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HOUSING TASK FORCE VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

9:00AM-10:00AM

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1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS **9:00AM-9:05AM**

2. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT **9:05AM-9:10AM**

- a. Co-Chair Nominations and Elections
- b. November 22, 2024 Meeting Recap (See meeting summary)
- c. Ground rules for solution-focused conversation

3. DISCUSSION **9:10AM-09:45AM**

*Conversation with Inner City Law Center | Adam Yakira, Directing Attorney,
Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project*

Areas of interest:

- Strategies and opportunities for blending housing and legal services to prevent homelessness for PLWH.
- Learn about key barriers and challenges associated with legal housing services.
- Explore opportunities for improved service delivery and coordination.

4. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING **9:45PM – 9:50AM**

- a. Revisit meeting frequency
- b. 2025 Workplan/Deliverables

5. ADJOURNMENT **10:00AM**

Upcoming Meetings (4th Friday monthly): February 28, 2025

Reports to Check Out:

- [Legal Needs Assessment of People Living with HIV: Insights and Recommendations for Service Delivery](#)
- [National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition FY 2025 HOPWA Letter to Congress \(\\$750M\)](#)
- [Los Angeles County Homelessness & Housing Map](#)



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NOVEMBER 22, 2024 | 9AM-10AM

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda Item	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Hardy (Co-Chair) • Katja Nelson (Co-Chair) • Arlene Frames • Joseph Green • Leonardo Martinez-Real • Lorena Sanchez (guest speaker from City of Los Angeles HOPWA program) <p>Commission Staff: Cheryl Barrit</p>
Introductions	<p style="text-align: center;">KEY DISCUSSION POINTS</p> <p>K. Nelson and Dr. David Hardy called the meeting to order, conducted introductions, and welcomed Lorena Sanchez, Assistant Chief Grants Administrator, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. L. Sanchez was invited to share her perspectives on improving housing access and services for PLWH.</p>
Discussion Key Takeaways	<p>HOPWA stands for "Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS," and it is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides housing assistance and related support services specifically to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families; essentially, it's the only federal program dedicated to addressing the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.</p> <p>The HOPWA program is under the City of Los Angeles; staffing is challenged with only 3 staff and with administrative expenses capped at 3%. In comparison, most federal grant programs cap administrative cost at 10%. The 3% administrative cap for the HOPWA program impacts staff capacity to respond to fiscal, programmatic, service, and community engagement efforts.</p> <p>The HOPWA program receives approximately \$30 million in funding from the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department. This translates to 18 contracts including housing capital development service agencies, vouchers, and long-term projects to build housing. Most of the funding is used to work with local agencies to provide tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)</p>

and other housing supports for PLWH. The City of Los Angeles HOPWA program has not returned unspent funds to HUD, all funds are maximized.

Major challenges for HOPWA include:

- Need to scale up the number of people served.
- Agencies are not fully spending down their grant awards/contracts.
- Need to expand outreach more broadly to other partners.
- Duplication of services; e.g., some agencies are targeting same clients and recruiting from the same hospital.
- Most agencies rely on word-of-mouth for promoting services which is not an effective mechanism for scaling up awareness of HOPWA services.
- Hiring freeze in the City of Los Angeles hampers ability to hire staff.

Some ideas being explored by the HOPWA program to maximize grant funds include:

- Increasing service agreements amount with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles to support housing vouchers for PLWH.
- Establishing a process for outreach coordination to avoid duplication of services.
- Explore targeted social marketing, however, these efforts must demonstrate that outreach and social marketing activities reach people eligible for HOPWA services (not intended for general audience outreach).
- Explore leveraging street medicine to get PLWH into housing/HOPWA; currently exploring this opportunity with the USC street medicine program.

Possible reason for underspending grant/contract awards:

- Staffing turnover and difficulty recruiting and retaining staff. Providers have reported that housing work has a high burn-out rate, staff feel they are underpaid and treated poorly by clients. In addition they must manage huge caseloads and paper work.

Other key points:

- Unspent HOPWA funds can be rolled over to subsequent grant years and extensions can be submitted to HUD.
- Increasing the HOPWA administrative cap is a policy advocacy opportunity for the Commission. K. Nelson will explore if the proposed change to increase HOPWA administrative cap to 7% will materialize under the second Trump administration. K. Nelson the Commission could advocate to get more staff for the City of Los Angeles HOPWA program.
- The tenant-based rental assistance vouchers require significant paper work and has a lengthy eligibility process; other services have a waiting list.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to coordinate all HOPWA funds/programs in Los Angeles would be based out of the local HUD officer. There are other housing agencies funded directly by HUD to provide HOPWA services that are not under the City of Los Angeles oversight. • Explore how the Commission can play a role in advocating for the coordination of all HOPWA grantees in City and County of Los Angeles. • L. Sanchez noted that full blending of HOPWA funds with grants managed by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs (DSHP) is a long-term project. • The City of LA does not require additional paper work, only those required by HUD. Proof of residency in Los Angeles is a standard requirement. • In a response to a question (does HOPWA help move people with Section 8), L. Sanchez responded that the Section 8 program is different from HOPWA. • L. Sanchez noted that they refer individuals who need emergency financial assistance to the DHSP-funded emergency financial assistance (EFA) program.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Inner City Law Center at the next HTF meeting to engage them in the housing solutions conversation. • Next meeting will be held virtually on January 24, 2025 from 9am to 10am.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

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**LAWYERS PREVENTING AND
ENDING HOMELESSNESS PROJECT'S
HIV LAW PROGRAM AND
LEGAL SERVICES**

Adam Yakira, Directing Attorney

Ethan Kuritz, Supervising Attorney

JANUARY 24, 2025

LAWYERS PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS PROJECT (PEHP)

Our Mission

- Provide a full range of holistic legal services that address barriers to housing stability for unhoused individuals, those at imminent risk of homelessness, and those living with HIV/AIDS.

Shared Philosophies

- Housing first – everyone is housing ready
- Seek out hardest to serve – those who need help the most
- Harm reduction
- Trauma informed
- Whatever-it-takes approach

COLLABORATION

- Success for our mutual clients involves working alongside each other
- **Limitation:** PEHP attorneys and advocates must have the client's permission to share details about legal services

SPOTTING LEGAL ISSUES

- ❑ Clients will not always identify their issue as a legal issue
- ❑ Be mindful of referring clients with non-legal issues that can best be supported by a case manager, social worker, etc.
- ❑ Use information from this presentation to learn more about the legal issues to identify and refer

When in doubt, refer!

COMMON AREAS OF ASSISTANCE

HOUSING

RECORD
CLEARING

CITATION
DEFENSE

INCOME
MAINTENANCE

CREDIT/DEBT

HOUSING

- Defending against an eviction
- Resolving landlord-tenant disputes
- Obtaining/preserving rent subsidies
- Negotiating disabilities accommodations, including support animals
- Substandard conditions
- Landlord harassment

Tips For Referrals

- Flag upcoming court dates
- Send copies of documents related to legal issues (i.e., notices, court documents)

RECORD CLEARING & CITATIONS

- ❑ Expungement of Criminal Convictions
- ❑ Costly Citations
- ❑ Parking Tickets and Car Tows
- ❑ Driver's License Suspensions

Tips for Referrals

- ❑ Send copies of documents related to issue (i.e., parking tickets, citations)
- ❑ Flag upcoming hearings, deadlines, court appearances

INCOME MAXIMIZATION

- ❑ Reduction in Benefit Amount
- ❑ Eligibility for Disability Benefits
- ❑ Overpayment
- ❑ Unemployment Eligibility
- ❑ No income

Tips for Referrals

- ❑ All clients receive a benefits review
- ❑ Send documents related to legal issue (i.e., termination of benefits letter)

CREDIT/DEBT

- ❑ Bad credit that is a barrier to housing or employment
- ❑ Bad credit resulting from identity theft, fraud or financial abuse
- ❑ Student loan debt
- ❑ Medical debt

Tips for Referrals

- ❑ Help clients secure copies of their credit reports prior to intake
- ❑ If a client been denied a rental unit because of credit, provide copies of rejection/denial letters



REFERRALS

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HOW TO REFER CLIENTS TO INNER CITY LAW CENTER'S HIV LAW PROJECT

Our HIV Law Project helps low-income people living with HIV fight discriminatory housing practices, maintain safe and affordable housing, and access public benefits.

JUST 3 EASY STEPS



Visit **innercitylaw.org/hlp** and fill out our short referral form.



Upload supporting documents, such as proof of income, proof of diagnosis, and client ID.



Receive an automated email confirming your submission.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ***Photocopy of ID***
 - ▣ Driver's License
 - ▣ Passport
 - ▣ Out of state ID

- ***Diagnosis Form***
 - ▣ Lab Report
 - ▣ Signed letter from medical provider

- ***Proof of Income***
 - ▣ Pay Stub
 - ▣ Benefit Award Letter
 - ▣ No Income Affidavit
 - CalFresh is not a source of income

- ***Limited Waiver of Confidentiality***
 - ▣ If client chooses not to sign it, it will not be a determining factor for our assistance

INCOME AFFIDAVIT



AFFIDAVIT FOR INCOME VERIFICATION

Date: _____

Inner City Law Center
1309 E 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Dear Inner City Law Center:

I am providing this affidavit to verify my income because I have no other income documentation available to me.

I currently have \$ _____ (gross amount) in income. I receive this income as _____ (Explain if from employment.)

I certify that the information in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sincerely,

Signature

Date

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____



DECLARACIÓN PARA LA VERIFICACIÓN DE INGRESOS

Fecha: _____

Inner City Law Center
1309 East 7th Street
Los Angeles, California, 90021

Estimado Inner City Law Center:

Yo estoy proporcionando esta declaración para verificar mis ingresos ya que no puedo documentar mis ingresos de ninguna otra manera.

Yo recibo \$ _____ por mes (cantidad bruta). Yo recibo estos ingresos de _____

Certifico que la información en esta carta es verdadera y correcta según mi saber y entendimiento.

Sinceramente,

Firma

Fecha

Nombre (imprima por favor): _____

Domicilio: _____

LIMITED WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

PEHP HLP Client Limited Waiver of Confidentiality

I have authorized Inner City Law Center to communicate confidential information with the persons or organizations identified below, including my name, address, income and HIV+ diagnosis including provider name, referral date, intake date, case status, scope of representation, and the result or outcome of my case. This Limited Waiver of Confidentiality is necessary because information about my case, including information about my name, zip code, income, HIV+ diagnosis, referral date, intake date, case status, scope of representation, and result or outcome of my case is confidential information and Inner City Law Center will not disclose confidential information about my case without my express authorization.

This Limited Waiver of Confidentiality provides my authorization and consent to discuss the confidential information noted above but is not a waiver of any broader attorney-client privilege regarding confidential information or privileged communication not explicitly noted above.

1. I understand that signing this Limited Waiver of Confidentiality is voluntary and is not required to receive assistance from Inner City Law Center.
2. I understand that the person receiving this information is not an attorney and may not have similar obligations as Inner City Law Center to keep information about my case and medical condition confidential.
3. I understand I have the right to revoke this Limited Waiver of Confidentiality at any time, except to the extent information has already been communicated based on this waiver.
4. I request and authorize Inner City Law Center to communicate about my case with the following persons and/or organizations:

Name:	Relationship:	Telephone / Email address:
Los Angeles County Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP)	Funder	(213) 351-8000 DHSP@ph.lacounty.gov
Title / Company / Address:		

Los Angeles County Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP)
Reason:
County reporting.

Inner City Law Center will use its reasonable judgment in disclosing information pursuant to this Limited Waiver of Confidentiality, in consideration of the nature of the case and the reason provided for the waiver. Nothing in this Limited Waiver of Confidentiality shall give the person or organization named any right to demand confidential information from Inner City Law Center.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Required by DHSP to satisfy our grant requirements
- If client chooses not to sign, client can still receive legal assistance dependent on legal issue
- If client has questions or concerns, please let us know in the referral email

URGENT REFERRALS

What is considered an urgent referral?

- Unlawful Detainers
- Sherriff's Notice to Vacate
- Illegal Lockouts

How to flag urgency

- Send urgent referral ASAP
- Client will receive a call on a faster turnaround

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR REFERRALS

Send documents related to the legal issue

- Summons/complaint for eviction
- Notice of overpayment for benefits
- Citations/parking tickets

Flag client specific information

- Responsive via text message
- Not available during specific hours due to work, other obligations
- Preferred language

Check client Information

- Contact Information
- Referring Partner Information

Flag emergencies

- Illegal Lockouts
- Unlawful Detainers
- Notice to vacate from Sheriff
- Upcoming court dates



Thank you!

For more information and questions, please contact us at (213) 891-2916 or via email at HLP@innercitylaw.org.



Legal Services for People with HIV

What are Legal Services?

Legal Services support people with HIV (PWH) by assisting them with legal issues, such as access to healthcare, discrimination, and confidentiality concerns. Attorneys and legal aids can help PWH navigate legal systems to access the care they need and receive fair treatment. Legal Services can help PWH understand their legal rights and responsibilities so they can make decisions about their healthcare and personal lives.

What is the goal of Legal Services?

The goal of Legal Services is to offer legal assistance to increase access to justice for clients with low income and limited resources.

What services can I access through Legal Services?

- ✓ Public & private benefits
- ✓ Advanced planning
- ✓ Credit & Bankruptcy
- ✓ Housing & eviction prevention
- ✓ Health & disability insurance
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Confidentiality
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Gender Rights
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Permanency planning for dependent children

Where can I access these services?

Agency	Contact	Phone Number	Email Address
Inner City Law	Nada Geha	(213) 891-2909	ngeha@innercitylaw.org

How do I access these services?

You can access these services by contacting the provider listed above or working with your Case Manager or Benefits Specialist. If you are not already receiving services from the listed provider, you may need to confirm that you are eligible for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP). They may ask you to provide documentation confirming your HIV diagnosis, current income (if any), health insurance (if any), and that you live in Los Angeles County. Legal Services are free for those with a qualifying income, regardless of immigration status.





Servicios Legales

para Personas con VIH

¿Qué son los Servicios Legales?

Los Servicios Legales apoyan a las personas con VIH (PWH) al ayudarles con asuntos legales, como el acceso a la atención médica, la discriminación y las preocupaciones de confidencialidad. Los abogados y asistentes legales pueden ayudar PWH a navegar por los sistemas legales para acceder a la atención que necesitan y recibir un trato justo. Los Servicios Legales pueden ayudar PWH a comprender sus derechos y responsabilidades legales para que puedan tomar decisiones sobre su atención médica y su vida personal.

¿Cuál es el objetivo de los Servicios Legales?

El objetivo de los Servicios Legales es ofrecer asistencia legal para aumentar el acceso a la justicia para clientes de bajos ingresos y recursos limitados.

¿Qué servicios puedo acceder a través de los Servicios Legales?

- ✓ Beneficios públicos y privados
- ✓ Seguro de salud y discapacidad
- ✓ Derechos de género
- ✓ Planificación avanzada
- ✓ Discriminación
- ✓ Inmigración
- ✓ Crédito y bancarrota
- ✓ Confidencialidad
- ✓ Planificación de la permanencia para niños dependientes
- ✓ Vivienda y prevención de desahucios
- ✓ Empleo

¿Dónde puedo acceder a estos servicios?

Agencia	Contacto	Número de teléfono	Correo electrónico
Inner City Law	Nada Geha	(213) 891-2909	ngeha@innercitylaw.org

¿Cómo accedo a estos servicios?

Puede acceder a estos servicios comunicándose con el proveedor mencionado anteriormente o trabajando con su Administrador de Casos o Especialista en Beneficios. Si aún no está recibiendo servicios en uno de los proveedores enumerados, es posible que deba confirmar que es elegible para el Programa Ryan White de VIH/SIDA (RWHAP). Es posible que le pidan que proporcione documentación que confirme su diagnóstico de VIH, ingresos actuales (si los hay), seguro de salud (si corresponde) y que vive en el condado de Los Ángeles. Los Servicios Legales son gratuitos para cualquier persona con un ingreso calificado, independientemente de su estado migratorio.





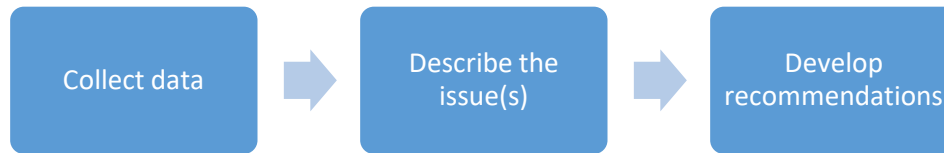
PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT: To identify activities and priorities the Housing Task Force will lead and advance for 2023-2025.

CRITERIA: Select activities that are **specific and realistic and within the scope and capacity of the COH**. The Commission is Los Angeles County’s integrated prevention and care planning council.

Overarching Goal: Develop specific and realistic recommendations and/or response to address the intersection of HIV/STD and housing.

2024-2025 SHORT-TERM ACTIVITY		
#	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE/DUE DATE/ACTION ITEMS
1	<p>Engage DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to understand the types of needs they see among their clients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ keep people housed? How can this strategy be supported? <p>Status Update (01.08.25): Completed subject matter/provider panels with DHSP-funded housing agencies; Inner Law Center scheduled for 1/24/25 meeting.</p>	<p>Invite these DHSP-funded housing and legal services agencies to the September 27 meeting and extend the time to 2 hours.</p> <p>Some questions to ask include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do your programs work together to foster housing-legal services and partnerships for clients? ○ When are you seeing clients in the service pipeline? What issues are they presenting with? How are your agencies mitigating their issues and needs? ○ How can your services help prevent clients from becoming homeless? What services are provided for prevention versus those who are already homeless? ○ How are clients getting to your agencies? Are they being referred by agencies? Other Ryan White-funded service providers? Self- referrals? ○ Where are the gaps and failures happening in the overall service delivery network? ○ What are legal issues are clients presenting with? ○ What strategies should we consider in using legal services as a way to keep people housed?

2024-2025 WORKPLAN PRIORITY		
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TERRY GODDARD AND DR. MICHAEL GREEN (from June 28, 2024 HTF Meeting)		
#	ACTIVITY	TIMELINE/DUE DATE/ACTION ITEMS
1	<p>Review existing data and conduct housing-focused needs assessment. Dig deeper in the housing needs and challenges for PWH and those at risk. Identify provider needs around housing such as service/staffing and organizational capacity needs, issues, and challenges.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and review existing data sources and needs assessments (i.e., City of LA Consolidated Plan, Housing Element Needs Assessment) August-September 2024 2. Develop needs assessment objectives and aims. August 2024 3. Agree on approach/methodology (surveys, listening sessions, focus groups, town halls?) September 2024 4. Identify needs assessment participants (clients, front line staff?) September 2024 5. Develop needs assessment questions/instruments. September-October 2024 6. Finalize instruments, promote, recruit participants, and administer survey. November-December 2024 7. Collect data analyze data. January-February 2025 8. Develop report and recommendations. March-April 2025



PRIORITY LIST AFTER ACTIVITY 1 IS COMPLETED

2	<p>Use the data for service standards and/or create new service model; perhaps extend temporary housing to longer-term housing and braid RW and HOPWA funds together. Incorporate in EFA service standards the new guidance from HRSA that now allows the use of RW funds for rental deposits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Offer more legal services (such as help with eviction notices, landlord mediation, etc.) and emergency financial assistance to keep people housed. 	<p>Update service standards Review EFA and housing service standards Create program directives to DHSP</p>		<p>SBP is currently reviewing and updating the EFA service standards.</p>
3	<p>Once standards are updated, pursue advocacy efforts and use data with personal stories to advocate for more funding and/or policy changes.</p>	<p>Annual priority setting and resource allocations (PSRA) process.</p>		<p>PP&A Committee will undertake PSRA for Program Year (PY) 34 and PY 35, 36, and 37 at the July and August PP&A meetings.</p>
4	<p>Conduct housing resource fairs and/or housing clinics at the end of a Commission meeting (does not have to be at all Commission meetings) or have the Consumer Caucus lead this effort.</p>	<p>Inform, educate and disseminate information to consumers, specified target populations, providers, the general public, and HIV and health service policy makers to build knowledge and capacity for HIV prevention, care, and treatment; and actively engage individuals and entities concerned about HIV.</p>		

****CONTRACTUAL ISSUES AND AGENCY NAMES ARE OUTSIDE OF THE PURVIEW OF THE COH. HOPWA is not under Ryan White, or DHSP or the Commission.****

OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORKPLANS AND ACTIVITEIS

#	HOUSING CHALLENGE/ISSUE	ACTION OR STRATEGY TO ADDRESS ISSUE	TIMELINE/ DUE DATE	ACTION ITEMS+NEXTSTEPS+FOLLOWUP
1	<p>Lack of coordination among housing systems and providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program • Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo. • Ensure Medical Care Coordination teams and benefits specialty services contractors are aware of resources; provide trauma-informed care training. 		
2	<p>Duplicative and confusing application process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they 		

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		<p>have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo.</p>		
3	<p>Lack of affordable housing stock</p>			
4	<p>Current efforts are not addressing the root causes of homelessness (stagnant incomes, poverty, racism, mental health, substance use, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition’s employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business. • Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed. 		
5	<p>Lack of homeless prevention services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore service models for different populations, such as the TransLatina Coalition’s employment to housing program, where graduates of the program learn to start their own business. • Intersect housing with other capacities like employment, food, mental health; some agencies just provide housing but not other services needed by the client to remain housed. • Universal basic income, expand 		

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		financial assistance, temporary and permanent supporting housing.		
6	Lack of clarity about eligibility requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTF should look at ways to collaborate with DHSP and other providers – agencies are not aware of what each other are doing; not much communication between HIV and housing providers; conduct a training among housing providers about the Ryan White program Improve interagency communication; the lack of and often conflicting communication among lead agencies and subcontractor agencies lead to frustration and delays in application process; case closures are done erroneously and the burden of starting over is on the client. Submitted documents are lost when they have been submitted by the client multiple times. No one is talking to the client; often left in limbo. 		
7	Outdated and restrictive federal policies and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies are under-staffed; secure more funding to expand staffing capacity. 		
8	Unclear how/where one would access or start looking for help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need effort to educate housing and HIV agencies; create a document or web page to help individuals at risk of losing housing; intervene to avert the crisis Develop 1 hotline for housing resources and program for PLWH and those at risk? Isn't this CHIRP LA? 		

COMPREHENSIVE HIV PLAN (CHP) HOUSING RELATED ACTIVITIES:

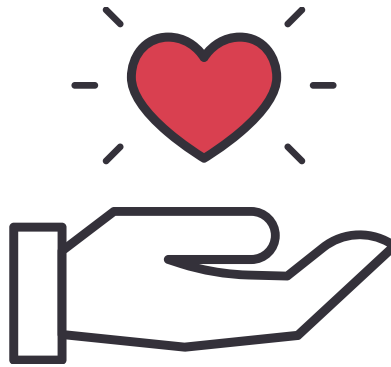
- 7C.5b: Improve systems, strategies and proposals that prevent homelessness, expand affordable housing, as well as prioritize housing opportunities for people living with, affected by, or at risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS, especially LGBTQ people
- 7C.5c: Promote family housing and emergency financial assistance as a strategy to maintain housing
- 7C.5d: Increase coordination among housing agencies to include intergenerational housing options
- 7C.5e: Blend funding to support housing and rental assistance for seniors living with HIV



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV CAUCUSES
PRESENT:**



2025 Consumer Resource Fair
“Love Begins with Me”
**Empowering Wellness, Advocacy and Community
Beyond HIV**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
12:00PM - 5:00PM**

**THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT
1000 N. ALAMEDA STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
FREE PARKING ON-SITE [MAP/DIRECTIONS HERE](#)**

Explore a variety of resources, including engaging workshops and presentations, interactive activities like Zumba, free food, exciting giveaways, and more! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with services that support holistic health and wellness beyond HIV.

Are you a vendor or service provider and would like to participate? Register [HERE](#).

For more information, email hivcomm@lachiv.org

HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM



LAST UPDATED AUGUST 8, 2022

WHAT IS HOMELESS PREVENTION?

Homeless Prevention provides individuals and families who are at imminent risk of homelessness with:

- Temporary financial assistance and housing stabilization services necessary to maintain their current housing, OR
- Assistance finding new housing to avoid becoming homeless and entering the emergency shelter system.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM?

Homeless Prevention may be available to persons who meet all the following criteria:

- Experiencing a financial crisis; and
- Have received an Unlawful Detainer (court eviction hearing notice or court-ordered eviction) or a written notice of intent to terminate tenancy from a landlord (includes 3-day pay or quit); and
- Lacks financial resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing. Participants must be screened by the Prevention Program provider and deemed as having a high risk of becoming homeless.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE?

- Must fall below the 50% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Formerly Homeless **Section 8 holders with income up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)**

2021 AMI

Area Median Income

Household Size

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0% to 50% Income Limits Annual Household Income	\$41,400	\$47,300	\$53,200	\$59,100	\$63,850	\$68,600	\$73,300	\$78,050
51% to 80% Income Limits Annual Household Income	\$66,250	\$75,700	\$85,150	\$94,600	\$102,200	\$109,750	\$117,350	\$124,900



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WHAT SERVICES DOES THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM INCLUDE?

Services:

- Housing Stabilization
- Housing Search & Placement
- Income Stabilization
- Landlord Mediation & Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Reunification/Relocation Assistance

Financial Assistance:

- Security Deposit
- Rental Arrears
- Rental Assistance
- Utility Deposit
- Utilities Assistance
- Utility Arrears
- Move-in Expenses
- Moving Expenses
- Essential Furnishings Expenses
- Employment Expenses
- Transportation Expenses
- Reunification/Relocation Expenses

WHERE CAN I ACCESS THIS PROGRAM?

Homelessness Prevention resources can be accessed by contacting a service provider in your area:

FAMILY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Service Planning Area (SPA)	Provider	Contact	Website
SPA 1: Antelope Valley	Valley Oasis	661-942-2758 661-239-9330	www.valleyoasis.org
SPA 2: San Fernando Valley	LA Family Housing	referrals@lafh.org	www.lafh.org
SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley	Union Station Homeless Services	fscreferral@unionstationhs.org	www.unionstationhs.org
SPA 4: Metro Los Angeles	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	familyreferral@epath.org 323-391-3853	www.epath.org
SPA 5: West Los Angeles	St. Joseph Center	rwillard@stjosephctr.org	www.stjosephctr.org
SPA 6: South Los Angeles	Special Services for Groups-HOPICS	323-948-0444	www.hopics.org
SPA 7: East Los Angeles	The Whole Child	562-204-0640	www.thewholechild.org
SPA 8: South Bay	Harbor Interfaith Services	chetzer@harborinterfaith.org	www.harborinterfaith.org



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ADULT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Service Planning Area (SPA)	Provider	Contact	Website
SPA 1: Antelope Valley	Valley Oasis	661-942-2758 661-239-9330	www.valleyoasis.org
SPA 2: San Fernando Valley	LA Family Housing	referrals@lafh.org	www.lafh.org
SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley	Volunteers of America	626-442-4357	www.voala.org
SPA 4: Metro Los Angeles	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	spa4referrals@epath.org 323-644-2200/323-391-3553	www.epath.org
	The People Concern	323-313-3700	www.thepeopleconcern.org
SPA 5: West Los Angeles	St. Joseph Center	Rionnisha Willard RRHSPA5@stjosephctr.org	www.stjosephctr.org
	The People Concern	spa5preventionrrh@thepeopleconcern.org 323-313-3700	www.thepeopleconcern.org
	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	Ashley Barrett ashleyb@epath.org 213-479-4226	www.epath.org
SPA 6: South Los Angeles	Special Services for Groups-HOPICS	Prevention@hopics.org 323-948-0444	www.hopics.org
	St. Joseph Center	323-905-1140	www.stjosephctr.org
	Volunteers of America	Mario Estrada: mestrada@voala.org Chris Ingram: cingram@voala.org 626-442-4357	www.voala.org
SPA 7: East Los Angeles	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	SPA7_Prevention_Referrals@epath.org 858-285-0472	www.epath.org
SPA 8: South Bay	1736 Family Crisis Center	323-737-3900	www.1736familycrisiscenter.org
	Harbor Interfaith Services	Catharine Hetzer chetzer@harborinterfaith.org	www.harborinterfaith.org
	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	323-528-2886	www.epath.org



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YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS

Service Planning Area (SPA)	Provider	Contact	Website
SPA 1: Antelope Valley	Valley Oasis	661-942-2758 661-239-9330	www.valleyoasis.org
SPA 2: San Fernando Valley	The Village Family Services	818-755-8786	www.thevillagefs.org
SPA 3: San Gabriel Valley	Sycamores	youthreferral@sycamores.org 855-600-0777	www.sycamores.org
SPA 4: Metro Los Angeles	Covenant House	icamposcristobal@covca.org 323-461-3131 ext. 313	www.covenanthousecalifornia.org
SPA 5: West Los Angeles	St. Joseph Center	danielt@safeplaceforyouth.org	www.stjosephctr.org
SPA 6: South Los Angeles	Coalition for Responsible Development	aquintero@coalitionrcd.org	www.coalitionrcd.org
	Volunteers of America	Mario Estrada: mestrada@voala.org Chris Ingram: cigram@voala.org 626-442-4357	www.voala.org
SPA 7: East Los Angeles	Jovenes, Inc.	jdelacruz@jovenesinc.org	www.jovenesinc.org
SPA 8: South Bay	Harbor Interfaith Services	chetzer@harborinterfaith.org	www.harborinterfaith.org



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