

PCIRC Transitional Housing Services for Homeless Individuals

Program Abstract

Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center has operated a Transitional Housing Program for the past 7 years. The purpose of this program is to stabilize the circumstances of Homeless Individuals until they can attain self-sufficiency. Through case management, we assist individuals in this endeavor.

Case management is tailored to the unique circumstances of each individual. Some may be recovering from substance abuse; some are escaping Domestic Violence; some have lost employment and gone through all of their resources; others suffer from sudden disability and are waiting for a claim to be settled. In all cases, PCIRC strives to link these clients to available resources, including medical care, food, clothing and financial benefits until such time that they achieve self-sufficiency. This stabilization of the present allows them to begin planning for the future. Over time, our case manager comes to be viewed as a life coach.

Our program generally operates on a first come, first served basis, with priority being given to families with children. However, this policy is open to modification. We can assist the Probation Department in dealing with homeless parolees with an arrangement that is similar to the arrangement that PCIRC has with Plumas County Mental Health; i.e., Mental Health contributes to the cost of maintaining a trailer for their clients .

PCIRC would be very interested in developing a program to meet the needs of homeless parolees. Since this is an abstract rather than a full-blown proposal, a detailed cost breakdown would not be in order at this time. A well-considered budget would depend on the services required; e.g., drug testing, level of monitoring, etc. (Probation might consider deputizing the case manager so that progress reports and other administrative requirements can be handled by PCIRC and passed on to the Probation Department.) However, it is safe to say that the cost for housing alone would not exceed \$1,000 per living unit per month, with case management included. This price would also cover the cost of utilities, which can be quite high in the winter.

We look forward to assisting Plumas County Probation in this area. For a more detailed discussion, or for a formal proposal if desired, please contact Dennis Thibeault at Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center.

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