeless by HUD standards
 - Have full custody of at least one child under the age of 18
 - One adult in household must be a U.S. Legal Resident.
 - One adult in the household must be able to work, attend school or job training for a minimum 32 hours per week.
 - All adults in household must be clean and sober for 1 year and must not be on probation or parole for any violent crimes.
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NORTH COUNTY LIFELINE

North County Lifeline is a non-profit human services agency that provides comprehensive services to greater North San Diego County community. Its mission is to enhance the positive quality of individual, family and community living.

Lifeline provides the CENTRO program with client outreach and assessment, case management, emergency assistance, landlord/tenant mediation, legal assistance, mental health counseling, dispute resolution, life skills classes, parenting classes and coordination of licensed childcare. The case management process respects a family's ability to make wise choices and solve problems and works to support and guide the family towards greater self-sufficiency.