



ELIGIBILITY FOR CENTER HOUSE RESIDENCY

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CENTER HOUSE RESIDENCY?

Individuals (single adults) applying for residency at Center House are required to meet the following criteria established by HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development):

- 1. Homelessness as defined by HUD**
- 2. Income eligibility for Monmouth County Section 8**
- 3. Living with HIV / AIDS**
- 4. Disabled as defined by HUD**

DOES CENTER HOUSE HAVE A SUBSTANCE USE ASSESSMENT POLICY?

Readiness for independent living in a supportive housing environment requires that upon assessment and throughout residency, all applicants must agree to random drug screening. Upon assessment, an admission of illegal drug use or testing positive for illegal drug use will result in ineligibility for residency at Center House. (Completion of an outpatient or inpatient substance use treatment program will be required for reconsideration for residency at Center House).

Center House is not an inpatient substance use rehab nor is it an outpatient substance use treatment program. Applicants in recovery from substance or alcohol abuse are requested to document a minimum of 6 months sobriety with an appropriate recovery support system.

DO CENTER HOUSE RESIDENTS RECEIVE SECTION 8?

In an effort to help Center House residents maintain their housing and maximize capacity for independent living, a "project based Section 8 rental assistance" is provided to residents of Center House. If a resident vacates Center House, the Section 8 rental assistance remains with Center House and does not remain with the individual.

Compliance with a mutually agreed upon Service Plan Contract and Guidelines for Living in Center House (House Rules) are a primary condition of maintaining the Section 8 rental assistance and residency at Center House.

WHAT IS A CENTER HOUSE SERVICE PLAN CONTRACT?

The mutually agreed upon Service Plan Contract between the Center House Resident and Center House is intended to help the resident maintain their housing and maximize capacity for independent living. The Service Plan Contract is an ongoing process throughout a resident's stay at Center House. Endorsing agreement with and compliance

with the Service Plan Contract (which may be amended to include a Treatment Service-Plan Contract for alcohol and / or substance use) alongside compliance with Guidelines for Living in Center House (House Rules) are primary conditions of residency at Center House.

CENTER HOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

The provision of case management visits as necessary
Information and referral(s) to appropriate agencies and/or programs
Communication with contracted supportive agencies and / or programs

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Agreeing to receive and fully participate in Center House case management services
Compliance with Center House Service Plan Contract and Treatment Service Plan Contract
Maintaining a healthy and safe environment
Notifying Center House and its agents of any changes to income
If deemed necessary by Center House and determined by Center House, LCDAC, resident may be required to attend the weekly Men's or Women's Group and /AA/NA/GA meetings and / or participate in substance use rehabilitation, partial care day programs, intensive outpatient, one-on one counseling programs or inpatient treatment.
If deemed necessary by Center House, resident agrees to have assignment of a representative payee for his/her monthly assistance funds thus assuring the client's rent and utilities are kept current.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY FOR RESIDENCY AT CENTER HOUSE?

Applications are to be submitted on behalf of an individual in need by a medical or community case manager.

Only applications submitted by medical or community case managers will be considered for review.

Instructions and a list of required supporting documents are included in the Center House application and Shelter Plus Care application.

Completion of both applications are required for admission to Center House.

[Click here for the Center House application](#)

Applications for residency at Center House are reviewed by members of the Shelter Plus Care Committee whereby determination of the qualifying criteria are met. The members of this committee include representatives from the following agencies: Monmouth County Division of Social Services; Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey; Jersey Shore University Medical Center's A-Team; Monmouth County Public Housing Authority; W. Canright House; The Center in Asbury Park and others as may be determined appropriate.

The Center in Asbury Park will make the final determination of residency. Applications are submitted directly to Father Bob Kaeding at the following address:

Father Bob Kaeding, Executive Director
The Center in Asbury Park
806 3rd Avenue
Asbury Park, NJ 07712