

Transitional Housing (TH) Written Standards

Definition: Transitional Housing (TH) – 24 CFR Part 578.37

Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing within 24 months of entering a TH program.

TH should be utilized for families and individuals that need more assistance than RRH offers but who do not qualify for permanent supportive housing. Sub-populations that are likely to benefit the most from TH are youth, survivors of DV, persons with histories of substance abuse, veterans, and/or persons who have recently exited criminal justice system.

Access to TH is through direct referrals to specific programs. Additionally, persons may come through emergency shelters or other emergency housing programs.

Eligibility Criteria

Must meet HUD Category 1 or 4 definition of homeless (24 CFR Part 578.3)

Operational Standards

- Maximum length of stay is 24 months
- Participant's rent cannot exceed 30% of household income
- Participants must have a lease or occupancy agreement
- Services and programming create a pathway to permanent housing
- Prioritization of participants
- Housing First principles will be utilized by all programs
- Average occupancy rate is at least 90%

Standard Outcomes/Performance Measures

- 92% or more of participants will exit to permanent housing destinations
- 75% or more of adult participants will have non-cash benefits
- 64% or more of adult participants will have income from sources other than employment
- 64% or more of adult participants increase income from sources other than employment
- 20% or more of adult participants will have income from employment
- 20% or more of adult participants will increase income from employment
- 85% of participants will not return to homelessness within a two-year period after exit from TH