



Bridge to Stable Housing Program

MI Housing Solutions

Transitional Housing and Stabilization Framework

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Program Overview

The Bridge to Stable Housing Program is designed to assist individuals and families experiencing housing instability by providing transitional housing support, housing stabilization services, rental assistance, and wraparound support aimed at promoting long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency.

The program utilizes a structured, phased approach that combines housing assistance with supportive services to help participants transition from crisis or instability toward permanent housing and independent living.

Across Illinois, many individuals and families face barriers to obtaining and maintaining safe, stable, and affordable housing. MI Housing Solutions developed the Bridge to Stable Housing Program to help address housing instability through supportive, participant-centered housing stabilization services and long-term support pathways.

Population Served

The program is designed to serve:

- Young adults transitioning into independence
 - Individuals experiencing housing instability or homelessness
 - Re-entry population
 - Low-income individuals and families
 - Individuals facing emergency housing situations
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Program Goals

The goals of the Bridge to Stable Housing Program are to:

- Increase access to safe, stable, and affordable housing
 - Reduce housing instability and homelessness
 - Support participants in achieving long-term self-sufficiency
 - Connect participants to supportive community resources
 - Promote successful transitions into permanent housing
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Program Principles

MI Housing Solutions is committed to providing housing support services through a trauma-informed, participant-centered, and community-focused approach that promotes dignity, stability, empowerment, and long-term success.

Housing Barriers Addressed

The program aims to address barriers that may contribute to housing instability, including:

- Financial hardship
- Limited access to affordable housing
- Employment instability
- Lack of support systems

- Prior housing displacement
 - Re-entry challenges
 - Limited independent living experience
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Housing Support Model

MI Housing Solutions aims to provide housing stabilization support through a combination of:

- Transitional housing assistance
 - Rental assistance programs
 - Security deposit assistance
 - Utility assistance
 - Motel/hotel emergency stabilization support
 - Housing navigation and placement assistance
 - Landlord partnership coordination
 - Case management and wraparound support
 - Independent living and life skills support
 - Employment and community resource referrals
 - Future property acquisition and housing development initiatives
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Program Duration

Program participation and housing assistance timelines are based on individualized stabilization plans, participant needs, program eligibility, and funding availability.

Support may include short-term, transitional, or extended housing assistance services designed to promote long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Basic Eligibility Criteria

Participants may be eligible for services if they:

- Are experiencing housing instability or homelessness
- Meet income or hardship-based eligibility requirements
- Are willing to participate in individualized stabilization planning
- Reside in Illinois or the designated service area

Priority populations may include:

- Young adults transitioning into independence
 - Re-entry population
 - Low-income individuals and families
 - Individuals facing emergency housing situations
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Referral & Intake Process

Participants may enter the program through:

- Community referrals
- Schools or youth-serving organizations
- Re-entry or supportive service agencies
- Self-referrals
- Emergency housing situations
- Community outreach efforts

All referrals and applicants may complete an intake and needs assessment process to determine eligibility, immediate housing needs, and appropriate support services.



Case Management Approach

Participants may receive individualized case management and stabilization support designed to address housing barriers, financial challenges, employment goals, and long-term self-sufficiency planning.

Support plans may be tailored to each participant's unique circumstances and may include referrals to external supportive service providers when appropriate.

Community Partnership Strategy

MI Housing Solutions aims to collaborate with community organizations, landlords, supportive service providers, workforce development programs, and housing-focused agencies to strengthen participant support systems and expand housing access opportunities.

Strategic partnerships may assist in areas including:

- Housing placement
 - Employment support
 - Mental health referrals
 - Financial literacy services
 - Youth and re-entry support services
 - Community resource coordination
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Program Pathway to Housing Stability

Participants move through a phased stabilization process designed to support long-term housing success and self-sufficiency.

Phase 1

Intake &
Stabilization

0–30 Days

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Phase 2

Support & Development

1–12+ Months

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Phase 3

Permanent Housing
Transition

Long-Term
Stability

Phase 1 — Intake & Stabilization (0–30 Days)

Purpose

Provide immediate stabilization and assess participant housing needs.

Services

- Intake assessment
- Housing stabilization planning
- Emergency motel/hotel placement if needed
- Identification/document assistance
- Immediate basic needs support
- Goal setting and individualized support planning
- Community resource referrals

Outcome

Participant receives an immediate stabilization plan and access to temporary or transitional housing support services.

Phase 2 — Support & Development (1–12+ Months)

Purpose

Support participants in building financial, personal, and housing stability.

Services

- Rental assistance based on participant need and eligibility
- Case management and support services
- Financial literacy support
- Employment assistance and workforce referrals
- Independent living and life skills support

- Mental health and supportive service referrals
- Housing navigation and landlord coordination
- Ongoing stabilization planning

Outcome

Participant demonstrates increased housing stability, financial progress, and independent living readiness.

Phase 3 — Transition to Permanent Housing Stability

Purpose

Assist participants with transitioning into sustainable long-term housing.

Services

- Permanent housing search assistance
- Lease readiness support
- Move-in assistance
- Community resource linkage
- Housing transition planning
- Follow-up support and resource referrals

Outcome

Participant successfully transitions into stable long-term housing with continued access to supportive community resources.

Program Exit & Transition

Participants may successfully exit the program upon achieving stable housing placement, meeting individualized stabilization goals, or transitioning into long-term supportive housing or community-based resources.

Transition planning and community resource coordination may continue as needed to support long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Intended Participant Outcomes

Participants may:

- Obtain safe and stable housing
 - Increase income or employment stability
 - Improve independent living skills
 - Transition into permanent housing
 - Reduce risk of future housing instability
 - Strengthen long-term self-sufficiency and stability
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Program Success Measurements

Program effectiveness may be measured through:

- Number of participants stabilized in housing
 - Number of participants transitioned into permanent housing
 - Employment or income progress
 - Housing retention rates
 - Participant engagement in support services
 - Reduction in repeat housing instability
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Sustainability Strategy

MI Housing Solutions aims to sustain and expand its housing initiatives through a combination of grant funding, strategic partnerships, community collaborations, fundraising efforts, housing development opportunities, and future supportive service initiatives.

Long-Term Vision

MI Housing Solutions aims to develop scalable housing initiatives that increase access to affordable housing and supportive services across underserved communities throughout Illinois.

Long-term goals may include:

- Property acquisition and development
 - Expansion of transitional housing programs
 - Community-based housing partnerships
 - Supportive housing initiatives
 - Housing affordability and stabilization programs
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Program Development Vision

MI Housing Solutions intends to continue expanding its housing support model through strategic partnerships, housing acquisition opportunities, supportive service collaborations, and scalable community-based housing initiatives designed to increase access to affordable and stable housing throughout Illinois.

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